

THE DECEMBER 2025  
TRINITY TRIBUNE



*The monthly newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church & Preschool of Fergus Falls, MN*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I am sure many of you are familiar with the song “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.” While the song is written as a Christmas song, for me it is best be associated with the season we find ourselves in now, Advent. The four weeks of Advent are among my favorite weeks of the year. While they are among the busiest weeks of the year for me, there is just *something* about Advent. It is a time of anticipation, of looking forward, both to our celebration of the birth of Jesus as well as to His promised return. It is time set aside for contemplation of the wonders of God’s saving work for humanity.

To tell you the truth, it makes me somewhat sad that, within our culture, Advent doesn’t exist. If you’ve been to any stores lately, you’ve seen that Halloween transitioned right into Christmas without any breaks. As I write these words, there is no snow on the ground (there will be soon!), but that isn’t stopping anyone. Soon, we’ll see festive Christmas lights all around, Christmas specials on TV, and Christmas parties without end. It seems there no *time* for Advent.

Make time. Let Advent be Advent, instead of pre-Christmas. I’m not saying you can’t hang lights, listen to music, put up a tree, or have a party. But set aside some time for quiet contemplation of what God in Christ has done, is doing, and will do. This time the world wants us to fast forward into is not a time for getting gifts and making sure businesses get into the black for the year. It is a celebration of the Incarnation, the amazing fact that *God* became flesh and dwelt among *us*. He only needed to do that because we need a savior. We still need Him to be our savior, and so He *still* comes to us, by way of His Word, His gift of Baptism, His body and His blood. Moreover, He has promised that He will come again. The joy we have as we gather with friends and family at Christmas? This will be nothing in comparison to the joy that we who are in Christ will have at the day of His return, when He brings about a new heaven and a new earth, and dwells among us again in His kingdom, forever.

Trinity offers a number of different ways for you to observe this wonderful time of the year, both Advent and Christmas. Midweek Advent services will be held each Wednesday at 11 AM and 6 PM. The Sunday School Children will hold a Christmas Program on December 14 after the Divine Service. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bring special gatherings as well, at 4 PM on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 9 AM on the 25<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to celebrating with you the birth of our Savior.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Lieske



Beginning on December 8, Trinity will begin having a monthly, short communion service intended for those who have a hard time attending Sunday services. This spoken-word service will be held at 1:30 pm. The intention is to conduct this service monthly on the second Monday. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Lieske.



Thank you to everyone who provided special music and to those who prepared and served desserts after the Thanksgiving Eve service!



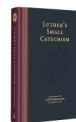
Trinity will be hosting our fourth annual Youth Christmas Party on December 7th from 3:30-6 PM. Confirmation and High School Youth from our fellow LCMS congregations across the region are invited to come. Let's have a good turnout of students from our own congregation to enjoy food, fellowship, and fun. Don't forget to wear your favorite Christmas sweater to participate in the sweater contest. An opening devotion and hymn sing will be held at 4 PM. Some adult volunteers to help with various hosting duties are needed - contact Pastor Lieske for more information.

#### Mites goal for December



Help for Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons Orphan Grain Train (OGT) is working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine and other Christian churches to distribute aid to orphanages in war-stricken Ukraine. The \$100,000 grant covers the cost of shipping seven containers loaded with donated food, clothing, and medical supplies to the country of Ukraine.

## Congregational Catechism Review



*Each week, a portion of Luther's Small Catechism has been appointed for congregational focus. You are encouraged, as you are able, to meditate on this section of the catechism throughout the week and to commit it to memory. In certain weeks, the portion of the Catechism that we are focusing upon is quite long. While you can certainly review the whole portion, in those weeks focus particularly upon committing the **bolded section** to memory.*

December 7

### The Second Petition

*How does God's kingdom come?*

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

December 14

### The Third Petition

*Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*What does this mean?*

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

December 21

### The Third Petition

*How is God's will done?*

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

December 28

### The Sacrament of the Altar

*Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.



