



# TRINITY LUTHERAN – FREISTADT

CHURCH ♦ SCHOOL ♦ CHILD CARE

December 18, 2011

ALTHOUGH OF ELIZABETH'S PREGNANCY, GOD SENT THE ANGEL GABRIEL TO NAZARETH, A TOWN IN GALILEE. THE VIRGIN MARY HAD PREVIOUSLY PLEDGED TO BE MARRIED TO A MAN NAMED JOSEPH, A DESCENDANT OF DAVID. THE VIRGIN MARY WAS HIGHLY FAVORED BY GOD. THE ANGEL WENT TO HER AND SAID, "GREETINGS, YOU WHO ARE HIGHLY FAVORED! THE LORD IS WITH YOU, AND YOU ARE BLESSED. BUT MARY WAS GREATLY TROUBLED AT HIS WORDS AND WONDERED WHAT KIND OF GREETING THIS MIGHT BE. BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY; YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD. YOU WILL CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND YOU ARE TO CALL HIM JESUS.

**He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."**

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" He answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called (a) the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative has also borne a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

## WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you're here! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today.

When we celebrate the **Lord's Supper**, we do so convinced that Jesus gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Receiving the Lord's Supper expresses not only fellowship with the Lord, but also agreement with the teachings of this congregation. Communicant members of LC-MS congregations are always welcome to commune with us. All other guests are kindly asked to speak with

one of the pastors before the service. Thank you for respecting our position of love when it comes to this delicate matter.

The offering is an opportunity for our members to support the Lord's work at Trinity. As our guest, we ask only that you fill out the blue side of an **attendance card** and place that in the offering basket during this time.

**Restrooms** are located in the large room adjacent to the sanctuary. Our ushers will be glad to point you in the proper direction.

**Hearing Assistance**— This facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an Usher for a receiver.

Children are always welcome to worship with us. However, for your convenience, a staffed **nursery** is located on the office level next to the elevator, for children 3 years old and younger. The nursery is open for the 8:00; 9:30 and 10:45 services as well as Bible Study Hour.

Please join us in the Gathering Room for fellowship and refreshments immediately following the 8:00 service. (Sept.-May).

*In service to Christ,*  
PASTOR PETER KELM  
PASTOR CARL LEHENBAUER

## Take it Home!

### Digging Deeper...

Do you ever get so caught up in the little things that you miss the big picture? Why does that happen?

Is it possible to focus both on the big picture and on the here and now?

### We Confess and are Forgiven...

How quickly our thoughts and our desires focus on the here and now, and how quickly our perspective on eternity fades into the background! We receive the Lord's own body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and before we have even made it back to the pew, already our focus turns to people we see, the clothes they are wearing, how much time until the kickoff or who knows what else. We live the vast majority of our lives as if God's salvation doesn't matter, as if eternity doesn't exist and as if the here and now is all there is or will be. No wonder we are so often angry, depressed, frustrated, or heartbroken. We have lost sight of the big picture. And that big picture makes all the difference. Because in the big picture, every problem we face is temporary. Every frustration we experience is passing away, and every righteous hope we have for the future is fulfilled because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### More from the Word...

Read Acts 16:16-28. Paul was in the midst of a terrible situation. Where do you think he found peace to sing hymns to God?

Read Philippians 1:19-26. Does this help to answer the previous question? What does Paul think of death?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. How does Paul keep the big picture in mind even while he goes about his daily work as an apostle?

### We respond to His Word with prayer...

As you pray this week, thank God for all of the "big picture" gifts He has already given you by creating you, saving you, and preparing a place in His eternal kingdom for you.

