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*Trinity Lutheran Church exists
to support its members
in proclaiming the Word of God
so that all may know
the peace, joy, and fulfillment
that comes through Jesus Christ.*

TRINITY GOOD NEWS

December 2025



Important Dates

December 3: Poinsettia Orders Due
December 13: Spirit of Christmas 9-3pm
December 14: Men's Christmas Concert
December 21: SS Christmas Program
December 24: Christmas Eve Worship @ 2,
4:30 and 9 pm



DECEMBER

OFFICE HOURS:

Summer: Mon.-Thur. 9-1pm Winter: Mon.-Fri. 9-1pm
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u> Bible Study 10 am	<u>2</u> Quilting 9am-Noon	<u>3</u> Crew 3:30-5:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Voices of Praise 7 pm	<u>4</u> Card Club 10am	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> WOT Christmas Gathering 9-12
	Psalm 76	Psalm 77	Psalm 78:1-20	Psalm 78:21-55	Psalm 78:56-72	Psalm 79
<u>7</u> 9am Worship 9-11 Sunday School	<u>8</u> Bible Study 10 am	<u>9</u> Quilting 9am-Noon	<u>10</u> Confirmation 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Voices of Praise 7 pm	<u>11</u> Card Club 10am	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 9 am-3 pm Spirit of Christmas
Psalm 80	Psalm 81	Psalm 82	Psalm 83	Psalm 84	Psalm 85	Psalm 86
<u>14</u> 9am Worship 9-11 Sunday School Council Mtg 10 am Men's Band Concert 6:30	<u>15</u> Bible Study 10 am Lagers 6pm Buck Shots	<u>16</u> Quilting 9am-Noon	<u>17</u> Crew 3:30-5:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Voices of Praise 7 pm	<u>18</u> Card Club 10 am	<u>19</u>	
Psalm 87	Psalm 88	Psalm 89:1-18	Psalm 89:19-45	Psalm 89:46-52	Psalm 90	Psalm 91
<u>21</u> 9 am Worship Sunday School Christmas Program	<u>22</u> Bible Study 10 am	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Christmas Eve Worship 2 pm 4:30 pm 9 pm	<u>25</u> Merry Christmas Office Closed	<u>26</u> Office Closed	<u>27</u>
Psalm 92	Psalm 93	Psalm 94	Luke 2:1-7	Luke 2:8-20	Psalm 95	Psalm 96
<u>28</u> 9am Worship No Sunday School	<u>29</u> No Bible Study PB on Vacation	<u>30</u> Quilting 9am-Noon PB on Vacation	<u>31</u> No Worship No Classes PB on Vacation Office Closed	Happy New Year!!!		
Psalm 97	Psalm 98	Psalm 99	Psalm 100			

PASTOR'S PAGE

We all, for the most part, know the Christmas story, the birth of Christ. Mary and Joseph, traveling to Bethlehem. No room in the inn, the stable, the manger, the animals, the shepherds and the angels and the whole bit. We hear it every Christmas Eve, see it in every Sunday School Christmas program, know it through many a Christmas hymn and carol.

So what is your favorite part of the story? It changes for me. Sometimes it is the shepherds in the field and the way they react to the angels or how they rejoice after meeting Jesus. Sometimes it is thinking about the overall scene of Jesus' birth, the fact that it is messy with the animals and everything. Sometimes it is Mary pondering everything that has happened. A small detail I love is that even though there is no room in the inn, the innkeeper still offers the stable as a place for Mary and Joseph to stay, showing kindness for them in their need. But this year I have something different that is my favorite part of this beloved story.

It is the first words spoken by the angels to the shepherds. "Do not be afraid," they proclaim to those shepherds in the field. This is a message we need to hear. We live in a world full of fear. Throughout the world, fear seems to have a grip on people, being used to control, dominate, and destroy, causing suffering everywhere we look. This fear permeates and seeps into every aspect of our lives, from the ways we interact with each other, to how we live as community, to how we live out our vocations and callings in this world. It is a disease, fear, that continues to spread and prey on all of us.

But this Christmas, and every day, we hear a message of Good News. "Do not be afraid." Why? Because born to us is a Savior, Christ the Lord. And this Savior has come to shatter fear. This Savior has come to free us from the grip of fear, for this Savior Jesus Christ will defeat fear, defeat sin, defeat death on a cross, giving his life so that we would have eternal life and hope. We do not need to let fear control us and we do not need to let those who use fear as weapon wield it. For we have a Savior who comes with joy and hope and love and grace and brings those gifts to us every day. These gifts are because we are loved and are the ultimate Christmas gifts to us, gifts we need, desperately.