# Financial & Budget Information

GENERAL FUND	October 2025	Fiscal Year-to-date Total	% of Annual Budget	Current Fiscal Year Budget
Offering receipts	\$ 23,940	\$ 79,042	22%	\$365,070
School Gifts	\$ 50	\$ 169	8%	\$2,000
School Tuition	\$ 3,170	\$ 6,626	27%	\$25,000
School other		\$ 1,640	4%	\$43,726
Total budget receipts	\$ 27,160	\$ 87,477	20.1%	\$435,796
Budget Expenses	\$ 31,444	\$ 119,585	27.4%	\$435,796
Budget Long/(short)	\$ (4,284)	\$ (32,108)	17 Sundays	
	Current month	Year-to-date		Annual budget
Average contributions	\$ 6,790.05	\$ 5,145.71	weekly	\$8,380.69
Average expenses	\$ 7,861.05	\$ 7,034.39	weekly	\$8,380.69

ATTENDANCE HISTORY		
	Church Attendance	Sunday School
October 5th	97	16
October 12th	104	13
October 19th	96	15
October 26th	97	14
Region Reformation Service	90	
NR=Not Reported NA=Not Applicable		

The above information shows our offering receipts compared to our expenses through October 31, 2025.

Historic financial information has previously been shared which indicated that our offering receipts have not kept pace with our expenses since fiscal year-end 2022.

The Stewardship Board is becoming concerned with the trend and acknowledge that expenses have increased over the last few years as well as our giving units decreasing by 23% since 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Stewardship Board.



On November 2nd, 10,000 meals were packed for **Mercy Meals** of ND! They will be delivered by Orphan Grain Train to children in need. Thank you to everyone who helped and/or made donations!



**Trunk or Treat 2025!** - There were 10 trunks and 60+ kids that enjoyed this Preschool sponsored event. A big Thank You to Asher & Anna Mort for providing hayrides for the kids!





### Outreach Project for Hooded Sweatshirts for Christmas Gifts



Please shop for sizes L up to 3X - The youth like the bigger sizes! Heavy-weight material is preferred. These donated items will be delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution to the families needing care in our area. Our Congregation has faithfully supported this important mission during Christmas to many families. Please place new sweatshirts on the table in the Narthex by December 7th. Thank you!



Ezekiel Grabau is our **Adopt-A-Student** from the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. He was married to RuthAnn in June 2024 and served his vicarage at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny, IA. We are happy to continue supporting Ezekiel in his final year at Fort Wayne. We will be taking up a collection for him on **Nov. 30 and Dec. 7** to help support him financially. We also ask for your continued prayer support for Ezekiel and his family as he moves forward with his education. Checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church with Ezekiel Grabau in the memo.



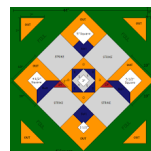
**Advent lunches** will be offered following the 11:00 am Advent services on December 3, 10, and 17.

Proceeds from the lunches will go to support more than 900 children at Lutheran churches in the North District of Haiti. Adopt-A-Student funds are used to help pay the teachers, buy books and supplies. 100% of your donation goes toward school expenses.



Please pray for the Lutheran Schools in Haiti, for the teachers and students, and specifically for Loubens and Wiselanda. Thank you!

Sign up to provide food for the Advent meals please!



Our next evening of dartball will be on Monday, December 1 at Our Redeemer in Moorhead beginning at 7:00. We will carpool from the Trinity parking lot at 5:45 for fun, food and fellowship. Please contact Wayne Schoening if you have any questions or if you are able to join us.



Women's Bible Study will meet Dec. 2 and 9, and then not again until Jan. 13th.



The LWML Christmas Get Together will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th at "Toast". All the ladies of Trinity are invited!



The Flower Mill will be taking your orders for **poinsettias** to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas again this year. The cost is \$15. Designate on the envelope if you would like to purchase your poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone. **Orders are due by Sunday, December 7th.** Envelopes can be found in the kiosk. Make checks payable to the church.



The Choir will be rehearsing after the 6 pm Advent Services - Dec. 3, 10 & 17.



Sunday School Christmas Program - "Christmas By the Book!" A traditional retelling of the birth of Christ will be presented on December 14th at 11:30 in the Sanctuary.



The Preschool students will be having a Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 18th at 5:30 pm. Please mark your calendars and join us!



The Trinity Crafters will not be meeting in December. They will resume meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026.



