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December 2025

DECEMBER

Christmas Eve at Trinity Lutheran Church

Service with Candlelight
and Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome!



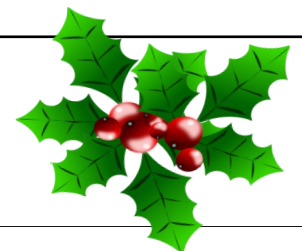
Thursday,
December 24
at 7:00 PM

470 North Main Street
Wellsville



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*If you would like Pastor
to visit, please contact
him at
585-268-5326
or call the church office.*



Pastor's Letter for December

This is the season of Advent. Advent is one of the shorter seasons of the church year and it occurs at the very beginning of the church year. Maybe its placement isn't accidental. Maybe the intent of the designers of the lesson series is to call attention to a particular idea. The thought to me is a watchful waiting, looking for something to happen. The lessons at the end of the last year all pointed toward the Second Coming-the end of the world as we know it and the return of Christ. So how does a short season of watching and waiting fit in with that? Think about what we are waiting for-the Second Coming or the annual celebration of His first coming-also known as Christmas. How are we getting ready for the birth of Christ? Are we in the midst of the "Christmas Rush", to get it all done by December 25th, or should we take a few minutes and watch and listen as Advent unfolds? Who knows, it might be a different preparation time. God bless you and your loved ones as we await what comes next.

Peace and joy,
Pastor

Elders Note

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory; the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Let us remember his Word as we celebrate Christmas!
Happy Holidays,
Your Elder Committee



Church Youth Program Fundraiser Announcement

Dear Church Family,

We are excited that the **Youth Program** has started out well. As mentioned in the past, our mission is to help our young members grow in faith, fellowship, and service as we work toward attending the **2028 Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas**.

To make this trip possible for every youth member, we will be hosting several fundraisers. Your prayers, participation, and generosity will make a lasting impact on our youth.

November Fundraiser – Sponsor a Youth

During the month of November, we invite you to sponsor a youth by making a small donation. Envelopes will be available on the coffee hour table each Sunday. Information on envelope is optional but will help the youth in sending Thankyou cards to those who are able to donate. Simply take an envelope, place your donation inside, and drop it in the church offering. Every contribution helps bring us closer to our goal!

December Fundraiser – Christmas Bake Sale

In December, we'll be hosting a **Bake Sale** full of delicious homemade treats—just in time for the holidays! Please see any of our youth to place an order.

If any member is interested in helping with our fundraisers and/or joining in on our meetings, please reach out to Michael or Kate Lamberson. Your time and support are greatly appreciated!

Thank you for joining us in supporting our youth as they prepare for this meaningful experience.

With gratitude,
Michael and Kate Lamberson



CHRIST IS BORN





December Celebrations

Birthdays

15 Melissa Aldrich
15 D.J. Helmer
15 Katrina Savitcheff
24 George Vossler
26 Leilani Mariotti
27 John Vargo
29 Jon Farwell
29 Gary Link
31 Stephen Vossler

Anniversaries

16 Tom and Helen Traynor
19 Rich and Gwyn Shear

DAYCARE

Daycare parents and families were invited to our Apple Orchard on October 30. Everyone watched our costume parade, voted for their favorite apple (made by staff), went on a small scavenger hunt with their child to find some treats, and ate cookies.

