

# A Community

## Following Jesus

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# The Messenger

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## Advent and Christmas 2019: "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

By Ben A. Spalding

Once again, the beautiful and meaningful season of Advent is upon us and our theme this year comes from Charles Wesley's (1707-1788) great hymn, "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" (LSB 336). The great text uses events of the past to remind us who we are in our faith, to set a vision of what the future holds, and to state who our God is.

Although the historical record is not completely verified, it appears that our Advent observance arose out of a season of fasting to prepare for baptisms at Epiphany. By the sixth century, an eschatological (or end times) emphasis was present. The liturgical season comprises the four Sundays before Christmas. Each year, the first Sunday contains the theme of readiness for divine judgment, the second Sunday the ministry of John the Baptist, the third Sunday the Baptist's call to a repentant life, and only on the fourth Sunday a



Artwork by Ron DiCianni, *The Second Coming of Jesus Christ*

narrative concerning the birth of Jesus. God comes, in the past in the history of Israel and the incarnation of Jesus, in the present in the Word and sacrament of each Sunday, and in the

future at the end of all things. The lectionary appoints readings to fit this pattern, and its tone stands in stark contrast to our society's weeks of preparation

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## Lo, He Comes...

"... with Justice and Peace"

Advent 1—Isaiah 2:1-5

"... to Make All Things Right for All People"

Advent 2—Isaiah 11:1-10

"... with Joy and Singing" (*the joyful Sunday in Advent*)

Advent 3—Isaiah 35:1-10

"... as 'Immanuel,' God with Us"

Advent 4—Isaiah 7:10-17

"... as the 'Great Light' in the 'Deep Darkness'"

Christmas Eve—Isaiah 9:2-7



# Seasonal Worship

## *Lo He Comes (continued)*

for Christmas.

This year, we have commissioned Susan Hovel (wife of Trinity Pastor Emeritus Lee Hovel) to create five paintings that emulate the themes found in our Isaiah readings. The first of these paintings will be on display starting Advent 1 at both campuses and each subse-

quent painting will be added week by week until the full display is revealed on Christmas Eve. We will also be providing cards where you can write down a response to each of the paintings and attach them to the display.

Our theme hymn helps our worshipping community cre-

ate a sense of excitement and urgency this Advent season. This drives us toward the hoped-for day when we sing “Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thy eternal throne; Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Everlasting God, come down!”

## *Advent Lessons and Carols: “E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”*

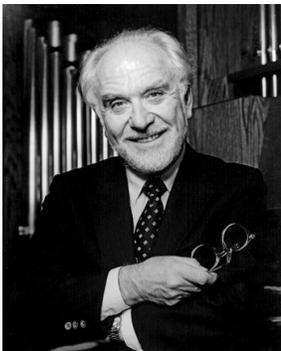
*By Ben A. Spalding*

**Saturday, December 7  
5:30pm**

Trinity's annual Advent Lessons and Carols is given this year in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of American organist and Lutheran composer Dr. Paul O. Manz. Paul Manz is largely credited with the

creation of the modern hymn festival and over the course of his long and fruitful career he wrote and played thousands of hymn festivals. All the music utilized in this service was composed by Manz himself and will be interwoven with traditional Advent scripture

lessons. We come together to give thanks and to praise God for the life and work of Paul Manz and for the lavish grace that has filled our lives so richly and abundantly as it is proclaimed through the gift of music. Soli Deo Gloria!



## *German Service of Lessons and Carols at Trinity*

*By Lara West*

**Monday, December 16  
7pm  
Mission Campus**

All are invited to a German language service of Advent and Christmas lessons and

carols, on Monday, December 16, at 7pm at Trinity's Mission campus. This service is sponsored by the KC German Language Meet-up group and other area German clubs. Music will in-

clude congregational carols, vocal solos, and songs from the Liederkranz Singers. A fellowship time will follow the service. Contact Organist Lara West with questions, [lara@tlcms.org](mailto:lara@tlcms.org).