# Missionary News

## Together in Mission (T.I.M.)

Thank you for the warm welcome you gave our Together in Mission (TIM) missionary, Kim Bueltmann, when she was here on November 2 and shared with us about her ministry in Germany.

Your Outreach Board has moved to continue supporting Kim for another three years through TIM. Since 1982, congregations and groups of the LCMS have partnered with career and long-term missionaries serving around the world through TIM. The program has enabled congregations and groups to experience the joy of directly partnering with missionaries serving God in the greatest enterprise on the face of the earth -- His mission.

How can we support Deaconess Kim? Our congregation can:

- Develop a personal relationship with her through letters/email, encouraging her in the work to which God has called her.
- Pray regularly for Kim and our joint efforts in ministry, that those seeking refuge would find their true refuge in Christ. Give thanks for Kim as she serves God's children in this part of the world.
- Invest financially as the Gospel is proclaimed by using any or all of the 4 (one every quarter) TIM envelopes in our box of offering envelopes, making checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church.



## GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

**Ongoing Concern:** Linda Schmidt, Bev Hess, Jerry Pribbernow, Janet Maack, Brian Fitzner, Jeremy Elshaug, Elaine Culp, Ned Stueve, Gene True, Jennifer Wood (Jerald & Tami Gerhardson's daughter), Jim Anderson (Cal & Helen Johansen's friend), Jon Jastram (Phyllis Jastram's son), Dylan Maack (Bob & Janet Maack's grandson), Robin Roberts (Austin & Elaine Culp's daughter), Stephen Hauser (David Hauser's brother), Micah Sebek (Bobbie Adam's grandson), James Hohenstein (Karl Hohenstein's brother) Kate Matter (prior pre-school parent), Bridget Jackson (June Knopp's granddaughter), Jasmin Torvinen (great-granddaughter of Pastor & Ginny Lange), Brett Pixton (friend of Calvin & Helen Johansen), Eldon Anhorn (brother of Shirley Pribbernow), Nicole Reseburg (granddaughter of Barb Peloquin), Dora O'Brien (friend of Calvin & Helen Johansen), Steve Langland (Gary Schmidt's friend), James Retzlaff (Tina Eberle's dad), Veronica Schnoor, Darven Vollrath (friend of Karl Hohenstaen)

**Homebound:** Gary Froehlich, Dick Anderson, Lois Helm, Marlys Lueders, Ron Schulz, Lorraine Drews, Lois Fitzner, Beverly Hess, Norma Bradow, Marilyn A. Boese

**Military:** Callen Mouritsen, MN National Guard; Lt. Col. Dennis Gerold, U.S.A.F. Reserves (Lori & Leon Dawkins' son-in-law), Tech Sargent Isaac Christopher, U.S.A.F., Andrews Air Force Base, Washington D.C. (Donna Christopher's grandson); Lt. Col. George Hauser, DDS U.S. Army, Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX; (David & Mary Hauser's son); Gabe Erlandson, MN National Guard, (Ken & Toni Erlandson's son); Major Dinsmore, MD MN National Guard (Al & Marcie Koennicke's grandson)

**Missionaries:** Rev. Dan & Joan Jastram, Japan; Deaconess Kim Bueltmann, Germany (TIM Missionary); Delano & Linda Meyer, Africa; Jacque Berman, Africa; Ashley Lehr, Puerto Rico