No matter your favorite part of the Christmas story, remember that Jesus has come to save us and destroy fear. Do not be afraid, for your Savior is at hand, and you are loved, you are forgiven, and you have the promise of eternal life. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,

3 Pastor Brad



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POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Spirit of Christmas
- Men's Christmas Concert
- Christmas Eve Worship
- Kid's Fun Pages
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Quilter's Corner



First, I want to thank Barb for writing the quilters notes for me last month. She did a wonderful job! Our church looked beautiful with all the quilts we made for Lutheran World Relief on display. Last year we made 75 and this year we did 80. We have a little helper named Darla that helps cut and make the tops from home. Seems like there are all kinds of helpers in our quilt room that work from home too. Thank you for all that go above and beyond. Our quilters day seems to still be small. One day we only had 5. Busy time of year, but even the small groups get things done. Cheryl is back and busy sewing the quilts. Great to see us all getting on the mend. Some days you just have to be in the quilt room just to see how tough our decisions can be. There are days when our brains are not fully functioning and we can't follow directions on how we are tying the quilts. Sometimes, and that would be me of course, I must go back and pull-out yarn where it should not have been. Andrea will pop in from time to time and sometimes PB to ask what is going on in the quilt room. Walls are kind of thin. PB sometimes leaves shaking his head and we try to explain but the look on his face is I think he just can't believe his FAVORITE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD are wild and crazy or scar him for life!!! Check out those raffle quilts for the Spirit of Christmas. They are simply beautiful. One was made by Debbie Mittlestadt and one was made by Sharon Formoe. Sharon makes a lot of our quilts for raffles and other special events, like the Luther Park Quilt Auction. Thank you, Sharon, for all your hard work. This will be the last notes for 2025. My notes for December will be in January, so our quilters hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving with your families and from all the quilters we wish you all a very blessed Christmas!

Becky Nyhus

YOUTH NEWS



Class will be held from 5:30-6:30pm each Wednesday with 7th & 8th grade meeting alternating Wednesdays.

Class schedule:

December 3: 7th grade

December 10: Both classes shop 4 kids

December 17: 8th grade

December 24: no class

December 31: no class



**Sunday School Christmas Program
practice December 7th & 14th 9-11 am**



**Program will be Dec 21st at
9 am (kids arrive at 8:30 am)**

**No Sunday School December 21st,
28th or Jan 4th**



Calling all 3rd thru 6th Graders!

You are invited to be part of *The Crew* meeting at Trinity every other Wednesday. We will have games, activities, faith time, snacks, and much more. *The Crew* is meant to be somewhere your kids can hang out, grow closer together, grow closer to God, and become stronger in faith. Friends are welcome to attend with you.

**December 3 & 17th
3:30-5:00 pm**

**Music, snack, games, faith
time. All 3rd-6th grade
youth are welcome!**



Congratulations to Bentley Halopka, Harper Halopka, and Easton Retz on November 12, 2025 on their First Communion

Spirit of Christmas Quilt Raffle

Tickets are \$3 or 4 for \$10.

Proceeds go to the Youth Mission Trip to Denver next summer. Quilts are in the Narthex.

WORSHIP

Sunday, December 14th~ Christmas Hymn by Request

Sunday, December 21st~ Children's Christmas Program

Live Nativity on Main St~ Saturday, December 13th @ 4:30 pm

Church Closed Christmas Day, Dec 26th, & Dec 31st

No Worship Wednesday, December 31st



Worship Schedule
FOR CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Eve Services will be
Wednesday, Dec 24th at 2pm,
4:30 pm and 9pm**

All services have Holy Communion,
Special Music, and a candlelight
portion. 2:00 and 4:30 have a
children's sermon. Come worship
the newborn King!

Voices of Praise

Come join our new fellowship group of people who like to sing!
Our goal is to sing praise to the Lord. This is not a choir, just a
group that wants to share their faith through song. Join us on
Wednesday nights from 7 pm till 7:30 pm to lift your voice to
the Lord! All are welcome of any age!



TRINITY EVENTS

Bible Study

Mondays at 10am
All are welcome to attend



December 1, 8, 15, 22



Quilting

We will meet Tuesdays from 9am-Noon. All are welcome to attend, you don't need to know how to sew to attend.

Card Club Fellowship

Card Club on Thursdays at 10am. Masks are Optional. Come join the fun and play '500'. Every talent level (beginner to pro) welcome to attend. We'll teach you the game. Cards and scoring sheets provided.