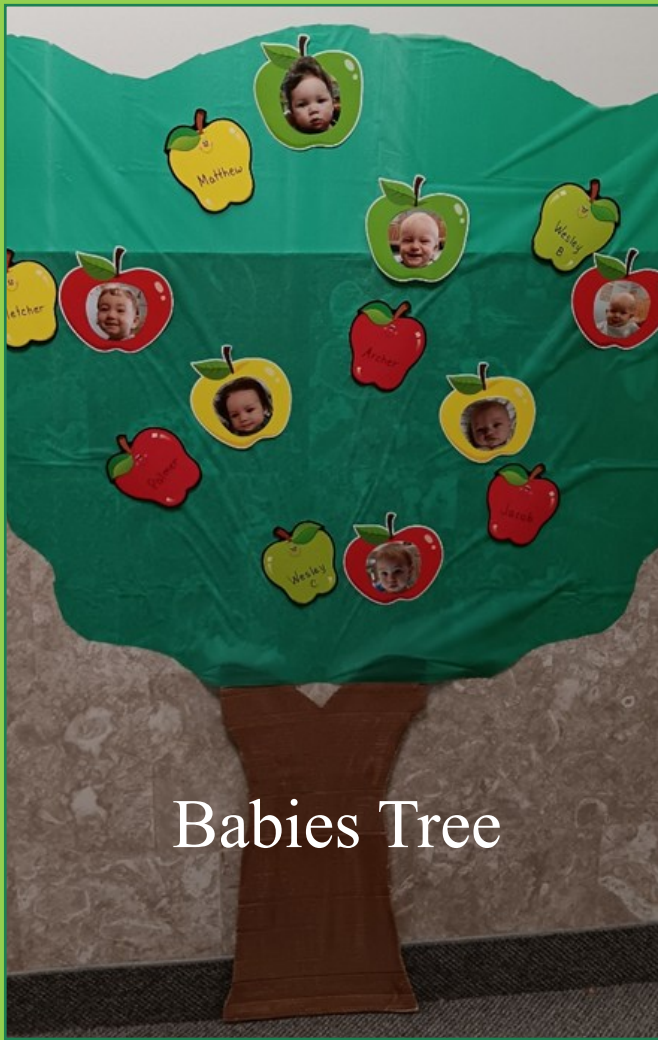
Church members also were able to vote for their favorite apple on Sunday. All votes were counted, and Miss Renee had the most votes with Kathy Ward coming in second.



1st place Renee
with “red apple”
2nd place Kathy
with “Big Apple”



Older Babies Tree



Babies Tree



Preschooler's Tree



Toddler's Tree



Advent Wreath

Q J A P T F N T N E V D A E E K J
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F V X H R K C L C I Y L P G O D T
I H M T B Y U V K G U L F H O Z E

emmanuel	jesse	bethlehem	angel	light
hope	green	evergreens	god	candle
wreath	sunday	celebrate	savior	christ
christmas	messiah	isaiah	prepare	jesus
advent				

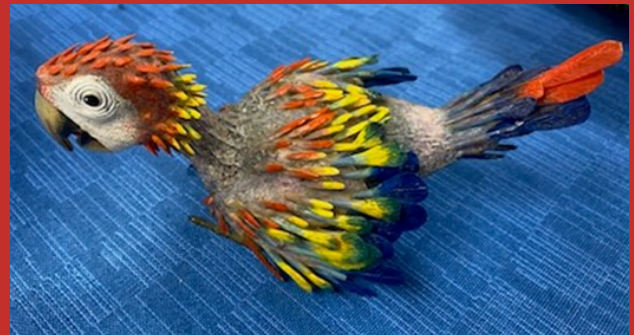
LADIES



Concordia Ladies Aid met Oct. 13th, and enjoyed hearing about Dan & Annette Marsh and Paul & Debo-



rah's trip to Panama in May of 2015. Annette had lived in Panama as her Dad had a permanent job as the captain of "Calibra", a Panama Canal tugboat. Creole is the language of Panama, but when on the water, everyone had to speak English. Annette gave a nice talk about



her life in Panama. Annette and Deb had pictures of their

adventures, one of which was that they went on a wooden dugout canoe to the indigenous tribes. Annette and Deb displayed many beautiful carvings and weavings which they brought back from Panama.





The Ladies Aid met again on Nov. 10th . Deborah Vossler met with Nancy Link to purchase a changing table. Ladies Aid donated the infant changing table to meet the needs of our young families. It's free-standing with wheels and can be moved to wherever it is needed, although currently it's located in the Ladies Room near the church's back entrance.

