

Trinity Today

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CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR * SCHEDULE *



ADVENT WORSHIP
DECEMBER 24, 2023
9:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE
(PAGEANT WITH LIVE ANIMALS
AND CANDLE LIGHTING)
DECEMBER 24, 2023
4:00 & 6:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2023
9:00 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MORNING
DECEMBER 31, 2023
9:00 A.M.

**December 10, 2023
9:00 a.m.**



**Bring a bell and ring along with the music.
Wassail, Coffee and Cookies will be served in the Foyer after the service.**

Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries - What Child Is This?

In Jesus' birth, God came down to earth for us. In *What Child Is This?* we see how Jesus, foretold by the prophets and confirmed by God as His own Beloved Son, is the Father's ancient promise fulfilled. Born to save us from our sins, this lowly Child triumphed over sin and death to become our Savior.

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Printed devotions are available in the foyer, narthex and Gathering Space or have them delivered right to your [inbox](#), [podcast](#) [the audio devotional](#), access them on your mobile device through the [FREE app](#), or listen with [Spotify](#), [iHeart Radio](#), [Alexa](#), or [Google Home](#). Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons.



This Year's Advent Video Devotionals:

Angels in Advent

In the tapestry of Christian beliefs, angels play a profound and awe-inspiring role as celestial messengers and guardians. This year's Advent video devotions will discuss how the Lord has used angels in Scripture to guide, protect and encourage His saints.

Embark on a spiritual odyssey as we delve into the rich tapestry of angelic encounters in the Bible and discover the insights they give us into how God uses these creatures to fulfill His plans.

We will explore the various types of angels mentioned in the Scriptures, from the mighty archangels to the gentle guardian angels who walk beside us daily. Each episode will unravel the significance of angelic interventions in biblical narratives, shedding light on their purpose in guiding and protecting believers.

Moreover, the devotional videos go beyond the theoretical understanding of angels and delve into the practical implications of their presence in our lives. Gain a renewed sense of hope and assurance as you discover how angels minister to believers in times of joy, sorrow, and spiritual battles.

We'll have a new devotional video on Monday through Saturday during Advent. Watch your email inbox for a link, or go to our YouTube playlist [here](#).



Wanted: Holiday Bakers

On Sunday, December 10th, Trinity members and guests will enjoy the sounds of Christmas at the annual Carols and Bells service at 9 a.m. Following the service, all are invited to enjoy homemade cookies and wassail in the foyer.

We need members to bake cookies, dessert bars, brownies, muffins or anything else that adds inches to the waistline. Please bring approximately three dozen treats to the foyer prior to the 9 a.m. service. If you want your container back, please label the bottom.

A signup sheet is located at the Welcome Desk. If you have questions, please call Sharon Balke at 713.249.5446.



Annual Christmas Video Bible Study

Pastor Dorn will be leading his annual Christmas Video Bible Study beginning on December 3rd. *The Polar Express* is the movie the group will be watching.

The Polar Express is about an unnamed boy who has reached an age when he questions whether Santa Claus is real. He has found much evidence to disprove Santa's existence, including a World Book encyclopedia that says that the North Pole is "devoid of life." But on Christmas Eve the boy is picked up by The Polar Express, a magical train that takes select children to the North Pole. The train takes the boy and his new friends on an icy roller coaster ride that, on multiple occasions, nearly ends in disaster.

The Polar Express is a story of faith. The film contains no religious imagery, quotes no Scriptures, and never mentions God, yet *The Polar Express* is a movie that touches the spirit with lessons about belief and friendship. It will undoubtedly prompt discussion on difficult spiritual questions such as, "What does it mean to believe—to truly believe?"

The movie is rated G and the study is open to all ages. Fresh popped popcorn will be served! The study will be held in Room 123 (Pastor Dorn's Office) at 10:15 a.m.



Donations for Homeless

Please consider donating cold weather gear to be given upon request on cold days to the homeless population who come to Trinity for a sack lunch. Items should be new or clean, slightly worn items. A majority of those coming for a sack lunch are adult males requiring a large or extra-large size.

Suggested items to donate include: jackets, stocking caps, gloves, socks (white preferred). Gloves are especially needed. You may place your donated item(s) in the marked receptacle located next to the Welcome desk in the foyer. Thanks in advance for your generosity.