Cake Walk

Please purchase a ticket or tickets for a chance to win a decorated bakery item. Drawing is after worship on Sundays.

\$1 for 1 ticket
\$5 for 6 tickets



Lagers with the Lord is
Monday, December 15th
@ Buck Shots 6pm

MEN'S BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT
AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KNAPP ON **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH** AT 7PM.

AND **DECEMBER 7TH** AT 6PM AT FIRST LUTHERAN IN CUMBERLAND

AND... **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**
HERE AT TRINITY AT 6:30 PM



Saturday, December 13th

9am-3pm

Silent Auction from 9am to 3pm. Last bid taken at 3pm. Lots of great items! Benefits our youth going to Denver for a mission trip in June 2026.

Soup Lunch from 11am-2pm. A variety of homemade soups served with garlic bread and beverage. Free will offering taken to benefit our Youth

Lefse Bake Sale from 9am-2pm

***Items needed for the Silent Auction!
We welcome all NEW items or craft items. Bring them in by Thursday, Dec 11th



Order your poinsettias today!
\$10 Each
Form on last page and in Narthex

Women Of Trinity

DECEMBER 2025

In the Know:

During the Month of December focus is on the understanding & practicing the Advent and the season of Christmas.

This month encourages the ideas of imagination, visions, and dreaming in the practice of **Advent Season**. Some households have a daily tradition of opening Advent Calendar's small doors containing sweets, gifts and/or Bible verses.

Other possible Advent traditions carried into the coming year encouraging focus on spiritualism amidst commercialism, giving in charitable activities, visiting those infirmed & celebrating LIFE in joy filled Prayer of thanks.

Then focusing on the coming of Christ, and the **Christmas Season**, known as the **Twelve Days of Christmas**.

Traditions of feasting, candle light celebration, songs of gratitude, celebrating in worship the birth of Jesus, sharing time with ourselves and/or others in peaceful reflection into the Incarnation of God's 'in-fleshment' into the world.

As always, the ELCA acknowledges the importance of the Holy Spirit empowering believers and guiding through the fruit of **Spirit in Love, Joy & Peace**.

Inside WOT This Month:

* **December 1st—24, 2024**

ADVENT Season

* **WOT Christmas Gathering**
Sat. Dec 6th, 2025 @ 9 a.m.

Christmas Gathering meeting to hold election of three new WOT Officers-at-Large.

Nominations from Sept 6th Gathering:

Barb Doty

Tammy Bloom

Trudie Chernak

WOT Board of Directors will prepare and serve the Christmas Gathering main meal.

There is a sign-up sheet in Narthex for an opportunity to church members to bring donuts, bars & pastries for the dessert portion.

* **WOT Board Mtg:** During WOT Christmas Gathering, Saturday December 6th, 2025

* **December 24, 2025 - January 6, 2026**

CHRISTMAS Season

* **December Wed 10th & Thurs 11th**

Lefse Making doors open @ 7am each day

* **December 21st, 2025 Sunday**

Prepare Shut-In Baskets/Bags/Cards



HELP PAGE



Food Access & Resource Center
823 Main Street, Boyceville

Serving the Boyceville and Glenwood City
School Districts at the

Food Access & Resources Center

Pantry Schedule

Thursdays 1pm - 7pm

Please contact Melissa at 715-977-1191

No appointment needed

(closed on holidays and if school is called off
due to the weather)

Volunteers Needed

Call Melissa Larson 715-977-1191

Snow Movers Needed

The Snow! As sure as death and taxes!

We are asking for volunteers to remove snow from the Church entrances and the sidewalks around the Church lot. We have a snowblower for you to use. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

Remember to check that the sidewalk and entrances are clear during the week.



Communion Bread Bakers Needed

2026 Sign-up is in the Narthex to provide communion bread for one month. The recipe is in the church cookbook and in the Women of Trinity booklet



1620 Stout Road
Menomonie, WI 54751
715-235-2920

Anyone In Need Of Food Is Welcome!

Food Pantry Hours

Mondays 11am – 2pm
Wednesdays 3pm – 6pm
Saturdays 10am – Noon

Free Produce Fridays 3pm - 4:30pm
(Curbside distribution while supplies last)



Lefse Time!

Mark Your Calendars!

Join the fun tradition of lefse making at Trinity! We have become very efficient! We know we have some early birds in the crew! The doors will be open by 7:00 AM on **Wednesday and Thursday, December 10th and 11th**.