Ladies Aid President Dee Roeske, Secretary Alice Stevens, member Deb Vossler, along with the Joel & Emmy Mulindwa's family of James, Nuru, and newborn Imani Marie.

Deb suggested that it would be nice to have an Angel Tree again this year. We also decided to donate \$200.00 to Helping Hands.

Our next meeting will be December 8th , and we are to bring cookies, and maybe oranges and apples. We will be assembling boxes of goodies to deliver to shut-ins and friends of our church members.



We hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We look forward to Advent and all of our Christmas celebrations.



Dorcas



Dorcas has come to an end for another year. I'm so sorry I was unable to work since August; surgery was not fun. Chemo has started.

I would like to thank Mary for her donation in memory of her grandmother Margaret Swarthout who was a member of the original Dorcas.

We still have many finished quilts in our closet that are available to those in need. For the winter, I will be making prayer shawls for the "Little Lambs" and others at the Good Shepherd, Canandaigua's Lutheran Church. It's time to start quilt tops for next year. I also understand that Doreen Taylor is looking for help making blankets at Jones Memorial for children.

I hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving, Christmas, and winter. See you all in Church.

God Bless,
Judy

In our prayers during November:

Homebound: Deborah Gerdes, June Helmer, Don Richmond, Dot Cornish, Marge Vossler, Bernice Blue

Continuing Concerns: Arlene Leave, Polly Helms, Kurt Thomas, Gwyn Shear, Doug Morrisson, Larry Hoyt, Jr.

Military Service: Stephanie Young (*Mary Lou Willet's niece*)

Care and Concern: Chris (*Friend of Cathy Farwell*), Judy Brainard, Deb Insley, Pam Aldrich Hakes, Dale Black (*Sally Dannheim's son-in-law*)

First Trinity Lutheran Church
Funeral Service Arrangements for:

Name:_____ Date Completed:_____

In an effort to assist your family, friends and church at a difficult time, this form has been created to document your preferences for your funeral service. A copy of this form should be shared with family and/or friends, your attorney, your Medical Representative and Power of Attorney as well as a copy to put on file at First Trinity Lutheran Church.

Final Disposition

Do you prefer to be: Buried____ Cremated____ Other (please specify)_____

Where would you like your funeral service to be held?_____

Would you like a visitation before the funeral service?) Yes____ No____

If so, please indicate where (funeral home, church) Location_____

Where will your remains be interred:_____

Funeral Service

Please list any favorite Bible passages you would like read at your service and any preferences for readers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please list any hymns that you would like sung at the service:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Primary contact person: (relative, friend, executor, etc.)

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Other requests:

Signed:_____ Date:_____

If you would like more information or help with making these decisions, please reach out to the Pastor.

Pastor Appreciation Day



Our
Sweet
Sunday
School
Students





Why I love my Trinity Lutheran Church family...

The other day, I had a message on my salon phone. It was from a good friend of mine. A dear friend, who, despite our 28 year age difference, we connect. We have been friends for years, and most recently I take her down to the cafeteria on the days I volunteer at the Gift Shop at the JMH. We always have great conversations. And we both believe in God and His Son Jesus Christ.

My friend asks me to help her in many small ways, often. She trusts me, and I, her. So, when I checked my message and it was her, asking me for specific requests about our Sauerkraut Dinner Take Outs, my only thoughts were, I'm not able to work it this year, so I will ask those that are, and be at their mercy.

I sent a email to Deb Martin, who by the way, graciously offered to head this years dinner up, asking her for a specific request of food substitutions. It wasn't way off the chart, but specific. By the way, My friend loves our sauerkraut. A compliment we can all be humbly proud of. This request was just extra kraut, skip the mashed potatoes, and gravy on her pork. No big deal, right?