*Call the church office or the Pastor with prayer requests.*

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16*



# December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9:10 Chapel 7:00 pm - Dartball in Moorhead - 5:45 Carpool	<b>2</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 Chapel 12:30 School Board Mtg 2pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Trustees Meeting	<b>3</b> 11 am Advent Service & Lunch 1 pm - Lydia Circle 4 pm - Confirmation 6 pm - Advent Service 7 pm - Choir & Ushers	<b>4</b> 12:30 Quilters 5 pm Outreach mtg. 6:30 Evening Circle	<b>5</b> 9:00 Hebrew Study Group	<b>6</b> 10 am LWML Christmas Party at Toast
<b>7</b> 9 am Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Elders Mtg. 3:30pm Youth Christmas Mites Sunday	<b>8</b> 9:10 Chapel 1:30 Communion Service	<b>9</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 9:10 Chapel 2pm Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 11 am Advent Service & Lunch 1 pm - Knitting & crocheting 4 pm - Confirmation 6 pm - Advent Service 7 pm - Choir	<b>11</b> 12:30 Quilters	<b>12</b> 9:00 Hebrew Study Group	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9 am Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Christmas Program 	<b>15</b> 9:10 Chapel	<b>16</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 Foot Care Clinic 9:10 Chapel 6 pm Church Council	<b>17</b> 11 am Advent Service & Lunch 4 pm - Confirmation 6 pm - Advent Service 7 pm - Choir	<b>18</b> 12:30 Quilters 3:00 Divine Service at Broen Home 5:30 Preschool Christmas Program	<b>19</b> 9:00 Hebrew Study Group	<b>20</b> 8 am - Men's Network Newsletter items due
<b>21</b> 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study	<b>24</b>  4 pm - Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b>  9:00 am - Christmas Day Divine Service	<b>26</b> Church office closing at noon.	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9 am Divine Service 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School Food Shelf Sunday	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study	<b>31</b>		A live, up-to-date calendar is available on our church website: <a href="http://www.trinityff.org">www.trinityff.org</a> <a href="#">Trinity Website</a>	On-Call Pastor Phone Number (218) 321-0993

## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS!

### Birthdays

Dec. 2 Al Koennicke  
Dec. 3 Ross Eberle  
Dec. 5 Norman Schoening  
Dec. 7 Ronald Schulz  
Dec. 9 Gabriella Gerold  
Dec. 11 Loretta Derke  
Dec. 12 Grace Schneeberger  
Dec. 16 Joseph Eberle  
Dec. 16 John Haugmo  
Dec. 17 Lois Helm  
Dec. 18 David Maanum  
Dec. 20 Echo Breen  
Dec. 27 Donna Christopher  
Dec. 31 Barb Peloquin

### Baptismal Birthdays

Dec. 3 Ken Erlandson  
Dec. 4 Pearl Hedtke  
Dec. 6 Wallace Mohs  
Dec. 8 Albert Koennicke  
Dec. 11 Shawn Schneeberger  
Dec. 12 Melanie Longoria  
Dec. 14 Holly Beighley  
Dec. 16 Gene Lindblom  
Dec. 17 Kathie Lindblom



### Baptismal Birthdays

Dec. 18 Joann Schultz  
Dec. 18 Brier Ness  
Dec. 21 Donald Nelson  
Dec. 21 Ronald Schulz  
Dec. 25 Sherie Goerdt  
Dec. 27 Norman Schoening  
Dec. 30 Jonathan Neubauer  
Dec. 31 Donna Umlauf

### Anniversaries

Dec. 12 David & Shawn Schneeberger  
Dec. 20 Joel & Kristi Hedtke  
Dec. 20 Al & Marcie Koennicke

## SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

### Ushers for December

December 7  
Ross & Tina E., David S.  
December 14  
Trevor & Rachael Larson  
December 21  
Cal & Helen J. & Wayne S.  
December 24 - 4 pm  
Jonathon & Annie R.  
Karma & Eric S.  
December 25 - 9 am  
Rodney, Jerry & Dale S.  
December 28  
Gene L, Larry S, & Arnold B

### Greeters for December

December 7  
Donna U. & Tami G.  
December 14  
David & Esther Schlicker  
December 21  
Ken & Sue Heidorn  
December 24 - 4 pm  
Cal & Helen Johansen  
December 25 - 9 am  
Dale & Sharlene Schmidt  
December 28  
Donna U. & Tami G.

### Altar Guild for December

December 7  
David Hauser  
December 14  
David & Esther Schlicker  
December 21  
Cal & Helen Johansen  
December 25  
Sharlene S. & Tami G.  
December 28  
Margie R. & Sue S.

### Elders for December

Dec. 3 - 11:00 - Wayne S.  
Dec. 3 - 6:00 - Aaron S.  
Dec. 7 - 9:00 - Ken E.  
Dec. 10 - 11:00 - David H  
Dec. 10 - 6:00 - Ross E.  
Dec. 14 - 9:00 - Aaron S  
Dec. 17 - 11:00 - Ken E.  
Dec. 17 - 6:00 - Wayne G.  
Dec. 21 - 9:00 - Eric S.  
Dec. 24 - 4:00 - Gary S.  
Dec. 25 - 9:00 - David H.  
Dec. 28 - 9:00 - Wayne S.

