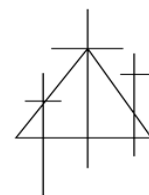
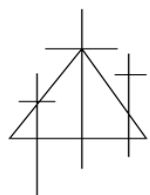


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Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Making Known the Love of Christ



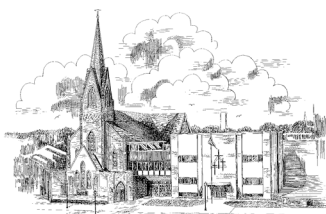
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Church and School**  
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**Church Phone:**  
920-458-8246

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920-458-8248

**Web site:**  
[trinitysheboygan.org](http://trinitysheboygan.org)

**Divine Services:**  
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am  
Monday at 6:30 pm  
Family Education Hour  
9:30 am

**Bible Classes**  
(throughout the week)

**Trinity Lutheran School**  
3-K thru 8th grade  
2 Year Old Childcare

### From the Pastors



#### The Lord is Nigh!

*"The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:5b-7).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Advent has arrived. The hymnwriter reminds us, "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh," and he implores us to "awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!" (LSB Hymn 344 vs. 1). The message of Advent is that the word became flesh to redeem us from sin and death, that He comes among us now to hear our prayers and to deliver His gifts of life and peace, and that He will come again in glory at the end of time to take us home to be with Him in paradise.

Today the Lord is nigh, that is, He is near to hear our prayers and to deliver the antidote to our sin and death through His glad tidings of peace and joy. It's why we need not be anxious about anything. We can literally talk to God knowing that we are dear to Him and that He is near us to hear us. As we meditate on His name and word, He gives us His peace that surpasses all understanding.

Many of you know that Roger Buck's old office was originally a prayer chapel complete with an altar and a stained-glass window. Recently, we refurbished this room and will soon rededicate it as the "All Saints Prayer Chapel" to be used by all the saints of Trinity as a place of meditation on the word of God and prayer in Jesus' name.

Why make such a big deal about meditation on the word of God and prayer? Christian meditation focuses on the words of the Bible, because God does not give His Spirit apart from the external word. Rev. John Kleinig highlights the importance of God's Word in our meditation when he writes, "Through it the Holy Spirit comes to us, pervades us, and sets our souls alight. He preaches Christ in the human heart and gives rich and enlightening thoughts. The Holy Spirit doesn't just preach to us, but empowers us to respond appropriately to God in prayer. By meditation on God's word we are filled with his Holy Spirit."

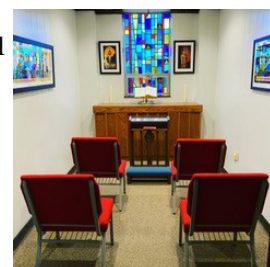
Olav Hallesby highlights the importance of prayer when he writes, "The work of praying is prerequisite to all other work in the Kingdom of God, for the simple reason that it is by prayer that we couple the powers of heaven to our helplessness, the powers that can turn water into wine and remove mountains in our own life and in the lives of others, the powers which can awaken those who sleep in sin and raise up the dead, the powers which can capture strongholds and make the impossible possible." That's why!

"The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:5b-7).

In Christ,

Timothy J. Mech

John M. Berg



## December Calendar



### Sundays: Weekly

\* Divine Services 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am

### Mondays: Weekly

\* Divine Service 6:30 pm

### Wednesdays: Weekly

\* Student Chapel 2:45 pm (during Advent)

\* Midweek Confirmation Class 3:30 pm

### Fridays: Weekly

\* Men's Bible Study 7 am (FH)

### **Wednesday, December 2**

\* Elder's Meeting 7:00 pm (FH)

\* Advent Services 10 am & 6:30 pm

### **Monday, December 7**

\* Board of Christian Day School Meeting 7:30 pm

### **Wednesday, December 9**

\* Advent Services 10 am & 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, December 16**

\* Advent Service 10 am & 6:30 pm

### **December 21-January 1**

\* No School - Christmas Vacation

### **Thursday, December 24**

\* Christmas Eve Services 3 pm, 5 pm, & 10 pm

### **Friday, December 25**

\* Christmas Day Service 10 am

### **Thursday, December 31**

\* New Year's Eve Service 7pm

## 2020 Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in church for Christmas, please complete this form and submit it along with \$11.00 to the church office by **Monday, Dec. 7. Please one poinsettia per form.** Checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church



PLEASE FILL OUT FORMS LEGIBLY.

In Loving Memory Of:

Or in Honor Of:

Or for Blessings Received:

Your Name:

## Children's Christmas Choral Candlelight



Trinity's annual *Choral Candlelight* and the *Children's Christmas Service* will take place as a combined virtual event this year. The students of the school and adult musicians will pre-record their presentation of Scripture and Advent/Christmas Music so that family and friends of Trinity may watch it from their own homes when it is released on Sunday afternoon, December 20. Though we are saddened that we will not be able to make these traditional presentations in person, we are still excited to share the good news of Christ's birth through God's Word and song.

### CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

SIGN UP



In order to comply with our COVID-19 guidelines and not have any of our Christmas Divine Services exceed 50% of Trinity's seating capacity it is necessary that you sign up for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services.

Go to [www.trinitysheboygan.org](http://www.trinitysheboygan.org) and click on the Sign-up Genius tab to pick the time and service you would like to attend. Christmas Eve Services are at 3pm, 5pm, and 10pm. The Christmas Day Service is at 10am. Sign-up begins Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you do not have access to Sign-up Genius, you may call the church office to sign up. There is no need to sign up for Sunday/Monday Divine Services.



Tickets for "A LUTHERAN HIGH CHRISTMAS", the first concert in their brand-new Worship and Fine Arts Center, will be available to the general public on the Lutheran High School website beginning Monday, November 23rd at 8am.

Seating will be reserved, limited, and socially distanced for each concert. Please try to limit your ticket reservations to a maximum of 4 if possible. Due to increased demand and social distancing guidelines, three performances of the concert will be offered this year: Saturday, December 19th @ 7pm and Sunday, December 20th at 2pm and 6:30pm. Please note that you cannot attend the concert without a ticket. If you are unable to attend, or feel uncomfortable attending, a live stream will be offered for all three concerts on the LHS Website.

## From the Principal

### Sent to Serve

*"...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28*

As you read in last month's newsletter, our school is in the midst of our "Thankful Hearts Campaign." The purpose of this campaign is to share with the congregation and community how grateful we are for our school and to request their support through prayer and donations. Lutheran education is an incredible gift to give our children and grandchildren, and we are so thankful for all of the time, talents and funds our church family and community give to our school each year. These funds assist us in continuing our mission of "Making Known the Love of Christ" and this year, also help us to serve our neighbor—the special mission focus for this school year.

As our staff and students reflect on generosity of those who support our school, we are reminded that we, in turn, are called by Christ to serve and support our neighbors. Our theme verse reminds us that Jesus was the ultimate servant; we strive to follow his perfect example. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has changed how we are able to serve our neighbor this year, but we are still finding ways to show love to our neighbors, both within our school and in our community!

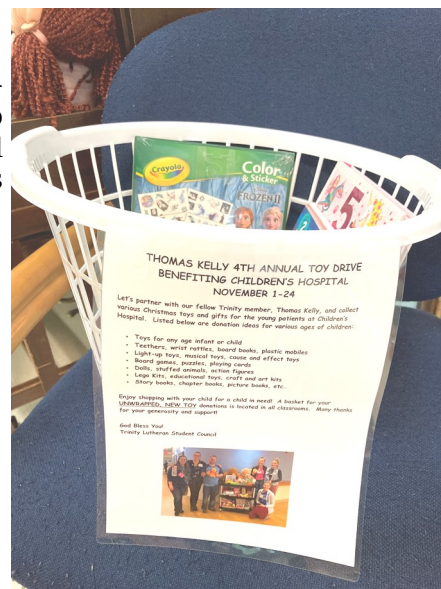
One way our students continue to serve our church congregation is through our card ministry. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade class makes cards for shut-ins or those in our prayers. They share support and Bible passages to encourage those who need an extra measure of love and support. We are also using letter-writing to serve one another within our school body. Because we cannot combine classes for Chapel families this year, we have paired students up as writing buddies to create connections between our older and younger students. This activity will form a foundation of friendship between our students that we can build on for years to come. Our older students are finding that they can serve our younger students through their encouragement and witnessing of Christ's love.

We are also serving our neighbors in the community through our Chapel offerings and student-council led servant events. This year, our fall Chapel offerings supported Solomona Rakotonirina in attending the seminary. Solomona's father, who was the president of the Lutheran Church of Madagascar, passed away, leaving their financial future uncertain. The students' Chapel offerings served Solomona by allowing him to continue his studies. Additionally, our student council is currently working with Thomas Kelly, a Trinity member, in his efforts to collect toys for the children in the NICU at Children's Wisconsin. In a season of giving, our students are reminded that we give of our time, talents, and finances in response to God's ultimate gift to us in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry. Our Trinity congregation serves our school in innumerable ways, and we are so very grateful all of the ways you participate in our ministry! May God richly bless your Christmas season and provide you with opportunities to serve your neighbors as well!

Jenna Roeske  
Principal

**\*\*If you would like to donate to our Thankful Hearts campaign, please contact the school office at 920-458-8248.**



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**Join us for Advent Services**  
(in person or virtual)

- ♦ December 2, 2020
- ♦ December 9, 2020
- ♦ December 16, 2020

10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.



**Join us for Christmas Eve  
& Christmas Day Services**  
(in person or virtual)

**Christmas Eve**

- ♦ 3 p.m.
- ♦ 5 p.m.
- ♦ 10 p.m.

**Christmas Day**

- ♦ 10 a.m.



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