Well, I did include in my email to Deb, " As if your not under enough stress already, let me add this to your plate". I didn't want to send this requested email, but my friend asked me in her message, if I can do anything to make this happen, she would be so grateful. I love my friend and at 91 years old, I, as I told Deb, love to spoil her.

Debs reply was fast and positive. " I will make note of her name and request and try to make this happen". Sounds like a small request, doesn't it? I'm certain, this was one of many stresses added to her already stressed plate. Deb never made me feel like it was too much to ask.

So I relay the message to my friend, that with no guarantees, but duly noted, they would try to fill her request, she just needs to let them know when picking up the dinners, tell them her name, as one would be specifically labeled with her name on it. That's all she had to do...

I check my messages later Tuesday night after I got done work, and there is a two minute plus message from my friend, thanking me for making her dinner a great one. She goes on to tell me she had two containers of kraut, and completely forgot about the stuffing, a pleasant surprise she said. Pork was delicious with just the right amount of gravy, and the kicker was the Pumpkin Pie. She went on to tell me she owes me one, how happy I made her, she loves me, and cherishes me. Thinks I'm a great friend. Me, I didn't do much but, reached out and asked. My church family did the rest!

Why I love my Trinity Lutheran Church family. This is why. Thank you all who helped make this 91 year old happy. Her happiness is my happiness.

Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 NIV

M@rsh@

A few of our
SAUERKRAUT SUPPER
workers



DINNER FROM SANTA

Santa wants everyone to have a Christmas Dinner!

If you are, or know of someone who is in need, elderly, or disabled that is unable to prepare a meal for Christmas Day, call the number below to get a hot turkey dinner delivered on the 25th between the hours of 11:00am and 2:00pm. Santa's elves will be preparing the meals at the Trinity Lutheran Church and names will be collected by Immaculate Conception Church.

Please call 585-593-4834, ext. #1

(Mon. – Fri., 8:00am –2:00pm).

Leave your name, address, number of meals you'd like, and a phone number.

The deadline to call is DECMEBER 18th. Please call early as we can only take **250 dinner** requests. We deliver to the towns of Allentown, Andover, Belmont, Bolivar, Friendship, Scio, Wellsville, Whitesville and Willing.

**Merry
Christmas**



First Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

Poinsettia Christmas Memorials 2025

We are continuing with the practice of Christmas Memorials. You are asked to make your contribution in memory of a loved one to First Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. Several poinsettias will be placed in church during the Christmas Season to remember all those who have passed away.

A list of donors and those whom they are remembering will also be included in our Christmas Eve worship bulletin.

Please print (clearly) your information below and return it to the Church Office **by Monday, Dec. 15** with your donation.

Thank you.

IN MEMORY OF: _____

Contribution: \$ _____ Envelope # _____

Name of Donor/Donors: _____



2026 Flower Chart

The "Flower Chart" for 2026 is posted. Please feel free to sign up for a specific Sunday.

The church does not purchase the flowers. If you sign up, you are responsible for providing and placing your own flowers.

Flowers can be displayed in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, or any special occasion. They can also be placed in memory of a loved one.

If you would like a message in the Sunday bulletin stating what your flowers are commemorating, please leave a note on the secretary's desk or send an email to trinitywlsv@gmail.com.