Wednesday morning, we will be peeling, mixing and setting up, with an 11:30 potluck and leftovers on Thursday! We will begin rolling and packing after lunch on Wednesday and finish up on Thursday! Come when you can and leave when you need to! There are sign-up sheets on the table!

We appreciate YOU!

Peggy and Deb

P.S. Bring your own peeler for Wednesday!

MEMORIALS

IHO Arianny Steies

General

Amy Steies

IMO Gilbert & Adella Hanson

General

Laila Davis

IMO Roy Nelson (Ruby's Brother)

Missions

Ted & Ruby Litzkow

IMO Audrey Anderson

General

Anderson Family



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

POINSETTIA — This shrub, native to Mexico, is at the heart of legend about a poor girl who wanted to bring Baby Jesus a gift one Christmas Eve. As she walked to church, she gathered a bouquet of weeds — which Jesus miraculously transformed into lovely red flowers. Thus the poinsettia (named for Joel Poinsett, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico who first brought the plant to America) is known in Mexico as la flor de la Nochebuena (flower of the Holy Night). The poinsettia is also an ideal Christmas symbol because its leaves turn red when deprived of sunlight and its flowers (the red inner buds) bloom in December.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

December: Bill Borgert, Nick Schaff, Bill Fisher

Altar Guild

December: Becky Nyhus, Char Larson, Barb Doty

Acolytes

Dec 7: Brielle & Addie Jeske, Ella Engemann
Dec 14: Tyler Sudbrink, Bentley Halopka, Caden Knutson
Dec 21: Brielle & Addie Jeske, Ella Engemann
Dec 28: Harper Humpal & Scott Kurshner

Communion Bread

December: TBD



Fellowship Servers

Dec 7: Brielle & Addie Jeske, Ella Engemann
Dec 14: Tyler Sudbrink, Bentley Halopka, Caden Knutson
Dec 21: Brielle & Addie Jeske, Ella Engemann
Dec 28: Harper Humpal & Scott Kurshner



Cake Bakers

Dec 7: Lydia Day
Dec 14: Emma Harvey
Dec 21: Brayden Witter
Dec 28: Charlie Chernak



Altar Flowers

Dec 7: IMO John Steies' Birthday from Larry & Sandy Wheeler

If you would like to put flowers on the altar for a special reason, please sign up on the 'Altar Flower Chart' on the Narthex Table. Please include the reason for the flowers so you can be recognized in the bulletin, *and a reminder to Parish Manager would be helpful.*