Holy Smokers Christmas Sale

Reserve your Holy Smokers brisket, pulled pork, and sausage for the Christmas Holidays.

- Briskets are \$20 per lb. and will be shrink wrapped and frozen. They take 2 days to thaw before reheating. Briskets weigh 5-7 lbs. for a whole and 3-4 lbs. for a half.
- Pulled pork is \$15 per lb. and will be shrink wrapped and frozen in packages of 2, 4 and 6 lbs.
- Sausage links will be shrink wrapped and frozen in packages of 2 for \$10, 4 for \$20, and 6 for \$25.



The meat will be ready for pickup on Sunday morning, December 10th. **Deadline to order is December 1st.** Place your order by calling Stefanie at 713.224.0684 (M-TH, 8:30 - 2:30) or by going to the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings. For questions email Mark Anderson at ms84anderson@gmail.com or text at 713.582.1450.

Poinsettia Donations

We have ordered poinsettias (\$12.00 each) to adorn our worship area on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you are interested in donating a plant(s) which may be taken home with you after the Christmas Day service, please order in one of the two ways listed below.

- Complete the form [online](#) and submit your payment by mailing a check earmarked for poinsettias to the church office or submit payment [online](#).
- Write your dedication(s) on the Poinsettia order form available at the Welcome Center. Insert your check and form in the envelope provided and place in the Poinsettia box.



There is no limit on the number of poinsettias you can order. Deadline to order poinsettias and have dedication included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day online service folders is Sunday, December 17. Contact Pam Schroeder at pschroeder@trinitydt.org with any questions.

Christmas Concert Opportunities at Trinity and Beyond!



casulana
Women's Choir of Houston
presents
**SOUNDS OF
THE SEASON**

Janwin Overstreet-Goode and
Neena Taylor, Artistic Directors

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 3 p.m.
Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave. 77007

Tickets at <https://casulana.org>



MUSIC DEPARTMENT
CONCORDIA
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You're Invited To
Concordia University Texas
December Choir Tour

Friday 10:00 AM	1	December 2023 Salem Lutheran Church, Tomball, TX
Saturday 7:00 PM	2	December 2023 Hope Lutheran Church, Friendswood, TX
Sunday 9:00 AM	3	December 2023 Trinity Lutheran Church, Houston, TX
Sunday 3:00 PM	3	December 2023 Living Word Lutheran Church, The Woodlands, TX



**Houston
Lutheran
Chorale**

**Presents
Christmas 2023**

“The Night the Angels Sang”

<p>Friday, December 1 7:30pm Memorial Katy Lutheran Church 5810 3rd St Katy, TX 77493</p>	<p>Saturday, December 2 7:30pm New Life Lutheran Church 3521 E Orange St Pearland, TX 77581</p>
<p>Sunday, December 3 4:00pm Immanuel Lutheran Church 306 E 15th St Houston, TX 77008</p>	

Finance Corner - December 2023

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16 ESV

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Downtown:

Your generosity to the Magnify Capital Campaign officially ends at the end of 2023. As of October 31st, we've received *pledges* of \$760,273 (which exceeds our original \$750,000 goal!) We've received *gifts* of \$741,347 (again, through October 31st), and greatly appreciate those that have met (or exceeded) their pledge. If you've not yet fulfilled your pledge, please remember that the Campaign officially ends on December 31st. **As a reminder, any funds received that exceed our \$750,000 goal will go toward replenishing the cash reserves that were used to fund a significant portion of the Sanctuary Refresh. Thank you so much for your generosity!**



Home Treasury Remains Under Budget

Unfortunately, giving to the general needs of the church remains under budget. Through the end of October, tithes and offerings were 12% (or roughly \$179,000) lower than our annual budget. Giving so far in 2023 has been \$46,000 less than 2022's offerings during the same period.

Please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you respond to our financial shortage during the last month of 2023. Your gifts of time, treasure and prayer are an important way you can participate in sharing the love of Christ to our city, and to keep our ministries operating at full speed.