### Memory Verse

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." (Luke 1:32-33)

# TRINITY'S CHURCH BULLETIN

## Parish Staff

### Senior Pastor

Rev. Peter D. Kelm

### Associate Pastor

Rev. Carl W. Lehenbauer

### Principal

Mr. Roger Tessendorf

### Director of Discipleship

Mr. Richard Adams

### Director of Music

Mrs. Marlene Forshee

### Lay Minister

Mr. Gene Kreienbrink

### Director of Athletics

Mr. Robert Anderson

### School Secretary

Mrs. Nancy Dittloff

### Office Manager

Mrs. Lori Scheck

### Maintenance

Mr. Erick Granke

### Infant Care Director

Ms. Erica Hilton

### Child Care Director

Mrs. Kathleen Gleissner

### Pre-school

Mrs. Stacy Gehrke

### Kindergarten

Mrs. Cindy Putnam

### 1st Grade

Mrs. Susan Ernst

### 2nd Grade

Mrs. Kathy Adams

### 3rd Grade

Mrs. Sarah Knuth

### 4th Grade

Mrs. Nichol Kreger

### 5th/6th Grade

Mr. Daniel Hovey

### 7th & 8th Grade

Mr. Robert Anderson

### Art Teacher

Mrs. Anne Pipkorn

### Lunch Program

Mrs. Eunice Szpiszar

Mrs. Monica Balsiger

## This Week at Trinity

### SATURDAY (12/17)

7:00 AM- Men's Bible Study

9:00 AM- Sunday School Christmas Practice

5:00 PM- Christmas Concert in the Gym

6:00 PM- Bible Study

### SUNDAY (12/18)

8:00 AM- Traditional Worship/Communion

9:30 AM- Traditional Worship

Bible Study/Sunday School

10:45 AM- Grades 1-8 Christmas Service in the gym

### MONDAY (12/19)

6:30 PM- Stampin' Up

7:30 PM- Dartball

### TUESDAY (12/20)

7:30 AM- Men's Bible Class

7:00 PM- Male Choir

### WEDNESDAY (12/21)

### THURSDAY (12/22)

12:00 PM- Lunch Hour Bible Study

4:00 PM- 5th & 6th Public School Confirmation

6:00 PM- Handbells

6:30 PM- Women's Bible Study, Youth Basketball

7:30 PM- Mixed Choir

### FRIDAY (12/23) No School/Office Closed

### SATURDAY (12/24)

4:00 PM- Sunday School Christmas Service

6:00 PM- Christmas Worship/Communion

10:00 PM- Candlelight Worship/Communion

### SUNDAY (12/25)

8:00 AM- Christmas Worship/Communion

9:30 AM- Christmas Worship/Communion

10:45 AM- Praise Christmas Worship

### MONDAY (12/26)

**NO SCHOOL- OFFICE CLOSED**

**OFFICE HOURS December 27th-30th: 9:00am-4:00pm**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We include the following in our Prayers in worship and invite you to pray daily for them at home:

**Continued Care:** Jan Ziegler, Nancy Fischer, Sally Moertl

**Deaths-** Lucille Ernst

**Celebrations:** Otto Conrad- 90th Birthday

**Military:** Kurt Degner, Mark Liedtke, Adam Kerner, Nathan Kerner, Rebecca Guild, Eric Dobberfuhr, Sarah Geidel, Jamie Sterna, Matthew McDonell

**Missionaries:** David & Rachel Baker serving in Kazakhstan; Tom & Debi Going serving Indonesia



The Red & White Poinsettia plant in the Gathering Room is placed by Willard Riemer in memory of his parents, Wilmer & Alma Riemer and his sister, Marilyn Pautz.