*Weihnachtsgottesdienst in  
deutscher Sprache*

*German Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols*





## Christmas Eve Worship

By Ben A. Spalding

### Christmas Eve Worship with Children, Youth, and Families

*4pm, Mission Campus*

This family-friendly service features traditional Christmas carols, candles, and a special children's message, as well as a sermon.

### Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

*6pm, Mission Campus*

This annual celebration on Christmas Eve is designed for people who are looking for a traditional Lessons and Carols service. Music is provided by the Trinity Choir and Festival Brass with Christmas carols and hymns sung by the congregation. No sermon is typically given.

### Christmas Eve by Candlelight with Communion

*9:30pm, Mission Campus*

The Trinity Chamber Artists offer special music with additional congregational hymns and carols in this festival service. A sermon, candles, and Holy Communion are included.

### Christmas Eve Worship with Children and Families

*4 and 6pm, Shawnee Campus*

This Christmas Eve Worship is designed to include families, children, special music, communion, and candles.

## Children's Christmas Worship: Jesus Lights the Way

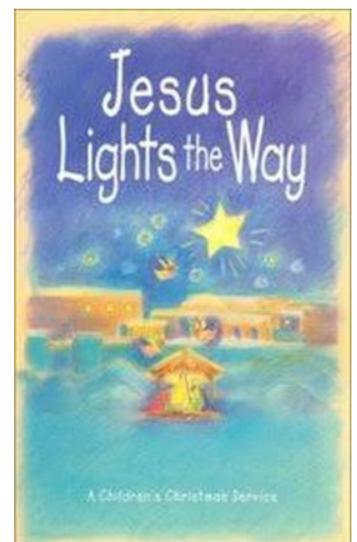
By Rhonda Synovec

*Shawnee Campus, December 8, 11am Worship*

*Mission Campus, December 15, 9:45am Worship*

The world was bright until one day,  
Sin came and chased the light away.  
Adam and Eve gave sin its start.  
They disobeyed and broke God's heart.  
And ever since we too all sin.  
We fight evil but cannot win.  
God knows our grief and made a plan  
To give new life and joy again.  
He would send a Savior true  
For Eve and Adam, me and you.  
He sent Jesus down to earth  
To bring new light and give new birth.

You are invited to join us as the children lead us in worship to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our promised Savior. Jesus Lights the Way—bringing light to a world in darkness. He came to bring new light, new life, and set us free. Jesus lights the way for you and me.



# Giving Thanks

## Thanksgiving Eve Services

By Pastor Benjamin Vineyard

Wednesday, November 27, 7pm  
Both Campuses



Jesus has shown us God's gracious love, a love that has arrived in so many ways. On Thanksgiving Eve, we have an opportunity to gather, center our hearts, and share our gratitude for God's grace and care.

## 2019 Mini-Grant Recipient: Camp MITIOG

By Wayne Meyer



### Farewell

for Pastor Ben  
Sunday mornings

November 24  
Shawnee Campus

December 1  
Mission Campus

**Camp MITIOG** (an acronym for Made In The Image Of God) is a week-long camp that is held every summer in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, for children born with spina bifida. This camp is one of only a few in the nation like it, as children with spina bifida require special camp programming and staffing, and even rarer still is that the camp is provided at no charge to the campers. Camp MITIOG is funded completely by donations and grants. The counselors and staff volunteer their time in planning throughout the year and working at the camp every summer. For the campers, what makes this camp so special is that it is the only place in their worlds where they feel 'normal.' All of their camp friends have the same condition they do, and all of the activities are planned with their abilities in mind.