Here's a quick summary of other "visible results" through October:

October 2023 Summary			
	In-person	Online	Oct. 2022
Average Worship Attendance	251	147	365
	Adults	Students	Oct. 2022
Avg. Discipleship Hour Attendance	159	56	202
	Actual	Budgeted	Last Year
October 2023 tithes and offerings	\$139,216	\$152,489	\$152,351
Year-to-date 2023 tithes and offerings	\$1,278,929	\$1,457,489	\$1,325,373
	Received	Pledged	Last Year
Magnify Campaign gifts thru 10/31/2023	\$741,347	\$760,273	N/A

Honored to serve you,
Ron Lacy, CFO

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Governing Board Members Elected for 2024

At our annual Congregational Assembly on Sunday, November 12th, Tim Grady (Elder), Brent Laumen and Cassie McGarvey were elected to serve on the 2024 Governing Board.



Tim Grady, Elder



Brent Laumen



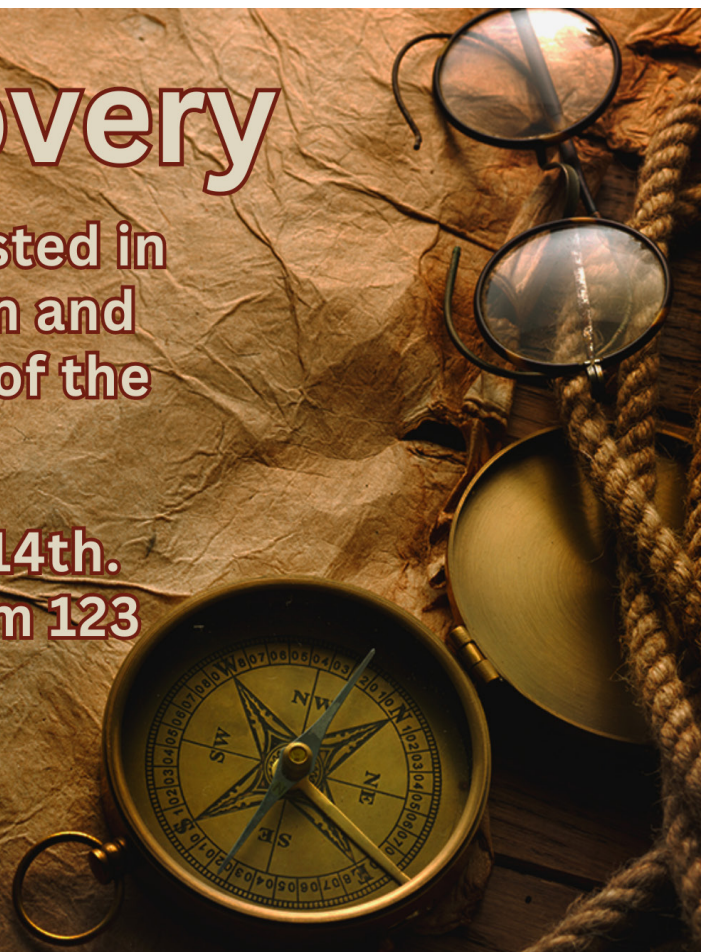
Cassie McGarvey

Faith Discovery

Class for persons interested in joining Trinity Downtown and those wanting a refresh of the Christian faith.

Class starts on January 14th.
10:15 - 11:15 a.m. in Room 123

Contact Pastor Dorn at
mdorn@trinitydt.org
for more information.



Connecting Our Families with a New Pictorial Directory!

We have had a great response of Trinity members coming to have their picture taken for the directory. We want to make sure everyone has had a chance to have their picture taken so **we will have one more photography day on Sunday, January 7th.**

Our photographer, Dag Calafell, will be available to take your picture from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Gym. No reservation is needed.

The process is quick and easy. Everything is done in-house so you won't be asked to purchase anything and each household who participates will receive a printed directory in January. Non-participants may purchase a printed directory for \$10.00.

If you would like to submit your own photo, please email your picture to pschroeder@trinitydt.org. Please include names of family members, address, phone number and email address. Pictures should be landscape and JPG format.



Membership Report

The following are the changes to membership approved at the October 2023 Governing Board meeting as well as new members received on November 12th.

