

# PRAYERS

**Health Concerns:** Joyce McCann, Carla Misner, Pamela Johnson (sister of Richard Gurtatowski), Eric Anderson, Pastor Kipp, Tanya Guca, Clifford Lunkes, Chaunah Speichert (Mark Speichert's daughter in law), Carl Hecht (Eileen Maxwell's father), and Don Wigley.

**Recovering:** Michelle Krapf, Rick Segert, Fred Hudi, Bill Jones, and Judy Wynn.

**Baptism:** Payton Brielle and Blake Austin Specht will be baptized into God's family on November 19th.

[Communications Request Form](#)



[Room Usage Request Form](#)



	Offering			
	September	October	November	YTD (11/16)
<b>Budget</b>	\$93,000	\$93,000	\$93,000	\$465,000
<b>Actual</b>	\$74,932	\$95,152	\$48,350	\$462,880

Anticipated YTD total is through end of current month. Actual YTD total is current YTD giving.

Fiscal year is July through June. Attendance last week was 487

# BIBLE EDUCATION

## Sunday School

For all children age 3 & potty trained through grade 4.

### Sunday School

Child drop off in the Gym. Pick up will be in their grade level classrooms.

### Confirmation Classes

5th-8th in respective classrooms

### Adult Bible Studies

1 Peter Fellowship Hall  
The Blessing (a Bible Study for parents), Cafeteria  
Prayer Hour, Sanctuary

### Staff

*Pastors:* Hal Toenjes, Daniel Gadbow & Matthew Canaday *Principal:* Christine Miller *Deaconess:* Karol Ketcher  
*Operations Manager:* Todd Pflughoeft *Church Administrator:* Cynthia Fitzsimons *Music Director:* Nicolas Harding  
*School Admin Assistant:* Lisa Cizmar *Communications Director:* Melissa Maxwell *Bookkeeper:* Nancy Wise



# WELCOME

Pastor Thoeke reminisces his past 50 years in ministry at Trinity during a potluck in his and Traude's honor.

Whether you are new or have been coming here for a while, we're glad you're here!

### Services:

Saturday: 6:30pm (Blended)  
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am (Traditional & Contemporary)  
Monday: 6:30pm (Traditional)

### Our Mission:

A family growing together, learning God's word, serving our neighbor, to witness Christ's love.



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Nov 18th-20th, 2023

Matthew 25:14-30: Parables & Possessions:  
The Talents (Faithfully Using God's Gifts)

**Holy Communion:** Members in good standing with LC-MS congregations are invited to participate in communion. Members of other Christian churches should speak with Pastor before communing here. Worshippers who are not communing are welcome to come to the communion rail for a blessing from Pastor, taking one of the crosses in the center aisle. For those unable to take the bread and wine for medical or personal reasons, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available in the center aisle.

# GROW

Thanksgiving Worship: Let's give thanks to God before tucking into our turkey dinner! We will have worship Wednesday evening the 22nd at 7pm and Thursday morning the 23rd at 9am.

Soup Suppers...and Cake! Remember those 4-letter words from last year? NO? Soup and Cake! Advent Soup Suppers are back on Wednesday evenings Dec 6th, 13th, and 20th at 5:30 pm. But wait – there's more! After the service on the 20th, we'll be having a birthday cake for Jesus! So, sup some soup and break some cake with your Trinity family. Be there or be... hungry. Advent services will follow at 7 pm. Come, prepare your heart for Christmas, on a full stomach. See you in the Fellowship Hall, spoon in hand!

Young Adult Fellowship: Stardust of Merrillville is the place for food, fun, and bowling. Help us put that fun together for the Thanksgiving holiday! Ages 18-26 are invited for small group fellowship the weekend of November 25th. If you are interested, contact Pastor Gadbow at (260) 701-7603 or dgadbow@trinitycp.org

Middle School Youth Group Pause: Parents of 5th - 8th graders, Sunday night Youth Group will not meet 12/17, 12/24 & 12/31. We will resume again on January 7th.

# LEARN

Ladies! Save the Date! Trinity's first annual Women's Retreat, Fill Your Cup, will take place Friday evening April 5th and Saturday April 6th 2024 here at Trinity. More details will be coming early 2024.