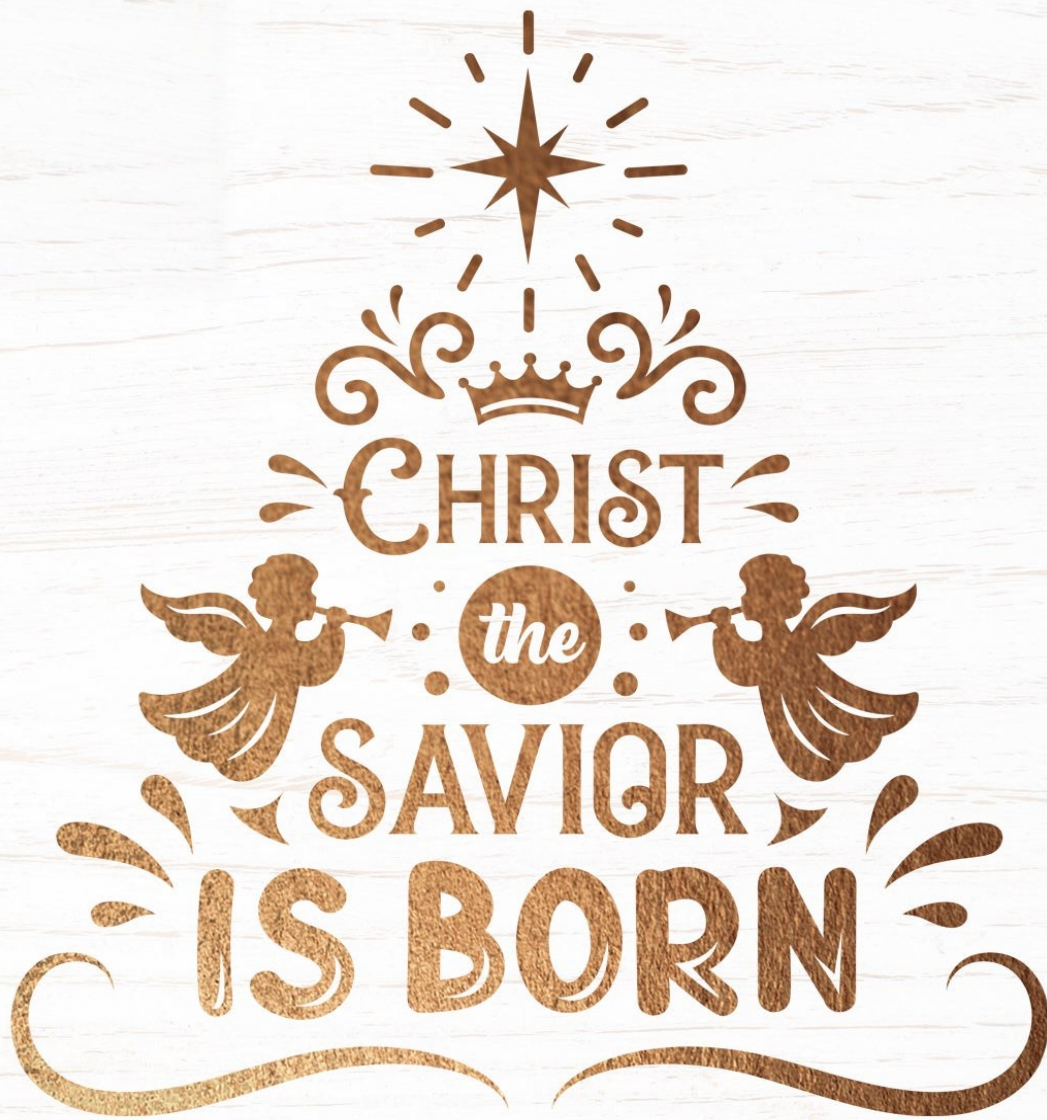
Christmas Wish List

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Soap	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bleach		X
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lysol Wipes		X
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clorox Wipes		X
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange Glow Wood Polish		X
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass Cleaner		X
<input type="checkbox"/>	White Board Cleaner	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dawn Dish Soap	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ant Traps	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dishwasher Gel		X
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Sanitizer	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tea Bags	X	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hot Cocoa Packs	X	

Above is a "Wishlist" of items for our Church and our Daycare. If you feel moved to donate these items, please drop them off at either the Daycare or Church office.

There will be a
 Congregational meeting
 on Sunday, December 7
 following Sunday service.
 Please try to attend.





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Director of Music: Carole Aldrich

Church email: trinitywlsu@gmail.com



Church office hours:
Monday– Thursday, 9 AM– 12 PM