MEMBERSHIP IN

Baptisms

- James Presley Martinez — 10/29/2023

Profession of Faith (11/12/2023)

- Nancy Cevallos
- Raul & Pat Cruz
- Cathy Irvine
- Christian Kimmel
- Jim & Genie Matthews
- Richard & Erika Nunez

MEMBERSHIP OUT

To Glory

- Clinton Heine, Jr. — 10/06/2023

Thank You Everyone

Thank you Trinity members and friends and LEAH school families for your outpouring of love on November 12th. I was speaking with Pastor Black and I told him I think this was the greatest response for the food drive that we can remember. We think it's important to know this food goes directly to the community God has called us to serve. The international effort to end hunger is extremely important and necessary but the need right here in our neighborhood is just as real. Again, thank you all and our partners at St. Joseph's. We love because God first loved us!

Praise God,
Steve, Tana and Zach Bell



Hey, Trinity Families!

November was a blast! We had so much fun painting pumpkins and playing games, check out a few of our photos!



We also had an amazing time decorating the youth and children's areas for the Christmas Season!



December looks forward to our first Mission Trip Information Meeting on December 3rd for both high school and middle school. We will also have our Youth Christmas Party on December 10th planned by our Youth Leadership Team. We will have a Confirmation Christmas party at Pastor Dorn's House as well during December. Our Children's Ministry will have their Christmas Party on December 17th.

Don't forget to pick up your family Advent activity set in the Foyer, Gathering Space or Narthex.



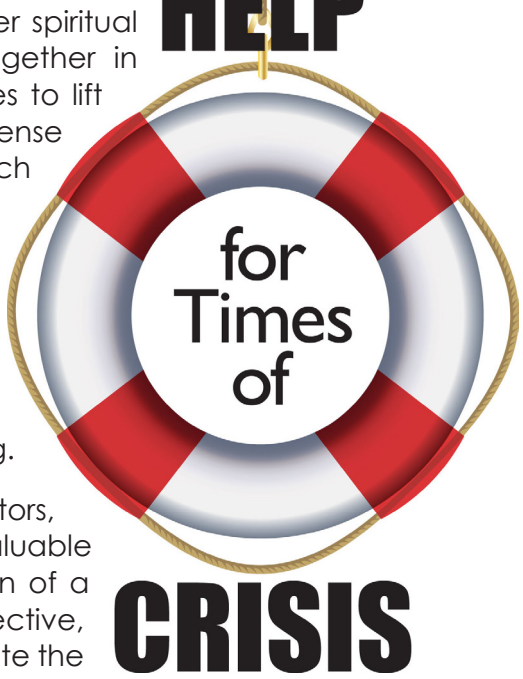
We look forward to a wonderful Christmas Season together Celebrating Jesus and God's rescue plan!

Blessings,

Haley Davisson, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

Unwavering Support: The Role of Friends and Church Members in Times of Crisis

In times of crisis, the intersection of faith and friendship can become a powerful source of strength and solace. The bonds formed within a church community are akin to an extended family, and provides a way God can provide meaningful support to His children who are navigating the storm of a crisis.

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- 1. Prayer and Spiritual Comfort:** Church members can offer spiritual support through prayer and shared faith. Coming together in prayer circles or dedicating time during worship services to lift up the individual facing a crisis can provide a profound sense of comfort and connection to both the Lord and to each other.
 - 2. Community Outreach and Assistance:** Beyond spiritual support, the practical assistance of friends and church members can be a beacon of hope. Organizing meal trains, providing transportation, or helping with daily chores can alleviate the burdens that often accompany a crisis, allowing the individual to focus on their well-being.
 - 3. Pastoral Guidance and Counseling:** Church leaders, pastors, or Stephen Ministers within our congregation can offer valuable guidance and counseling. The wisdom and compassion of a trusted spiritual leader can provide a unique perspective, helping the individual find solace in their faith and navigate the emotional complexities of the crisis.
 - 4. Fellowship and Social Connection:** The sense of belonging within a church community is a powerful force. Friends and church members can offer fellowship and social connection, ensuring that no one feels isolated during their challenging times. Inclusion in community events or small group activities fosters a supportive network.
 - 5. Educating and Raising Awareness:** Sometimes, crises come with a lack of understanding from the broader community. Friends and church members can play a role in educating others about the nature of the crisis, fostering empathy, and dispelling misconceptions. Creating an environment of understanding and support within the church community is a step toward building a more compassionate world.
 - 6. Material and Financial Support:** Practical needs during a crisis can extend beyond the emotional and spiritual. Friends and church members can contribute to material and financial support through collections, fundraisers, or donations. Addressing tangible needs demonstrates a commitment to standing alongside the individual in both words and deeds.
 - 7. Consistent Check-ins and Encouragement:** Regular check-ins, accompanied by words of encouragement, are essential. Friends and church members can provide a consistent source of emotional support by expressing care, sending messages of hope, and being present in times of need. Knowing that they are not alone in their journey can make a significant difference.