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Snow Removal

Nov 23– Dec 6: TBD



Sunday School Snacks

December: Kendall Prochnow
Laura Debee



Crew Snacks

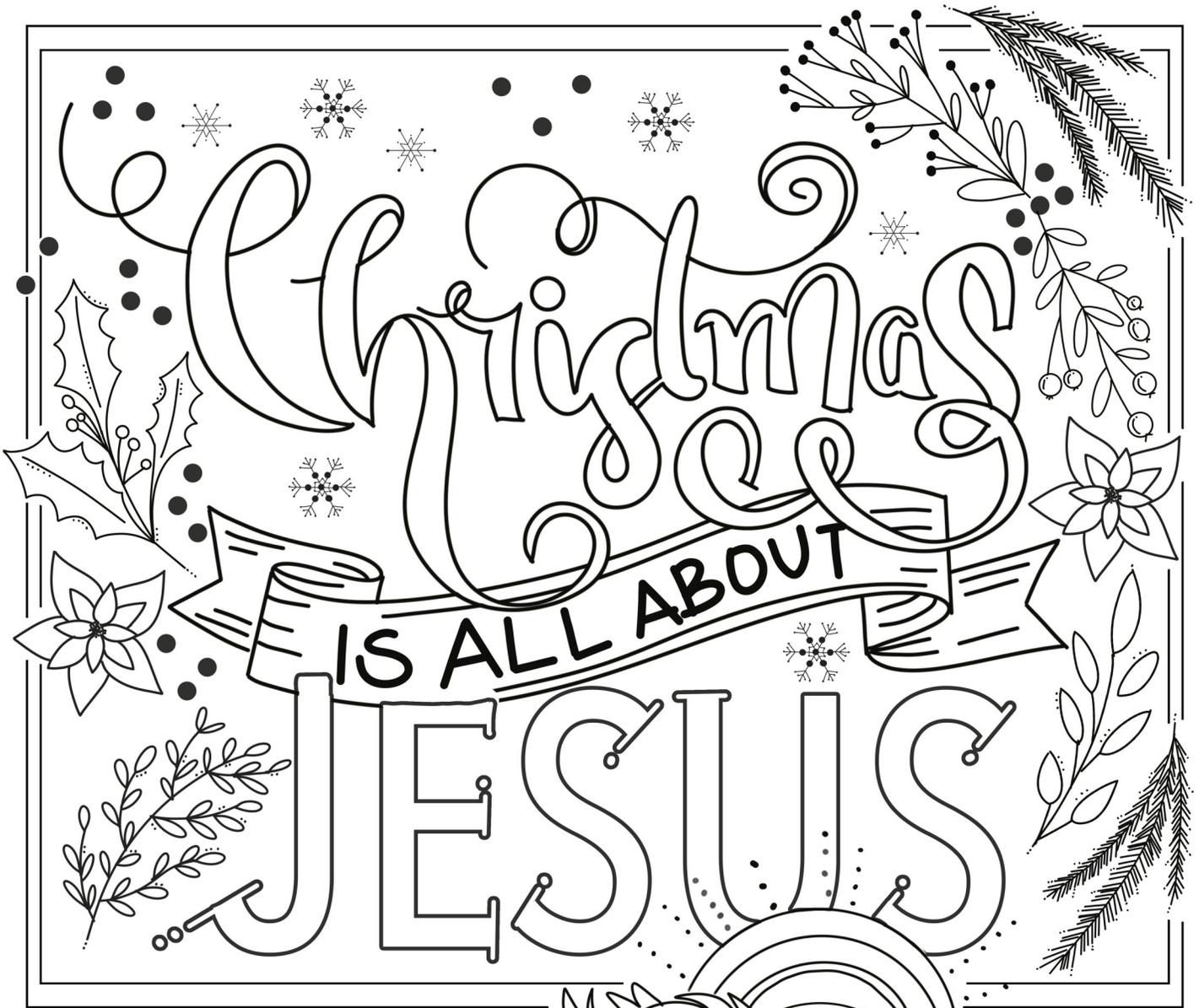
December 3 & 17: Dianne Vierling



SNOW PLOWING THIS WINTER

INTERESTED OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WE COULD CONTACT TO PLOW THE CHURCH PARKING LOT THIS WINTER??? CONTACT PB OR THE OFFICE

Thank you



"She will give birth to a son,
and you are to give him
the name Jesus, because
he will save his people
from their sins."

Matthew 1:21, NIV



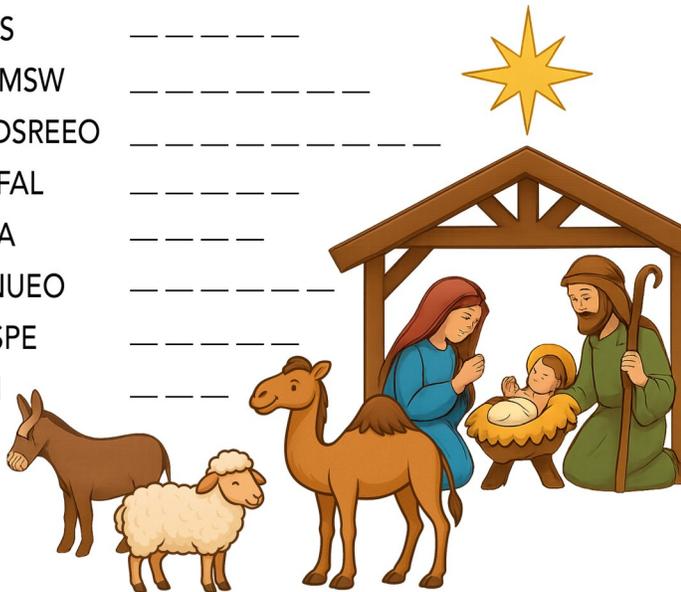
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Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHEME _____
- (2) NEAGLO _____
- (3) NRMEDAG _____
- (4) ODEKSNY _____
- (5) AMGYR _____
- (6) OHESJIP _____
- (7) EFJSUS _____
- (8) ITEENMSW _____
- (9) SPHHDSREEO _____
- (10) EMCFAL _____
- (11) TLSRA _____
- (12) CSSNUEO _____
- (13) HEVSP E _____
- (14) ENIN _____



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|-------|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| _____ | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | |
| _____ | | | | | | | |

Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Censur (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love

Christmas Card treasures



Turn old Christmas cards into beautiful keepsake ornaments! It's a fun, simple way to give new life to cards you've received and add a handmade touch to your tree.

