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Send newsletter/bulletin items to Nancy Bogenhagen at trinitywlsd@gmail.com.

Weekly bulletin deadline is Tuesday noon. Please email me if you prefer your newsletter emailed to you. Thanks!

DECEMBER 2021

This is the current schedule.

Please check the weekly bulletin and websites* for updates.

Divine Worship Services

St. Paul's 8:30 a.m. Sunday
Trinity 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Advent Midweek Services

TBD

Sunday School

St. Paul's 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday School

Trinity 5:30 p.m.

Release-Time Class

Trinity 2:15 p.m. Wednesdays

Youth Confirmation Class

St. Paul's TBD
Trinity TBD

Bible Study — Trinity 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – December 5, 2021, 5 p.m. at Cathy Albrecht's
Trinity Hope Circle – December 7, 2021, 2 p.m.
Trinity Ruth Circle – December 7, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Caroling

December 12, 2021, 4 p.m., Trinity

Children's Christmas Services

Dec. 19, 2021, 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's
Dec. 19, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Trinity

Christmas Eve Services

Dec. 24, 2021, 4 p.m. St. Paul's
Dec. 24, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Trinity

Serving the Lord's Church in DECEMBER

TRINITY

Elder Scott Meier
Ushers Ben Bogenhagen
John Geyer
Acolytes Jayden Kahler
Jacob Doering

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Mike Tuschen
Ushers Kurt Fink, Stan
Johnson, Lennis Titze
Altar Deb Haak

Scripture Readings

Dec. 5 Malachi 3:1–7b; Philippians 1:2–11; Luke 3:1–14
Dec. 12 Zephaniah 3:14–20; Philippians 4:4–7; Luke 7:18–28
Dec. 19 Micah 5:2–5a; Hebrews 10:5–10; Luke 1:39–45
Dec. 26 Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15; Colossians 3:12–17; Luke 2:22–40
Jan. 2 1 Kings 3:4–15; Ephesians 1:3–14; Luke 2:40–52

***Websites** – Visit the Services option on www.stpaulplankinton.com and www.trinitywhitelake.com for the weekly bulletin. Trinity's website also offers links for the live stream of their worship and the printed service that goes with each service. See the News link on both websites for archived newsletters and bulletins.

The **January 2022 newsletter** will be available on/after January 2, 2022. Articles are due December 28, 2021.

FROM OUR PASTOR

WAIT UPON THE LORD

The season of Advent is characterized by waiting — waiting upon the Lord for His presence to be revealed to us on Christmas. We look back in Scripture at those who waited upon the Lord for His promises to be fulfilled through the Christ Child. We also look forward, contemplating how we should wait upon the Lord in this present moment of our lives, as God continues to make Himself known to us.

As you look forward to these holy celebrations, be bold in your witness to our gracious God. This is a great time of the year to invite that friend, co-worker, neighbor, or family member to come and get to know Jesus better.

May your family gatherings be blessed as we worship and praise God for the greatest gift of all — His Son, our Savior, Jesus, the Christ!

In Jesus' love and peace,
† Pastor Charlie Adams

ST. PAUL'S/TRINITY NEWS

Saturday, November 20, 2021, Pastor Adams experienced a heart attack. We praise God for the skills of the Plankinton EMTs who got him safely to the hospital in Mitchell. He was later transported to Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls where he underwent surgery for a blocked artery. Many prayers were uplifted on Pastor's behalf. God has been gracious, and he was discharged Wednesday, November 24, 2021. He is spending time in Omaha with family and will later return to his home in Ottawa, KS for further recovery and cardio rehab.

Pastor and Laura Adams celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary November 28, 2021.

Anniversary greetings/get well wishes may be sent to Pastor at:

Rev. Charles & Laura Adams
1430 S. Cedar Street
Ottawa, KS 66067

President Sailer and Circuit Visitor Rev. Ryan Loeslie are working to provide pulpit supply for December 5, 12, 19, 24, 26, and January 2, 2022. At the time of this printing, Advent services are pending.

Other scheduled events for December 2021:

Sun, December 5 — LWML St. Paul's Dorcas Circle, 5 p.m. at Cathy Albrecht's.

Tues., December 7 — LWML Trinity Hope Circle, 2 p.m.