Jesus designed the Church to be His “hands and feet” and play a formidable role in helping fellow believers weather the storms of life. Through prayer, practical assistance, pastoral guidance, fellowship, education, material support, and consistent check-ins, friends and church members can create a

robust support system. By embodying Jesus' teachings of compassion and love, they can serve as beacons of hope, demonstrating the power of faith in action during times of crisis.

If you have feelings of loneliness, experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge or simply going through a tough time, Stephen Ministers are commissioned members of our congregation who have received specialized training to equip them to provide Christ-focused, empathetic, highly confidential care and prayer support.

If you'd like to learn more about how our Stephen Ministry could provide a listening ear and caring heart for yourself, a loved one, friend, neighbor or co-worker (inside or outside our congregation) please speak with one of our pastors, or reach out to Ron Lacy at rlacy@trinitydt.org or 713.229.2970.

Trinity Ladies Meeting and Luncheon - December 7th

Our Christmas luncheon (celebrating October, November and December birthdays) on December 7th will include a special Christmas show by the LEAH Downtown Academy preschool children, the presentation of the bears to Debbie of Breaking Boundaries, a short time of Bible study of the next chapter of our book and signing of Christmas cards for our homebound members. We will meet in the Mary & Martha Fellowship Hall. Moms of the preschoolers will also be visiting with us so please bring a main course and either a vegetable/salad, fruit or dessert.



A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Bake Sale and Bazaar. It was a total success as we raised \$1,647.10 which will be used to purchase bears to provide hugs to needy children. An additional \$250.00 of Thrivent Action Team money will be used to purchase additional bears. Anyone wishing to donate bears should bring them to the church no later than the December 7th meeting.

Please remember we do not have a meeting in January. We will meet again in February.



Save the Date - Saturday, January 27 at 4:00 p.m. to support the fundraiser for Orphan Grain Train (OGT). More details coming your way soon.

If you are moved to be an underwriter for the event contact OGT Board member, Erika Adams at eadamsOGT@gmail.com.

Trinity's Old Pews

Trinity's old pews have found a new church home at San Romero Episcopal Church and were dedicated on Saturday, November 18. The Trinity Lutheran pews look excellent in this small church. We pray that the pews will be filled with worshipers of our Lord and Savior for many years.



2023 GOVERNING BOARD

Jim Baccus (Elder)
Lori Dixon
Pastor Michael Dorn
Mike Gilmore (Elder)
Tim Grady (Chair/Elder)
Ross Krueger
Cassandra McGarvey
(V. Chair)
Marie Munier
Mary Oliver
Cynthia Roney
Chris Sonneborn (Elder/Sec.)
Mike Sterling (Elder)

*Minutes of the Governing Board
are available to our members at
the Welcome Center.*

Magnify Campaign Update

- The Magnify campaign officially ends on December 31st.
- The campaign is the first step in our plan to revitalize our facilities and through these improvements carry out the Lord's Great Commission to bring others into our Trinity community, both through worship services and other community outreach events, such as performances and concerts.
- We are pleased to report that through October 31st, pledges to the Magnify campaign total \$760,273, which exceeds our goal. Actual gifts received total \$741,347, which is 98% of the total funds pledged.



- Any capital campaign donations above the original campaign goal of \$750,000 will be used to offset the construction costs that were paid for out of the church's cash reserves.
- Thank you to all who have supported this renovation, through your gifts, prayers, and encouragement. Since the Magnify campaign concludes at the end of 2023, please make every effort to fulfill your pledge. If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider how you might participate in this effort to bring the grace and love of Jesus to our community.