**How the Mini-Grant Was Used:** "We feel very blessed and are so thankful to have been a recipient of one of Trinity's Mini-Grants. The money that we have received has been used to help pay for camp to be held every summer. At a cost of approximately \$40,000 per year, for campground rental (lodging and food for 150+ people) and programing costs (craft supplies, camp t-shirts, and name tags, snacks, year-books, etc.) fundraising has always been an outstanding challenge. There have been years that we have worried that the camp wouldn't happen, as funds have dwindled. With generous support from donors like Trinity, we have now been able to continuously provide this summer camp experience, for our sweet campers, for over 50 years."

**Volunteer Opportunities:** As the camp is run entirely by volunteers, there are many opportunities where interested people can contribute to the camp. Camp MITIOG has a 1:1 Camper/Counselor ratio, so they are always looking for responsible and caring people to serve as counselors—generally high schoolers (minimum age of 16), college students, and young adults fill these positions. We occasionally have needs in our staffing as well for adults of any age who are able to commit a week of their summer to teaching camp 'classes' or assisting with the nursing department (Student nurses, LPNs, RNs or NPs). Applications for these positions, as well as more information on Camp MITIOG, can be found at [www.campmitiog.org](http://www.campmitiog.org).

# Sing His Praise!

## Handel's Messiah

By Ben A. Spalding

Composed in a mere twenty-four days, Handel's *Messiah* continues to be the composer's most popular work and may well be the most performed classical work of all time. The Spire Chamber Ensemble and Baroque Orchestra performs this masterpiece under candlelight with period instruments like you have never heard be-

fore...inspiring, dazzling, joyous! This year we bring *Messiah* to your neighborhood in three visually stunning and acoustically stimulating venues. Don't miss this Christmastime concert experience where we transport you back in time to eighteenth century English cathedrals!



\$30 General Admission

\$45 Premiere Seating and Invitation to Open Rehearsal/Meet the Artists

**Purchase tickets at [SpireChamberEnsemble.org](http://SpireChamberEnsemble.org).**



**Friday, December 20,  
7pm**

Grace Episcopal Cathedral  
701 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66603



**Saturday, December 21  
7:30pm**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
11 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111



**Sunday, December 22  
1:30pm**

St. Michael the Archangel  
Catholic Church  
14251 Nall Avenue  
Leawood, KS 66223

## Memory Verse

**Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.  
Psalm 98: 1**



# Spiritual Preparation

## *The Gift of the Present Moment Pre-Advent Class*

*By Pastor Benjamin Vineyard*



***Sundays, 9:45am  
November 17 and 24  
Shawnee Campus***

Some say when Advent gets here it feels too late to prepare, to set aside time for contemplating the real meaning of Advent and the

coming of Christ. By late November, schedules and life are already swept into the flurry of holiday activity, and many on December 26 look back and wonder where the time went, how their desire to attend to the

spiritual meaning of Advent faded in the flurry. If this strikes a chord, you're invited to a conversation on how to listen to God, be present to others, and make sacred space in our Advent season.

## *Advent Classes—Advent of the Savior*

*By Pastor Benjamin Vineyard*

Devotional time is often in solitude, and hopefully a blissful solitude at that. We also find enrichment in the journey of faith when we gather for conversation. We hope these Advent classes or conversations are beneficial for your journey.

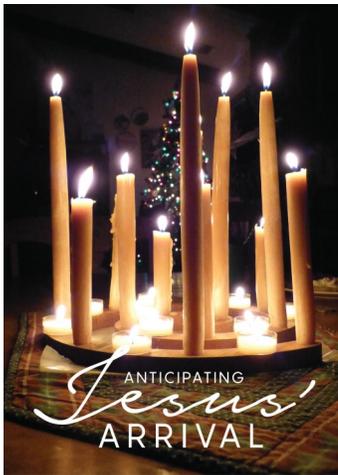
***Sundays in Advent  
December 1, 8, 15, 22***

***Mission Campus  
Fellowship Hall***

***Shawnee Campus  
Worship Center***

In the hopes that you will get a fresh vision of the coming of Christ, this class will explore different angles from which to view the birth of Christ—the perspective of his parents, his aunt and uncle, shepherds doing a day's work, far-off Magi, and nearby despots—even the perspective of the

prophets who preceded him by centuries. We hope exploring these different perspectives deepens your perception of who Christ is for you and why he is such a precious gift to cherish.





