

Announcements - December 2025

Worship & Study

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES, "WATCH, WAIT & WONDER" will begin on Wednesday, December 3 and will be held at noon and 7pm each Wednesday during Advent. Join us in the spirit of "keeping vigil" as we pray, anticipate and prepare for the coming of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be at 8:30 pm on December 24.



FIRST SUNDAY KIDS continues December 7 and January 4 during 10:15 worship. Ja'net Gochenauer and Amy Boya are beginning a series on the miracles of Jesus. See this month's Tidings for more information.

SNAX N STUDY continues Sunday through the fall. Join us for a simple breakfast at 8:45, followed by a study at 9 am. Our next series will be, "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws." There will be no Snax n Study on Sundays 1/4 and 1/11. We will resume programming on Sunday, 1/18 and will revisit the last part of Season 4 of The Chosen before beginning Season 5. A new sign-up sheet will be available sometime in December.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES may be picked after December 8. Check your mailbox!

CONFIRMATION/YOUTH CLASSES CONTINUE meeting together on Sundays at 9 am.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY will take a break during December for the mid-week Advent Service, but will resume in January. We will follow the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday. Bring your Bible and join us. Friends are welcome too!

WOMEN AT THE WELL meet for Book Study every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm. The ladies have completed their study of, "The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream, and will begin a new study on January 6 at 6:30 p.m. The book will be, "Dawn of Grace, Mary Magdalene's Story", by Jill Eileen Smith. See full book details in the December Tidings.

On alternating Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, Women at the Well meet for Needle Nights. They will meet on Tuesday, December 2 and break for the rest of December, resuming Tuesday, January 13.

WOMEN AT THE WELL COOKIE EXCHANGE All Women from ages 5 to 100 (+) are invited to participate in our WATW Cookie Exchange - cookie walk to Christmas Sing-A-Long songs. Each participant should bring two dozen cookies to share. Please sign up on the cookie sheet on the WATW bulletin board for Sunday, December 14 at 12!

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP meets on the 4th Thursday of each month, 8 am, at C C's Restaurant. The group will be taking a holiday break during November and December. The next breakfast will be on Thursday, January 22.

PRAYER FOR OUR NEXT PASTOR Please be in prayer for Church Council and those who are discerning being on our call committee. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us, and for our next pastor who God will bring to Trinity.

Outreach

CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS Thank you to everyone who donated to this wonderful outreach for New Hope Ministries. Your generosity has brought Christmas joy to so many families and children in our community!

TRINITY'S CLOSET ON MAIN - CLOTHING CLOSET HOLIDAY PROJECT: SPECIAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH BAGS

Every Christmas and Easter, our Clothing Closet aims to do something meaningful for our visitors. This year, for Christmas, we are preparing special lunch bags to share with those we serve.

Each lunch bag will include the following items:

- One 1 lb. Goya cooked ham
- One can of potatoes
- One can of green beans
- A single serving size of applesauce



How You Can Help:

We plan to make a total of 36 lunch bags. The Clothing Closet will purchase the hams in bulk from Amazon. We invite you to contribute by donating one can of potatoes, one can of green beans or single serve applesauce. If you prefer, you may make a cash donation of \$5 to support this project.

Donation Instructions:

Donated items may be placed on the table inside the West door. If you choose to donate cash, please give your donation directly to Heather, Carol, Stacey or Debbie Schue, Parish Administrator. Any extra donations received will be used for the Blessing Box.

Donation deadline: December 3, 2025.

BLESSING BOX UPDATE:

Below is a list of non-perishable foods items that are in short supply. All food donations are appreciated and should be placed on the table outside of Fellowship Hall. So far this year, we have collected 1781 items. **Please, no glass containers...**

Items needed: Canned vegetables; Canned potatoes; Canned pasta; Spaghetti sauce; Single-serving meals (Hormel); Macaroni and cheese; Canned tomatoes; Beef stew; Rice; Hamburger Helper; Cereal; oatmeal



December
Prayer
Pause

Holy God, you sent your Son to warm the darkness with light. We pray for all those who cannot see the light because they are afraid or are in too much pain — physically, spiritually or emotionally. May the power of your light search for cracks in which it might start to shine through. May all people know the healing power of your Word and grace. And may we, once made whole, have the courage to join you in healing our broken world, sharing Christ in all we do and say. Amen