We have three videos that highlight how the funds from the Magnify campaign were used to refresh our Sanctuary. You may view them using these links:

[5 minute "looking back" video](#)

[1 minute giving opportunity video](#)

[1 minute thank you video](#)

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Blood Donor Sunday

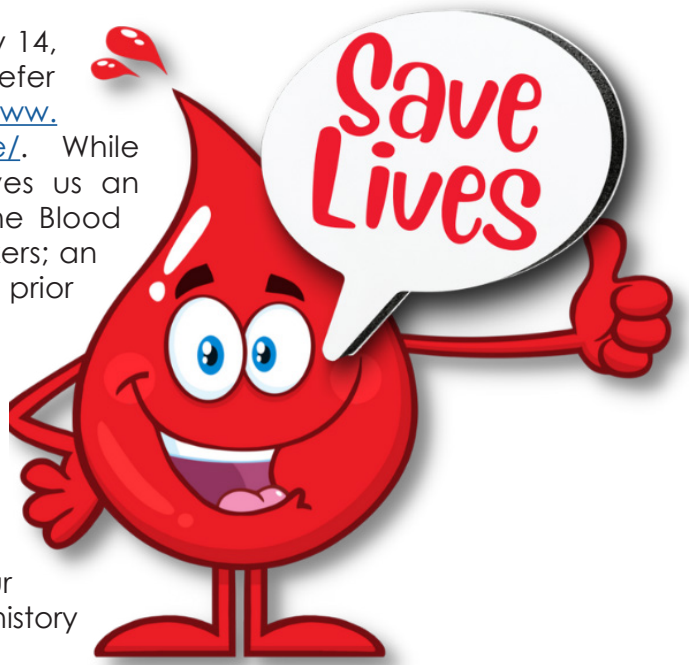
Our next Blood Donor Sunday will be held January 14, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gym. If you would prefer a special time, please sign up online at https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/. While scheduling an appointment ahead of time gives us an estimate of how many donors to expect and the Blood Center sends out the appropriate number of workers; an added bonus is we take scheduled appointments prior to walk-ups.

We look forward to a very successful drive. Double red cell and combination whole blood and plasma machines will be available for those wishing to donate that way. Both count for two donations.

Save time with the DIGITAL DONOR APP. The App makes it easy to find a blood drive, schedule your donation and answer the CFL Express Pass health history interview before you arrive.

REMINDER!! The minimum donor age requirement to give blood is 16 years old with a parent's permission. Weight must be 122 lbs. (still 110 lbs. for 17 and older) and in general good health.

REMEMBER: one unit of blood can save as many as three lives as it is broken down into three components – red blood cells, platelets and plasma.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

"WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A
JOYFUL AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR FILLED WITH LOVE
AND LAUGHTER."

Your Trinity Downtown Staff



Children, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Please consider joining one or more of our Bible studies. It's a wonderful way to begin a new spiritual discipline. Virtual login information is available on Trinity's website www.trinitydt.org. Children and youth classes are in person unless indicated otherwise. Adult classes are either virtual, in person or hybrid.

SUNDAYS - CHILDREN (10:15 - 11:15 AM)

Nursery (Infants - age 2) - Room 234

Kingdom Quest 2 & 3 year olds - Room 233

Kingdom Quest 4 & 5 year olds - Room 232

Kingdom Quest 1st Grade - 4th Grade - Kingdom Hall (basement)

Casa 'de Oracion Spanish (all grades) - Room 209



SUNDAYS - YOUTH

Foundations 56 (5th-6th grades) - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 207

Confirmation (7th-8th grades) - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 208

High School (7th-12th grades) - 10:15-11:15 AM - Underground

SUNDAYS - ADULT

Call Him Immanuel, God With Us

Led by Jim Cleary - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 205 - Hybrid

We have a God who actually walked among us, feeling everything we feel, experiencing all that we experience. Join us this Advent as we look at lessons from Jesus' life that emphasize His humanity. Discussion-oriented.

Discipleship Bible Study - The Whole Story - Creation to Jesus

Led by Group of Members - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 125 - In Person

This Bible study series covers creation through the redemptive story in the Old Testament. It is perfect for people interested in learning a simple and reproducible model to study Scripture in a group setting. The study is sponsored and facilitated by a committed group of members at Trinity Downtown. Participants can come and go throughout the series.