## *Devotions and Studies for the Heart of Advent*

*By Pastor Benjamin Vineyard*

The season of Advent is itself a gift and I encourage you to take the time to receive it. Prepare your hearts for the Christ who is, who was, who will come again—notice him. Somehow, this time of year lends itself well to such seeing, and I hope these devotional tools and study opportunities help you in the journey.



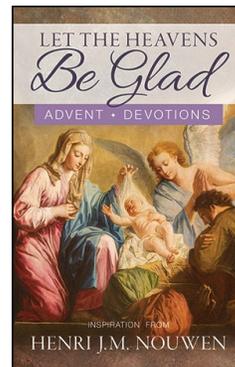
### **Advent 2019 Devotional by Pastor Benjamin Vineyard**

Join Pastor Ben in this last Advent together at Trinity. Scriptures, questions, thoughts, and prayers will be woven together in the hope of encouraging you to walk side by side with Jesus this Advent. Remember Jesus, the one who came; anticipate Jesus, the one who promises to return; and dwell with Jesus, the one who says he is always with you. Booklets will be available, but this devotion is also sent out as a daily email through Advent. Subscribe to the email here: <http://eepurl.com/deerRz>.



### **Come to Bethlehem and See - Sticker Book and Poster Combo**

What is so important that it is drawing the attention of the whole world to the little town of Bethlehem? Come to Bethlehem and see for yourself! Help children travel to Bethlehem, too, this Advent season and share the excitement as they read these rhyming daily devotions and add stickers each day to the Bethlehem centerpiece. Daily Scripture references are included. Great for ages 4-10.



### **Let the Heavens Be Glad**

We with all of heaven are gladdened by the good news of the coming Christ Child to save us. And, we are blessed to be able to share that joy with those around us this Advent season. Excerpts of Nouwen's writings, as well as Scripture passages and original reflections and prayers, inspire and encourage readers to live a life of rejoicing in the precious gift of the Savior.

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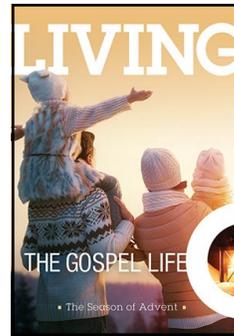
# Spiritual Preparation

## *Devotions and Studies for the Heart of Advent* (continued)



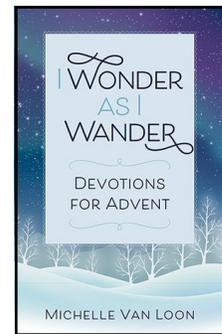
### **Hope-Full Living Advent 2019**

Our lives should be full of hope, even in our later years. The daily devotions in this large print special edition highlight the message and themes found in this highly popular daily devotional for older adult Christians living life to the fullest. The reflections help seniors contemplate the spiritual experiences of Advents gone by and encourage them to faithfully share the reason for the hope they have in Jesus, their Savior.



### **Living the Gospel Life - The Advent Season 2019**

We are Christians on a mission, even in the season of Advent! The daily devotions in this pocket-sized booklet highlight the message and themes of being sent, demonstrating faith in action, and being mission-minded. These themes are applied each day of Advent to the activities and schedules associated with preparing our hearts, souls, and minds to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



### **I Wonder As I Wander**

The cherished carol “I Wonder as I Wander” launches this memorable, inspiring Advent journey through Scripture’s themes of seeking and being found by God. These daily devotions for Advent capture the surprise, truth, and wonder of God’s pursuit of each one of us. Contemporary examples mix with ancient, unchanging truth to guide readers to the One born in Bethlehem who has been pursuing us every step of the way.