### Acolytes for December

December 7  
Jackson & Adrian  
December 14  
Analicia & Ainsley  
December 21  
Austin & Samuel  
December 28  
Tucker & Ella



## "MSL North" Programs for December 2025

**December 7:** Rev. Matt Thompson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, and St. John's Lutheran Church, McClusky, ND, presents the message: **"The Kingdom is at Hand"** based on Matthew 3:1-12. *Lutheran Hour Ministries Program: "Stable Boy" – A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas.*

**December 14:** Rev. Kevin Zellers, Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND, presents the message: **"No Offense"** based on Matthew 11:6. *Lutheran Hour Ministries Program: "Christmas Is" - The shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas.*

**December 21:** Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, presents the message. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) for more information. *Lutheran Hour Ministries program: "Christmas on Main Street" – The Christmas message at a mission brings a grandson and his grandfather together.*

**December 28:** Rev. Toby Heller, Concordia Lutheran Church, Beulah, ND, presents the message: **"Out of Egypt I called My Son"** based on Matthew 2:13-23. *Lutheran Hour Ministries program: "Puzzle Club Christmas" - The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas.*



**"MAIN STREET LIVING"** is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally **"This Is the Life,"** along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting at 9:00am Central time on the following FOX stations: Fargo-Moorhead: KVRR Channel 15.1 or 10:00 on WDAY XTRA Channel 6.3

MSLN programs are also archived for one year and can be viewed at any time on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) then click on "(Fargo)".



# **Meet the Trinity Family**

Reverend Roger and Ginny Lange



Pastor and Ginny have been “fixtures” at Trinity since 1999, the year Pastor “officially retired.”

Following surgery for his medical concern, he accepted a position following the departure of Pastor Domke. A couple of years later he filled the vacancy left by Pastor Knuth. During this vacancy the present worship structure was built.

All of this follows his graduation from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1961. This was the same year he married Ginny.

He then served parishes in Iowa, Brooklyn Park, Rochester, and St. Paul - and retirement. He and Ginny planned to travel, but God had different plans.

His ministry at Trinity was centered on Education. Twice, he taught a 2-year in depth Bible course called CrossWays. During his time he taught over 100 students, some taking the class twice. He taught this course to over 700 students in other congregations. He followed this class with a second class called “The Divine Drama” which he also taught twice.

Ginny aimed her contribution to Family and Children’s Ministry. She planned and organized monthly activities and, with the help of Sue Heidorn, conducted “King’s Kids.” It was a weekly, 1.5 hour session of music, crafts and lessons, while their parents and others attended CrossWays. She and Shari Sorkness then started WAASUP (Worshipping An Awesome Savior Using Puppets). Ladies of the congregation made large puppets and we used them for Outreach to the community and also in the Worship services.

Pastor has served many vacancies, two at Trinity, two at Detroit Lakes, many in-between, and finally, a 4.5 year vacancy at Millerville.

Hobbies have taken a “back seat,” but Pastor’s love of fishing is well known. Ginny loves cooking and baking, plus cake decorating

The couple have 3 children; David, Steven, and Laurie, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren, as well as a great church family.

God willing, they will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on February 25th.

To God be the Glory! Great things He has done in their lives and your lives.





Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you from our preschool! As we reflect on the month of November, our hearts are full of gratitude for the blessings God has poured upon our students, families, and staff. We are thankful for your continued support, prayers, and partnership in the ministry of nurturing young children in the love of Christ.



During November, our Bible lessons centered on the story of Moses and the extraordinary journey God placed before him. The children listened with excitement as we learned how God protected Moses as a baby, called him from the burning bush, and equipped him for the work ahead. These stories opened beautiful conversations about God's faithfulness and His promise to guide us. *"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore"* (Psalm 121:8).



We also spent a great deal of time enjoying God's creation outdoors. Our adventures took us into the woods and around our beloved climbing tree, where the children observed nature, explored, and played with joy and wonder. These moments remind us of the psalmist's words: *"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"* (Psalm 118:24).