Tues., December 7 — LWML Trinity Ruth Circle, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., December 12 — Trinity Caroling, 4 p.m.

Sun., December 19 — St. Paul's Children's Christmas Service, 8:30 a.m.

Sun., December 19 — Trinity Children's Christmas Service, 5:30 p.m.

Rev. Mark Mischnick will provide pastoral care for those in the Mitchell hospital while Pastor Adams is recovering. You may contact him via email or cellphone: themischicks@midco.net; 605-730-0340 (mobile). For other hospitals contact Rev. Ryan Loeslie at 605-630-1896 (mobile).

Trinity Annual Cleaning Fund Drive: We are thankful for the service of our custodian! Please support this service by helping replenish the cleaning fund. Please mark your donation "Trinity Cleaning Fund" and place it in the offering plate or mail in the enclosed envelope to:

Trinity Cleaning Fund
PO Box 6
White Lake, SD 57383

Thank you!





Main Street Living December 2021

All programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit:
www.mainstreetliving.com

December 5, 2021

10 a.m. — **“Stable Boy”** A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Thomas Christopher, pastor at Trinity and St. Martin's Lutheran Churches in Alexandria and Spencer, SD, presents a message titled **“You Have Been Warned!”** This sermon is based on Luke 21:25–36.

December 12, 2021

10 a.m. — **“Red Boots for Christmas”** A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Brian Mosemann, pastor at Immanuel-St. Paul-First English and Bethesda Lutheran Churches in Menno-Scotland-Parker and Marion, SD, presents a message titled **“Rejoice Always! The Lord is near.”** This sermon is based on Luke 7:18–28.

December 19, 2021

10 a.m. — **“Christmas Is”** The shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Brian Lemcke, pastor at Zion and Emmaus Lutheran Churches in Delmont and Tripp, SD, presents a message based on the 1st chapter of Luke.

December 26, 2021

10 a.m. — **“Puzzle Club Christmas”** The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Richard Snow, President of the Nebraska District LCMS, presents a Christmas message.



Rooted in Christ, ABOUNDING IN THANKSGIVING

COL. 2:6-7

62ND CONVENTION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT—LCMS
DECEMBER 5-7, 2021

62nd Convention of The South Dakota District December 5–7, 2021 Sioux Falls Convention Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

“Rooted in Christ, Abounding in Thanksgiving”
Colossians 2:6–7

Sunday, December 5

7–8:30 p.m. — Opening Service
Sioux Falls Lutheran School (Vaughn and JoAnn Meyer Performing Arts Center)
Synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison,
Preacher

Monday, December 6

8–9:30 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Exhibits
10 a.m.	First Session
12 noon	Recess
1:15–3 p.m.	Second Session
3 p.m.	Break
3:30–6 p.m.	Third Session
6 p.m.	Recess

Tuesday, December 7

8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Exhibits
8 a.m.	Fourth Session
10 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Fifth Session
12 Noon	Recess
1:30 p.m.	Sixth Session
3 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m.	Seventh Session
4 p.m.	Closing Worship



WORD FROM THE CENTER

Welcome to “Word from The Center” MONDAY, a devotional word from the Center of our faith, Jesus Christ, with reflections on His Word. I’m Gregory Seltz. Today’s passage is from 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, where the Bible says, ¹⁶ *Rejoice always,* ¹⁷ *pray without ceasing,* ¹⁸ *in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

A BATTLE OF WILLS!

The amazing proclamation of the Bible is that the person and work of Jesus in history stand as the concrete expression of the will of God the Father. Out of His love for us, He sent His Son into this sinful world to save it. Amazingly too, Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, submitted His will to that of the Father so that the world might be saved, even though his life would be sacrificed on a cross in our place. These amazing facts are proclaimed each year beginning in the seasons of Advent and Christmas where we hear of that one night long ago in a small nowhere town called Bethlehem where Christ is born of Mary who “gave birth to her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger” (Luke 2:7).

So, what is the enduring message of this Christmas event? Is it merely some gentle notion of a mythological, fictitious, or idealistic goodwill toward men? Or, is it rather the Good News of God enacting His will on the world, albeit a will of service, sacrifice, unconditional love and salvation? For we who believe, it is the latter. We believe that it is God’s enacted and embodied will in Jesus Christ which calls our will to unconditional repentance before Him; it is a message which claims that eternal life can be found only in our relationship with God in and through Jesus. This message, which often seems like folly to our will, is the **POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE** (Romans 1:16).