# Helping Others

## Rushton Elementary: Adopt a Family for Christmas

By Rhonda Synovec

### Due December 15

As believers in Christ, we are reminded at Christmas of the wonderful gift given to us through the birth of our Savior, Jesus. We are called as His disciples to love our neighbors and to serve those in need. You are invited to serve families from the Rushton Elementary School community who are in need of our help.

Quite a few items are needed, ranging from clothing and household items to toys. Sign up at [tlcms.org](http://tlcms.org) or contact the church office to help. Please bring your **wrapped** gifts by Sunday, December 15. Also, please place a tag on the gift indicating the gender and age of the person for whom you have provided. Your generosity will help these families know we love and care for them.



## MLM Christmas Store

By Susan Schram

### Deadline December 1

The Metro Lutheran Ministry (MLM) Christmas Store makes Christmas a little merrier for needy families in December. Since the MLM Christmas Store serves close to 1,000 disadvantaged families, the need is great! Bring your **unwrapped** gifts to church and place them under the Christmas tree. Gifts for teenage boys and girls are always needed such as make-up kits, jewelry, wallets, team gear, and sports equipment. Suggestions for other needed gifts

are in baskets by the Christmas tree.

At the MLM Christmas Store, each family also receives a **tin of cookies**. If you are a baker, you can take a cookie tin from the box by the Christmas tree in the hall, fill it with your favorite cookies, and bring it back to church.

Thanks in advance for your generosity! Please bring your gifts and cookie tins to church by December 1.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Schram, 913-492-5334.



# Deck the Halls!



## Poinsettias for Christmas

By Connie Koetting and Dianna Mayfield

The poinsettia, also known as the Christmas Star or Christmas Flower, originated in Mexico and was named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico and an amateur botanist. The beautiful flower has long been associated with Christmas. It symbolizes good cheer, mirth, and celebration.



### Mission Campus

**\$10 per plant**

Poinsettia orders are now being taken to beautify the Mission campus sanctuary for Christmas. If you are interested in helping to beautify the sanctuary with this meaningful flower, please see the signup on the easel in the foyer. Orders are due by December 8. Poinsettias will be donated to home-bound members after Christmas.



### Shawnee Campus

**Freewill Offering**

Help decorate the altar at the Shawnee campus for Christmas! We are collecting donations to purchase poinsettias for Christmas. **For the first two Sundays in December**, you may leave your contribution in the bucket marked "Poinsettias" on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

## Christmas Decorating—Mission Campus

By Julie Mohling



### Friday, December 6, 5pm Mission Campus

Come help us decorate for Christmas! It is that time again to decorate the church for the holidays on Friday, December 6, starting at 5pm (but you can come at any time). We will have dinner and decorate, finishing around 9pm. Any and all are

welcome to come help, with many different levels of jobs to be done. It is a joyful time of preparation and being with our church community to prepare for this joyful Advent and Christmas season. If you have any questions, you may contact Julie Mohling at 913-574-8607(cell) or jmohl4@yahoo.com.

# Honoring our Elders

## Remembering the Homebound at Christmas

By Gretchen Hollman

From a meal delivered to your doorstep, a few words of encouragement, or remembering each other in daily prayers, Trinity members care for one another. At this meaningful time of year, as you prepare your Christmas cards and gifts, you may consider sending a note of cheer to our homebound members and friends.