Another highlight this month was our evening family play date. It was a joy to welcome families into our space for a time of fellowship, shared play, and connection. If you were unable to attend, we warmly invite you to join us for our next family play date on **January 9 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** We look forward to another evening of joyful gathering.

We concluded the month with our cherished Thankful Feast, where children prepared and shared a meal with their families. This celebration gave us an opportunity to reflect on God's abundant goodness and the blessings He has placed in each of our lives. As Scripture reminds us, *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights"* (James 1:17).



Thank you, dear congregation, for your faithful support of our preschool ministry. Your generosity, prayers, and encouragement allow us to continue sharing the love of Jesus with His precious little ones. We give thanks to God for you: *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you"* (Philippians 1:3).

In Christ,  
**Mrs. Stacy Larsen**  
Preschool Director



## Trinity Homeschool Co-op in November

How is it the end of November already? This school year seems to be flying by! Our field trip this month was to the Fergus Falls Livestock Auction Market. It was quite the experience. We saw cattle in various group brought through while the auctioneer spoke too fast for us to catch everything he said. After a while of watching that, we got to walk through on the catwalk and see all the cattle groups in their pens or being ushered toward the auction room. It was definitely a different kind of experience for many of us!



In music class Sylvia has continued to work with the kids on the folk songs and hymns with actions. She also has been teaching the kids some military and patriotic songs in honor of Veterans Day.



On Veteran's Day, Abby Gerold taught the children a bit about Veterans Day before our speaker. She read them some stories and taught them the words to Taps.



Our speaker this month came on the second week as it was Veterans Day. Trinity's own Dennis Gerold was our speaker. He spoke to the kids about his work in the military. The kids had lots of questions and he was patient to answer each one. He also spent some time teaching the kids how to properly fold and unfold the American Flag and held a moment of silence for our country's Veterans. Leon Dawkins played taps on the trumpet while Abby Gerold sang.



For our art project this month, Francesca Bakken, one of our co-op mothers, led the kids in Christmas crafts. Some of the ornaments they made have been given to pastor to give out to Trinity's homebound members during his December visits.

November will end with a free play opportunity so they kids can spend some casual time enjoying each other after music class. We are looking forward to December when we will have our annual Christmas Caroling at a couple area nursing homes. This year we will be going to Mill Street and Park Gardens. The second week of Advent, the co-op families will provide the Advent midweek luncheon.

If you know anyone who would like to join the Homeschool Co-op in this, please contact Michele Lieske: [MicheleLieske@gmail.com](mailto:MicheleLieske@gmail.com) or direct them to our website, linked at the top of Trinity's website.

## + CHURCH & PRESCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION +

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Preschool Website	www.preschoolattrinity.org
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Church Office E-mail	info@trinityff.org
Preschool at Trinity E-mail	info@preschoolattrinity.org

### DECEMBER SERVICE PLANS

**December 3** - Prayer and Preaching  
Hymns 331, 360, 353

**December 7** - Divine Service 4  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
Hymns 351, 336, 508, 333, 348

**December 10** - Prayer and Preaching  
Hymns 551, 362, 341

**December 14** - Divine Service 4  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
Hymns 344, 345, 347, 811, 346, 349

**December 17** - Prayer and Preaching  
Hymns 336, 430, 352

**December 21** - Divine Service 4  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
Hymns 797, 357, 772, 933, 332, 818

**December 24** - Lessons and Carols  
*Christmas Eve*  
Many Beloved Christmas Hymns

**December 25** - Divine Service 4  
*Christmas Day*  
Hymns 393, 382, 380, 388, 389

**December 28** - Divine Service 4  
*First Sunday After Christmas*  
Hymns 384, 389, 374, 342, 359, 367

### SERVING THE LORD AND YOU

#### Trinity Congregational Officers

<i>Chairman</i>	Schan Sorkness
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Jon Schoening
<i>Treasurer</i>	Cindy Schmidt
<i>Secretary</i>	Linda Schmidt
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Sandy King

#### Board Contact Persons

<i>Elders</i>	Wayne Goerd
<i>Christian Ed.</i>	Esther Schlicker
<i>Trustees</i>	Margie Rasmussen
<i>Stewardship</i>	Larry Stein
<i>Outreach</i>	Dave Schneeberger
<i>School</i>	Dave Schlicker