“Yet not what I will, but what You will” (Mark 14:36). Those words of Jesus just before His arrest really convey the message of Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter. His mindset of service led to the message of salvation, born in the flesh in the person of Jesus, later coming to fruition in the events of His life, death and resurrection. Because of that will revealed in history once and for all, true, lasting, and

eternal life became possible for a world mired in sin and death.

In fact, the message of Christmas is even more amazing if you understand the conflict that humanity has with its Creator, a real conflict of wills. The joy of Christmas gives way to the anguish of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane as Christ’s “not what I will, but what You will” life is offered to God for the forgiveness of rebellious people. It alone brings pardon to the guilty and life to those who are dead in the arrogance of their prideful, sinful will.

Today, with all the chaos of the sinful “my will” world in plain sight all around us, let the Advent season of 2021 draw you to the God who willfully sent His Son into this world for people like you and me. Let that message take root in your heart through the very Word and Sacraments of the Savior who comes into the midst of our struggles so that we might be saved

“Yet not what I will, but what You will” is a call to repentance for us, but, more so, it is a call to joy, thankfulness, and a peace that passes all understanding because, as our lesson says, “this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” When you look into the manger this Christmas, don’t see some syrupy message of the brotherhood of man or the happiness of wishful thinking. See it, instead, for what it is, God demonstrating His will for the world, for you, calling you to repentance and life in Him!

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, it always seems that I’m wrestling with Your “will” for my life. Let me see clearly that Your will came to fruition in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus for me. Let that be my focus in prayer, my source of joy, and my confidence in life each day. AMEN.

Hymn of the Month



379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Text and tune: Public domain

Luke 2:15

Scripture References:

st. 1 = Luke 2:4-7; st. 3 = Luke 2:13-14; st. 4 = John 1:14








In this well-known and loved Christmas hymn, we are invited as God's faithful people to go to Bethlehem and adore Christ the Lord (st. 1). We sing words borrowed from the Nicene Creed to express the Christian faith about the incarnation (st. 2). Then after exhorting the angels to sing their praise (st. 3), we greet Christ on his birthday (st. 4). The text has two unusual features for such a popular hymn: it is unrhymed and has an irregular meter.

https://hymnary.org/text/o_come_all_ye_faithful_joyful_and_triumph

Luke 2:1–20

¹And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. ²(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study Advent?	2 Isaiah 9:6a <i>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;</i>	3 Isaiah 9:6b <i>and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called</i>	4 Isaiah 9:6c <i>Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.</i>
5 Second Sunday in Advent  8:30 a.m. SP Service 9:30 a.m. SP SS 10:30 a.m. TR Service 5 p.m. SP Dorcas Circle	6 LCMS South Dakota Convention, Sioux Falls Conv. Ctr. December 5–7 (see newsletter for details).	7  2 p.m. TR LWML Hope Circle 6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle	8 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study Advent?	9 Luke 1:30 <i>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."</i>	10 Luke 1:31 <i>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.</i>	11 Luke 1:32a <i>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.</i>
12 Third Sunday in Advent  8:30 a.m. SP Service 9:30 a.m. SP SS 10:30 a.m. TR Service 4 p.m. TR Caroling	13 Luke 1:32b <i>And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,</i>	14 Luke 1:33a <i>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever,</i>	15 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study Advent?	16 Luke 1:33b <i>and of his kingdom there will be no end."</i>	17 Luke 1:37 <i>For nothing is impossible with God.</i>	18 Luke 1:41 <i>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb.</i>
19 Fourth Sunday in Advent  8:30 a.m. SP Children's Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service 5:30 p.m. TR Children's Service	20 Luke 1:46–47 <i>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,</i>	21 Luke 1:50 <i>And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.</i>	22 Luke 1:51 <i>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;</i>	23 Luke 1:52 <i>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;</i>	24 Luke 1:53 <i>he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.</i>	25 Christmas Day <i>"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people (Luke 1:68).</i>
26 First Sunday after Christmas  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service	27	28	29	30	31	
<p>Joy to the world, the Lord has come!</p>						