**Don & Glenda Bischoff**

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Prairie Village, KS 66208-3610

**Rev. and Mrs. Roland Boehnke**

13810 Metcalf Avenue  
Unit 12330  
Overland Park, KS 66223-7893

**Bob and June Bonn**

7813 Fontana  
Prairie Village, KS 66208

**Fred and Martha Chael**

4821 State Line  
Kansas City, MO 64112

**Phyllis Corthon**

Victory Hills Senior Living Community  
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Kansas City, KS 66102

**Walter & Donna Erickson**

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Shawnee Mission, KS 66215

**Conrad Fassold**

c/o Cathy Hanusch  
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Shawnee, KS 66216

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Overland Park, KS 66213

**Lee Glasnapp**

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Overland Park, KS 66209

**Shirley & Robert Hemenway**

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**Dick & Audrey Humes**

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Olathe, KS 66062-7938

**Ruth Kroenke**

Addington Place of Prairie Village  
2700 Somerset Drive #106  
Overland Park, KS 66204

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Overland Park, KS 66204

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**SHUT-IN**  
*Ministry*

# How about a party!

## 50+ Christmas Party

By Tom Perry

**Wednesday**  
**December 11, 11:30am**  
**Mission Campus**

Enjoy a catered turkey dinner with all the fixings! Entertainment will follow dinner. Bible study will precede the lunch at 10:15am in the sanctuary. The lunch is FREE. If you

so choose, an optional freewill offering will be collected at the event.

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 27**, in one of the following ways:

- By calling Iva Schlatter, 913-333-0981 or Barb Littell, 913-998-9360.

- By calling the church office at 913-432-5441.
- Sign-up at the 50+ Bible study.
- Sign up at the Welcome Center at the Mission campus.
- Sign up on TrinityCloud.



## Shawnee Seniors Christmas Brunch

By Gloria Garrelts and Sandy Linville

**Saturday, December 14,**  
**10am – noon**  
**Shawnee Campus**

All Shawnee Seniors are invited to a delicious brunch catered by Nick and Jake's Restaurant, our neighbor to the west. **Please note** that we have moved this year's event to **SATURDAY** in hope that more people will

be able to join us. This will be an opportunity to meet and to renew acquaintances with those fellow members age 60+ in addition to sharing some great food and entertainment.

There is no cost to attend. There will be an optional free-will offering which will go to help support one of

our preschool families that finds themselves in need.

Since this event is catered, reservations are needed. RSVP to Sandy Linville, sklinville@msn.com, or Gloria Garrelts, glogarrelts@gmail.com, or with the link in the eNews. Merry Christmas!



## Christmas Caroling

By Tom Perry

**When:** December 6, 1pm, Mission campus

**What:** Caroling at assisted living facilities

**Who:** All ages are encouraged to come

**Transportation:** Carpool from Mission campus, return before 4pm

On Friday, December 6, members from Trinity will

again go Christmas caroling to some assisted living facilities where Trinity members are residents. Last year this was well received by both the carolers and those being caroled to. The range in age of those caroling was from 4 to 90+ years old. For some, this was how they were able to enjoy Christmas. It does not matter if you are a concert

soloist or have trouble carrying a tune in a bucket. You are needed and wanted. We will meet in the foyer at the Mission campus at 1pm, perhaps have a cup of cider, maybe warm up, then off we go. We will carpool as best we can. If you have any questions or suggestions, let Tom know, Tom@tlcms.org. Noell!

## Youth Progressive Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange

By Beth Stephens

**Sunday December 8  
5-8pm**

On December 8 the annual Youth Group Progressive Dinner and Gift Exchange will happen once again! The high school youth will travel to three different homes for appetizers, main course, and dessert. At the final stop, they will also have a white elephant gift exchange. It is encouraged to

find something from home that you don't have to purchase. If you do buy something, it should not cost more than \$5. This event will be a lot of fun, and a great way for us to celebrate Christmas with our group! Meet at the Shawnee campus.

Sunday night youth group will be on break starting December 15, and will

start back on January 5.

This year, the youth are encouraged to follow "A Jesus Centered Life" (@ajesuslife) on Instagram. Beginning on December 1, we will be going through Advent and we will use these reflections for our Advent devotions. Students are also encouraged to use the printed copies of the congregational Advent devotions, if they prefer.