History of Church Controversies

Led by Thomas DeVries and Anthony Flaviani - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 206 - In Person

The Church is Christ's perfect bride, until you involve people. As soon as Christ left the Earth, that's what happened and over the next 2,000 years we have jumped from one controversy or heresy to the next; dividing ourselves along the way. Each week will be a stand-alone lesson on a controversy starting with the book of Acts and moving towards the present day. Learn from their mistakes not only as a church, but as individuals in our own lives and our own controversies.

Isaiah - The Herald of the Messiah

Led by Bill Fischer - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 201 - Hybrid

Christmas in July is a popular summer device for sales, TV shows and movies. We will continue our own celebration looking toward Christmas with Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet who is quoted more than any other in the New Testament. Many, and probably most of these, point to the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. This is not a thorough verse by verse study, but rather a look at selected passages that highlight God's promises of our Savior through Isaiah.

Prayer and Praise: Psalms and Hymns

Led by Pastor Paul Dorn - 7:00-8:00 PM - Virtual

Psalms are often quoted by the New Testament writers. The psalms were the prayer and song book of God's people both in Old and New Testament times. Class members will discuss psalms and hymns that have been meaningful to them. We will be looking at what the psalms mean for us now as we pray them. At the same time

the class will discuss hymns and songs written in our times. The class will meet each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please email Pastor Paul Dorn at pbdorn6@gmail.com if you wish to be part of this study and he will send you a link for the Zoom meeting.

The Bible Alive ... God In Action

Led by John Reisig - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 124 - In Person

In this study, each Sunday offers a single stand alone topic. The material covered each week will provide a meaningful experience for regular participants, visitors to Trinity Downtown, and for those simply looking to get back into a routine of attending Bible study. The single topic format insures that no one will be lost or feel behind during the study, and will feel welcome and encouraged to attend at any time. Bibles will be provided and utilized each week. Providing historical context to the scriptural message, and modern application of His word, the Bible will "Come Alive," and show that God has been working throughout history, and is still working today out of love for His people.

The Spiritual Life - A Study on 1st Corinthians

Led by Pastor Jose Flores of Casa 'de Oracion - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 211 - In Person (Spanish Speaking)

Paul writes to the Church in Corinth instructing them regarding spiritual life in the context of the local church. The Church is called to live a life empowered by the Spirit of God.

TUESDAYS - ADULTS

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study - LifeLight: Acts, Part II

Led by Karen Maynard - 10:00-11:30 AM - Room 205 - Hybrid

This study is part of the LifeLight Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Young Adult Bible Study

Led by Maddie Meier - 7:15 PM on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Virtual via Zoom
(Meeting ID: 870 6099 1252, Passcode: 694814)

Young adults are encouraged to join this virtual fellowship hour diving into the Lord's word, celebrating one another's accomplishments, supporting each other through the trials of young adulthood, and praying over one another.

Who is welcome: Age is but a number. This Bible study is geared towards anyone that would consider themselves a "young adult". Whether you are a seeker, a new Christian, or a seasoned disciple this space is for you.

WEDNESDAYS - ADULTS

I Am

Led by Mary Oliver - 6:30-7:45 PM - Virtual

This class will take a break during December and resume on January 10th.

Virtual Midweek Spiritual Check-in

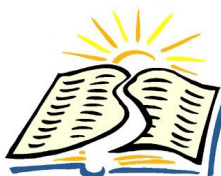
Led by Jim Cleary - 7:00-8:00 PM - Virtual

THURSDAYS - ADULTS

Sonrise Bible Study

Led by Bill Fischer, Pastor Black and individual class members - 7:30-8:30 AM - Virtual

This member-led virtual class primarily discusses the Scripture readings assigned for the following Sunday. The class is open to men and women. For more information contact Bill Fischer at 832.459.3241 or the church office.



Explore God's Word With Us!



Life Quotes - December 24

"This time of the year always fills us with cheer
 But the reason we celebrate is not always clear
 The cookies, the lights, the presents, the tree
 The carols, the decorations, the family parties
 But all of the delight and all of the fun
 Does not mean a thing if we don't know God's Son
 The tiny baby that was born to die
 Can sometimes cause us to stop and ask why
 Do we really deserve the sacrifice He made?
 Are we worth the offering and the price that was paid?
 In His eyes, we are, because He made us His own
 And on the cross, the ultimate love was shown
 So take joy in the season and spread His true love
 But always remember the gift from above!"

Jerrod Nelson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



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