Worship Night: We will be hosting a worship night as a fundraiser for the church's upcoming trip to the Holy Land. The event will feature live praise music, prayer, holiday goodies for sale, and more. Free-will donations for admission are welcomed. Come enjoy a casual, fun night of worship with us!

# SERVE

Cleaning out your closets? The Theatre Department is looking for old dresses/gowns to fit our students ranging from 5th - 8th grade. Picture it: It's 1428 in a palace far far away. Think Medieval Times! Maybe you have some 1970s dresses or long bridesmaid gowns that you are looking to donate. We will most likely be cutting these down to fit our girls. If you have questions or ideas, lyates@trinitycp.org

Additional Food Pantry Needs for Blessing Tree Food Baskets: We are in need of some additional non-perishable food items and taxable items to supplement the 23 Days of Giving boxes. Currently, our greatest needs are soup, canned vegetables, tuna, dish soap, tissues and dryer sheets. Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex or on the counter area outside of the Gym. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead, please make your check out to "Trinity Lutheran Church," however, make sure you put "Blessing Tree" on the memo line.

Special thanks to all who made the Thoelke 50th event a success!  
Many hands made light work. Thank you to everyone who brought in dishes,  
help set up and clean up. The event was a wonderful success.

# WITNESS

The Sociables: will not be meeting in November. However, our Christmas Buffet Luncheon will again be at the Youche Country Club, 2301 W. 129th Place, Crown Point, on Thursday, December 14th at 11:30 am. In order to reserve your place, we'd appreciate your reservation. Please call Nancy Schmidt at (219)776-5287 and give her your cash payment of \$25 per person by Dec. 8th. You may also bring it to the Atrium desk. Come, bring a friend, enjoy the delicious food, fellowship and entertainment.

Daddy Daughter Dance: Trinity is hosting a Daddy Daughter Dance for all Trinity church & school young women and their fathers (or male role models). The Winter Wonderland themed dance will take place Friday December 15th from 6-8pm in the Gym. Pastries & Hot chocolate will be provided. Tickets are \$10/child. Ticket forms will be available after services starting Nov 18th - Dec 8th in the Atrium & outside the Gym.

Meatloaf Cookoff: The group heading to Israel is inviting you all to participate in a Meatloaf Cook Off! Get your best recipes out and sign up [here](#) or the sign up sheet at the front desk. Cook Off will commence on Saturday December 2nd at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come help us vote on what meatloaf reigns supreme! \$10/person to get in and taste the entries. Trophy to be awarded to the victor! Proceeds will help support Trinity families heading to Israel in 2024. As of right now, we are still intending to continue the trip but will be cautious and safe about our timing. If by chance our trip does not occur funds raised will go towards mission efforts.

Chipotle Fundraiser: Visit the Chipotle on Broadway in Crown Point on Tuesday, December 5th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and a portion of the sales will go towards the 8th grader's trip to Washington DC.

Raise Right: Purchase physical and e-gift cards and earn a percentage back from every card you buy! These rebates go toward your school account or to Trinity Scholarship Fund. (Specify at sign up) Start earning this season on your holiday shopping! Get the Raise Right app today and enter enrollment code AE4D1B9518589. Join [here](#). Starting 10/23 thru 1/31/24 new participants who enroll in the program and place 3 paid online orders in their first 30 days will receive a complimentary \$5 Amazon.com eGift Card, automatically delivered to their RaiseRight account Wallet. Questions? Email Pam Shea at [scrip@trinitycp.org](mailto:scrip@trinitycp.org)

Raise Right Holiday Order Schedule: Please note the following dates. Order by 8am and pick up at 2:30pm. Nov 17th order, Nov 21st pick up, Nov 27th order, Nov 29th pick up. Dec 4th order, Dec 6th pick up. Dec 11th order, Dec 13th pick up. Jan 8th order, Jan 10th pick up.

Christmas Caroling: Would you like to make yourself and others merry during this Christmas season? Have your whole family sign up to do some Christmas Caroling for those who'd love some Christmas cheer. Sunday, December 10th, from 4:00-6:00 we'll cast the season's cares aside and enjoy fellowship and service together. Gathering in the Atrium, sending out in vehicles, and gathering again for refreshment, we'll celebrate, in song, the gift of a Savior. Sign up at [ketcher@trinitycp.org](mailto:ketcher@trinitycp.org).