



HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!

News for the week of November 22, 2020

THANKSGIVING IN-GATHERING Trinity typically directs your Thanksgiving offerings to people and ministries outside of Trinity. This year you are invited to bring a financial offering and/or actual canned/boxed non-perishable food items or paper products. With thankful hearts we can reach out to those in need. Praise God who has given us generous hearts!

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS Help the Altar Guild decorate for Christmas by ordering red or white poinsettias - \$13 each. Order form available online or in church. Deadline is Nov. 29.

WREATHS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL Trinity School Boosters is taking orders for Christmas Wreaths for a suggested donation of \$25 with profits to benefit the new playground. Order forms are available online or in church. Deadline is Nov. 25. Pick up date is Dec. 2 from 2:30-3:30pm at the Heritage Patio on Scott Street.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR Provided by the **Frost Family** in memory of Andrea's mother, Evangeline Wroblecki, whose birthday was November 23.

A CHRISTMAS BOOK CLUB? Pastor Heimsoth invites you to join him in a discussion around the book, Joy to the World, an easy and interesting read (Deb Saul recommends) that looks at the story of Mary, Joseph and Jesus as a family. If you would like to join us, we hope to start the first week of December. You must sign up so we can get you the book and you can read it. It will be a zoom study to then be posted at www.tlcmmonroe.org. Call the Church Office if you want to join us!

We are still planning on holding this event in the Sanctuary starting at 6:30 p.m. **Monday, Dec. 7**. We will follow the service with a short walk to our Heritage Patio with luminaries and candles, for those comfortable with walking outside. Although the fellowship plans we had have been canceled, we will have sweet – and safe – treats for everyone to take home and enjoy. **Please watch the video (emailed to you) by two of our committee members.**



REACHING CAPACITY – PLEASE REGISTER!

It's a great help when you pre-register for worship! It greatly assists us in trying to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible! Just use our website, call the Church Office, or click on these links in your email blast:

Worship Nov. 21 & 22 Thanksgiving NOON Nov. 25 Thanksgiving 6pm Nov. 25 Worship Nov. 28 & 29

LIFT UP IN PRAYER!

- Continued prayer for Nicholas Knezevich, son of Nick & Char
- Healing for Geraldine Scholl; had surgery Wednesday for a broken femur
- Healing for Chris Foor
- Butch & Linda Russeau – both hospitalized
- John Krueger with COVID (from Houston; cousin of Denise Watkins)

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS Time to renew or sign up. If interested, have payment of \$11.60 to the Church Office by Dec. 7. Include name, address & phone number with payment.

LOOKING AHEAD – Worship Times:

- **Thanksgiving** – WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25 – noon and 6 p.m.
- **Advent** – Wednesdays 6 p.m. – We are calling this mid-week service Gather and Go to Reconnect and there is a new twist this year. Watch for more details.
- **Christmas Eve** – 11 a.m., 3 p.m. (Praise Band), 6 p.m., 11 p.m. We are encouraging people to reserve their place as the sanctuary will be limited to 100 at each service; overflow will be invited to sit in the gym and watch a Livestream.
- **Christmas Day** – no service
- **Christmas weekend**, Dec. 26 and 27 – normal worship times

THANKSGIVING & MEMORIAL GIFTS

- In celebration of Don & Barb Wolfenbarger's 60th wedding anniversary, a brick for the Heritage Patio was donated by their children. Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad, we love you!
- In memory of **Nina Spaulding** for the Sanctuary Choir from Albert & Janice Byron, Kathryn Burroughs; for Trinity Work Program from Norma Adair, Pete Nied, Barry & Elaine Bunkelman, Carol Sanders; *The Finish Line – Phase 3* from Mary Fuhlbrigge, Millie Rieger
- In memory of **Lila Ingall** for *The Finish Line – Phase 3* from Richard & Paula Vigliotti, Denise Rains, Millie Rieger
- In memory of **Lela Zink** for *The Finish Line – Phase 3* from Trinity Ladies Aid

How to Watch / Worship / Join Us!

Worship –

- In Trinity Sanctuary - Times: Sat. 6 p.m. and Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Facebook LIVE - Sundays at 10 a.m. (or later on our Web site)
- Recorded services can be watched on cable TV – Xfinity 21 or Spectrum 187 / Wed. 5 p.m. and Thur. 9 a.m.

Many Bible Studies Online – <https://www.tlcmonroe.org/online-bible-studies>

COVID UPDATE – We want to let you know that one of our members who was in worship Saturday night (Nov. 14) has tested positive for COVID. This reinforces why we ask everyone to wear masks and sit only with their own family members, which this person did. Because of these safety measures there should be little to no risk to anyone else in church that night. We pray for mild symptoms and quick recovery for this person as well as anyone exposed to the virus. **But we ask you to be diligent in these matters as in the past several weeks we have had about 15 members of Trinity (that we are aware of) become ill with COVID-19.**

Please remember:

- An easy and effective protection against COVID and other illnesses is masking and social distancing
- If you feel sick or have been with someone you know to be sick, please stay home until well
- If there is anything Trinity can do to help you physically, mentally or spiritually (or someone you know), don't hesitate to call the church office or one of the pastors
- We do not live in or act out of fear because God tells us specifically not to; He is in charge!

Blessings from all of us at Trinity!

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Current Hours: 9am - Noon / Mon-Fri

Web site – www.tlcmonroe.org ~ **Facebook Page** – Trinity Lutheran Church Monroe