### Celebrating Birthdays this Week:

18th- 19th- Lee Bast, Zachary Bernarde, Kelly Sullivan, Alan Wyckoff

20th- Noah Basting

21st- David Hilgendorf, Holly Lang, Janelle Piette, Karla Tramburg, Steven Zanow

22nd- Alfred Dobberfuhr

23rd- Jack Conradt, Judith Johnson, Christopher Klug

24th- Donald Price, Steven Schoessow

### Celebrating Anniversaries this Week

18th- Heinz & Janet Schiffner

21st- Michael & Holly Lang

22nd- Chester & Helene Moberg

23rd- Tom & Gladys Ainsworth, Peter & Angie Kelm

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT/ USHER/ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

### **December 17th & 18th**

5:00 PM- Rick Adams/Team #10/Acolyte: Kevin Gierach

8:00 AM- Lou Giza/Team #5/Acolyte: Sarah Riemer

9:30 AM- Rob Kressin/Team #6/Acolyte: Worship Assistant

10:45 AM- Keith Putnam & Phil Mireles/Team #4/Service in gym

### **December 24th & 25th**

4:00 PM- Kevin Riemer/Team #6/Acolyte: Worship Assistant

6:00 PM- Ron Wolf/Team #7/Worship Assistant

10:00 PM- Tim Schoessow/Team #1/Worship Assistant

8:00 AM- Earl Hilgendorf/Check Your Usher Schedule/Acolyte: Worship Assistant

9:30 AM- Neal Degner/T/Check Your Usher Schedule/Acolyte: Worship Assistant

10:45 AM- Gary Janetzke/Check Your Usher Schedule/Worship Assistant

### Church Attendance Last Week

2:00- 23

6:30- 112

5:00-77

8:00- 144

9:30-125

10:45- 350

**Total-808**

**Bulletin Articles due by 12:00pm Wednesday.**



Trinity would like to thank Noffke Tree Farms for the donation of the large Christmas tree adorning our sanctuary and for the evergreens used in the window boxes. Once again it is a beautiful tree and we praise God for your generosity.



Thank you also to the Christmas Decorating committee for serving their Lord each Christmas season to beautify His house.

Christmas Decorating Committee:  
Barry & Debbi Humiston  
Ron & Mary Storck  
Lori & Joel Scheck

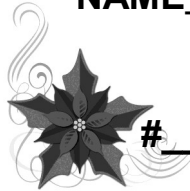
**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Received Week of 12/11/11	\$ 32,034.45
Received Same Period Last Year [12/12/10]	\$ 18,091.50
2011 Year to Date [12/31/11] Budget Income	\$ 1,694,456.00
2011 Year to Date [12/11/11] Actual Income	\$ 1,506,160.73
2011 Year to Date [12/31/11] Budget Expenses	\$ 1,694,261.00
2011 Year to Date [12/11/11] Actual Expenses	\$ 1,512,936.68
<b>BUILDING FUNDS RECEIVED 12/11/11</b>	<b>\$ 820.00</b>
MORTGAGE BALANCE 12/11/11	\$ 194,847.81
Less Mortgage Savings Balance	\$ -1,948.04
MORTGAGE BALANCE 12/11/11	\$192,899.77

**POINSETTIA PLANTS** to decorate the church this Christmas can be ordered through the church office. Each **double-stemmed plant** will be wrapped in green foil with a red bow. The cost of each plant is **\$12**. If you would like to purchase a plant please fill out this form and return to the office. Thank you!

Checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_



**#** \_\_\_\_\_ **plants @ \$12 \$** \_\_\_\_\_



**USED LAPTOPS?** Yes, used laptops! They need to be in working order (preferably Windows XP and newer). We could also use a couple of used digital cameras (perhaps you're upgrading for Christmas?) The Togo mission team, which includes Pastor Lehenbauer and

Professor Ron Mudge (along with some CUW students) is leaving for Togo on January 6th. The national church body and the Seminary in Togo are in need of these computers and a couple of digital cameras for their work. If you have such items, or would like to make a donation to purchase such items, please talk to Pastor Lehenbauer. Thank you!

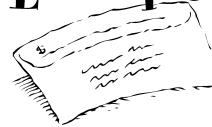
**PLEDGES FOR 2012:** If you did not have opportunity to turn in your pledge card last weekend, please place it in the pledge box in the Gathering Room. Extra pledge forms are available there, if you don't have your original. This year's pledge card includes an opportunity to also make a commitment for 2012-2013 for our mortgage debt (called "Continuing His Work"). With \$100,000 in gifts to "Continuing His Work" (starting January 1st), we will be able to use \$100,000 matching from the Endowment Fund to eliminate our debt.