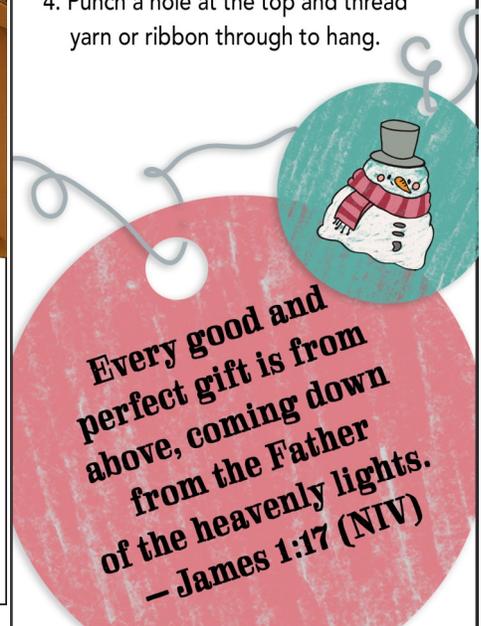
What you need:

- Christmas cards
- Scissors
- Glue
- Circle pattern (cut from cardboard or trace around object)
- Hole punch
- Yarn or ribbon
- Glitter (optional)



What you do:

1. Trace a circle onto two Christmas cards.
2. Cut out the circles and glue the backs together.
3. Decorate the edges with glitter or ribbon for extra sparkle.
4. Punch a hole at the top and thread yarn or ribbon through to hang.



Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.
— James 1:17 (NIV)



FALL SERVICE GROUPS

2025 / September-December

Randy & Peggy Schutz 715-556-2247

Scott & Holly Coombs
Stub & Linda Swenson
Albert & Michelle Kelly
Travis & Heather Duncan
Bill & Julie Fisher
Rebecca Johnson
Joe & Carla Johnson
Jerry & Noelle Krueger
Leonard & Judy Krueger
Ron & Deanna Steinberger
Chad & Angie Maes
Brian & Sandy Peterson
Ken & Kris Calrsud
Gary & Angie Gilbertson
Larry & Cheryl Polenec
Todd & Lisa Stuart
Jeremy & Carrie Bartos
Steve & Norma Stark

Brenda Dean 715-651-0388

John & Lori Bekkum
Steve & Jolene Bird
Harold & Lavonne Anderson
Barry & Heidi Guy
Lenny & Christina Lange
Jim & Melissa Keller
Dale & Lori Behling
Brad & Marlo Stevens
Kyle & Brittany Lohfink
Dennis & Beth Heifner
Tyan Vandevrede
Patrick & Paula Gretzlock
Mike & Tammy Bloom
Tyler & Samantha Bird
Dan & Janessa Kietzer
Lionel & Trudie Chernak
Paul & Donna Hedlund
Mary Hetzel

Joe & Mary Larson 715-505-3326

Chad & Sheila Lee
Marilyn Wheeler
Amy Steies
Josh & Darcy Hitz
Dave Miller
Bryon & Jennifer DeBell
Kelly & Diane Helland
Mike & Sandy Mittlestadt
Brad & Amy Peterson
Dave & Theresa Raehsler
Mike & Judy Kietzer
Dave & Kelly Stark
Joe & Amy Hellmann
Marlys Nusberger
Ken & Brenda Halverson
Mike & Barb Nelson
Jon & Diane Oakland

Len & Mary Lagerstrom 715-643-4951

Paul & Julie Behling
Adam & Denise Jeske
Eric & Terra Engeman
Scott & Dawn Edlin
Chris & Marcia Granley
Kerby & Darlene Lee
Ryan & Jennifer Marlett
Paul & Julie Wathke
Mike & Chelsea Reitz
Andrea Dominick
Jolene Wolff
Tony & Jacque Bowell
Darryl & Sherry Seeger
Darlene Schmidt
Greg & Bridget Ellis
Kathy Hanson
Steve & Becky Nyhus
Paul & Peggy Danovsky
Paul & Jessica Lindstrom

* Names in bold are contact people



We will once again beautify our church with poinsettias. If you would like to purchase one or more, please fill out the form below and return to the Church Office along with the purchase price of **\$10 per plant.**

Make check payable to: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Put "Flowers" in the Memo Line

The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 3rd

If you have any questions, please contact

Heather Knutson 715-456-9147

Number of Plants Ordered _____

Check one if desired:

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

Purchased by: _____

Check one if desired:

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

Purchased by: _____

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