# Gift Giving

## *Christmas at the Gift Shop*

*By Colleen Albright and Dawn Wilson*



### *Sunday Mornings November and December Mission Campus*

Christmas is in the air at Trinity's book and gift shop. Please stop by on Sunday mornings through Christmas and check out our new Christmas items. We have nativity sets, ornaments, Advent wreaths, and

special Christmas books and games for children. We also have gift ideas for that special someone and a large variety of greeting cards. Hope to see you there!

## *Support Trinity through Amazon Smile*

*By Larry Conrad*

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

Let Amazon contribute to Trinity Lutheran Church while you shop.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to charitable organizations you select. Trinity Lutheran Church is now regis-

tered! Go shopping and Trinity benefits. It's simple, with no added cost to you. As you shop, be wise and compare before you buy, but let AmazonSmile contribute to Trinity. Visit [tlcms.org/Give](http://tlcms.org/Give) for a quick link to shopping.

## *Last Call for the 2020 Passion Play*

*By Pastor Tom Harries*



The deadline for tickets for the world-famous Passion Play as part of the Experience Germany: Lutherland and Oberammergau Passion Play tour has been extended

to December 12. Join this once-in-a-lifetime colorful, historical, and inspirational tour of Germany from September 5-10, 2020. For a brochure and more infor-

mation, contact Pastor Tom Harries at 913-888-4772 or at [harriesth51@gmail.com](mailto:harriesth51@gmail.com).

# Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11

## Birthdays



- November 20** – Lisa Delaney, Mamie Dunker, Justin Shields
- November 21** – Kyle Mayfield, Janet Vetter
- November 22** – Jason Bitter, Eric Justin
- November 23** – Maizy Kutschka Bergman, Susan Nurnberger, Erin Tieman
- November 24** – Bernard McCarty, Jacklyn Mowder, Jenny Peimann, Rhonda Synovec, Christina Wright
- November 25** – Larry Conrad, Paul Hanusch, Jenny Hertel, Susan Weigel, Joey Wells, Rita Wiese, Nancy Zier
- November 26** – Emily Bartlett, Robert Harrell, Amy Holsapple, Max Meoli
- November 27** – Jacob Besette, Sarah Eslick, Bill Mohling
- November 28** – Diane Jennerich, John Koetting, Lisa Vachalek
- November 29** – Ron Domsch, John Dorsch, Emmeline Hawk, Doug Lewallen, Barb Moore, Ben Spalding, Jonathan Staats
- November 30** – Miles Dalbom, Charlie Moore, Miller Schram
- December 1** – Mansour Alifekr, Theresa Behrens, Clara Rupp
- December 2** – Steve Eckman, Larry Hare, Scott Schau, Jacob Schmitt
- December 3** – Denise Loeffler
- December 4** – Tom Baack, Sydney Hare, Drew Jaime, Brooke Katterhenry, Jean Klemp, Cassie Lowery, Elfriede Mohling, John Mowder
- December 5** – Bonnie Fruehling, Wayne Hein, Jerry Mason, Kinsey Schleicher, Adam Schultze
- December 6** – Jeff Becker, Nora Carlson, Suzan Robinson, Susie Schram, Jaime Tanner, Laney Tilghman
- December 7** – Noah Veal
- December 8** – Zaidy Bergman, Gabriella Gaskins, Tricia Humbarger, Jeremiah Kemper, Mary Ellen Stephenson
- December 9** – Gloria Baehr, Madison Miner, Joyce Wulf Sill, John Young V
- December 10**—Audrey Anders, Judy Arnold, Kurt Colville, Peggy Crume, Kevin Emerson, Janet McCarter, Steve Waage

*Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from November 20 - December 10. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.*