As we reflect on our blessings from a generous God, we joyfully respond in kind: with generous gifts to His church and those in need!

**2012 MEMBER PHONE DIRECTORY**—Members will receive the 2012 Trinity Phone Directory in January. So we can supply members with the most up-to-date directory, please submit any address or phone number changes to the office before January 1, 2012.

**2011 CONTRIBUTIONS** will be accepted through January 1, 2012. Please make sure to clearly mark your envelope and checks as 2011 contributions. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office.

**Offering Envelopes**



**2012 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** 2012 Contribution envelopes have been placed in your church mailbox. Children's envelopes will be placed in boxes next week. Please check your church mailbox for you family's contribution envelopes. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE ENVELOPES until January 2012.**

**MILWAUKEE CHRISTMAS BELLFEST**— Monday evening, December 19th at 7:30p. Held in Concordia University Chapel, 12800 N. Lake Shore Dr. in Mequon. Trinity's Handbell Choir will join the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble and 4 other church bell choirs to ring in the Holidays. Solo selections by each group, massed ringing by all 6 groups and hymn singing for all in the beautiful setting of the Concordia University Chapel. Admission at the door \$10 adults, \$8 Seniors/College with ID, and \$5 under 18.





**FOR THE:**

**Weekend of December 24-25:**

8:00 AM on Monday, Dec. 19th  
and the

**Weekend of December 30-31:**

8:00 AM on Monday, Dec. 26th

**ATTENTION TRINITY'S 6TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH:** Dr. Micah Parker has been scheduled to speak at Our Redeemer in Wauwatosa on Friday, January 6th at Our Redeemer. His talk will begin at 7:30pm. Dr. Parker is a published author on peer motivation and leadership in athletics. Dr. Parker serves as Athletic Director at California Baptist University. He started Trust Guy Ministries in 1998 and has led over 500 talks in 27 different states. He was also the Keynote speaker at the National Youth Gathering. For more information you can go to his website [trustguyministries.com](http://trustguyministries.com). If you are interested in being a part of this event and need transportation, contact Mr. Adams.

**WE ARE RELOCATING:**

**SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY — 3K & 4K CLASSROOM — CHILDCARE ROOM**

Our childcare and school have been truly blessed with families that want quality care and education for their children. Our infant/toddler house is thriving and it is now time to re-structure our facilities. To accommodate our growing school family, our families with 2 year old children will move from the infant house to join our friends in the "big school." Because of this awesome flow of children, we have need to revamp our preschool and childcare rooms and change their locations.



Following Christmas break, your 2½ year olds, 3K & 4K children should report to the following classrooms. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Gleissner in childcare.

- **Mrs. Gehrke's 3K & 4K Classroom** will now be located in the current Childcare Room
- **Childcare children** will now be in the current 3K & 4K Classrooms
- **Sunday Morning Nursery** (Beginning Jan. 8th) will be in the classroom directly behind the current Childcare Room

**★ Thank You! ★**  
**★ THANK YOU! ★**

Thank you so much for all of the beautiful Christmas cookies that were donated to the LWML cookie sale. Thank you also to those who purchased the cookies. The profits will be divided between the Karenni ministry, POBLO and the LWML. Thanks be to God for a successful sale!

*Lutheran Women in Mission*

**SCRIP YEAR END SCHEDULE:** Orders should be turned in by 7:45 am on Monday the 19th. **Please note: there will not be Scrip the week of Christmas.** Please plan accordingly. Scrip will resume on January 2nd, 2012.



The 2012 Flower Calendar is now available in the Gathering Room for members to indicate a gift of flowers in church, to celebrate an event, or remember a family member or friend.

The calendar has a new format and design, with the months in a new order. Please review and locate the correct month for your donation.

**THANK YOU!**