## Prayers



### Deaths

Reba Musgrove, mother of John Musgrove, 11/6

### Retirement Facility/Homebound

- Don and Glenda Bischoff, *at home*
- Martha Chael, *Waveny Park House*
- Phyllis Corthon, *Victory Hills*
- Ted Dahl, *at home*
- Walter and Donna Erickson, *at home and Aberdeen Village*
- Conrad Fassold, *Lakeview Village*
- Allene Gantz, *Rose Estates*
- Lee Glasnapp, *Village Shalom*
- Robert and Shirley Hemenway, *at home*
- Dick and Audrey Humes, *Santa Marta*
- Ruth Kroenke, *Addington Place*
- Richard Krueger, *Shawnee Post Acute and Rehabilitation Center*
- Betty Kueker, *Rose Estates*
- Evelyn Lauber, *Westchester Village*
- Bill and Charlene Millsap, *at home*
- Jerry and Lillian Mueller, *Westchester Village*
- Karen Phipps, *at home*
- Garry and Joanne Schottman, *at home*
- Rose Seifferlein, *Tallgrass Memory Care*
- Jerry and Mary Ellen Stephenson, *at Santa Marta*
- Jeanne Stevenson, *Kingswood*

### Member Prayers-Mission

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| Bob Behrens      | Angela Jeppesen   |
| Dolores Boehnke  | Anna Nellis       |
| Pastor Boehnke   | Mary Lou Strahm   |
| Tom Dempsey      | Paulette Thornton |
| Myrna DuBois     | Cheri Wright      |
| Quentyn Hendrich | Andrew Young      |

### Member Prayers-Shawnee

Noah Collins

## Anniversaries



- Mark & Nancy Schulz.....November 20 (36th)
- Fred & Martha Chael..... November 21 (66th)**
- Bob & Joyce Barker ..... November 22 (50th)**
- Michael & Laine Guerry ..... November 22 (5th)**
- Brad & Shawn Veal .....November 23 (23rd)
- Zach & Karen Winter .....November 23 (7th)
- Jerry & Mary Ellen Stephenson ..... November 27 (72nd)**
- Jeremi & Jennifer Strasser .....December 2 (2nd)
- Michael & Kim Delamore .....December 5 (27th)
- Bill & Trish Miller.....December 8 (29th)
- Tony & Beth Kemper .....December 9 (24th)
- Mark & Rebecca Glad.....December 10 (31st)

# Trinity's Weather Policy

With the onset of winter weather, we want to take this opportunity to remind you of Trinity's long-standing policy regarding weather cancellations:

## Worship Services:

Services will be held as scheduled regardless of the weather conditions. As always, please exercise your judgment regarding your participation.

## Events Concerning Children and Youth:

Children and youth events will follow school cancellations for the Shawnee Mission School District.

## Adult Events:

The 50+ Group follows Shawnee Mission School District cancellations. Decisions for all other groups are left to the discretion of the group leaders.

## Events with Child Care:

If the Shawnee Mission School District is cancelled, Trinity will not provide child care for church events, even though the church event may not be cancelled.

## Sunday School:

Sunday School will NOT be cancelled. Please exercise your judgment regarding your participation.

## Preschool:

In the event of snow, ice, and extreme cold please listen to your television for school closings. Trinity will close when the DeSoto School District is closed. Announcements will be made on radio and television on the 10pm news and/or 6am and following newscasts. You may go online to the DeSoto school district website at [www.usd232.org](http://www.usd232.org). If DeSoto classes are to dismiss early, Trinity dismisses all at 11:30am and afternoon preschool and extended day sessions will not be held.

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### Mission Campus

5601 West 62nd Street, Mission, Kansas 66202

#### *Saturday Evening*

5:30pm Communion Service

#### *Sunday Mornings*

8:30am Family-focused Worship with Communion

9:45am Praise Service with Communion

9:45am Sunday School

11am Family-focused Worship with Communion

### Shawnee Campus

21320 Midland Drive, Shawnee, Kansas 66218

#### *Sunday Mornings*

8:30am Family-focused Worship with Communion

9:45am Sunday School

11am Family-focused Worship with Communion

### Nursery

A professionally staffed nursery for ages six months to three years is available during most worship services and Sunday School.