

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

201 S. Washington St. Unity, WI 54488



2025

December 7th

Worship 8:00 a.m. (Noisy Offering)

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Fellowship @ David & Betty's 12:00

December 9th - Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

December 10th - WELCA Christmas Party 1:00

December 14th

Worship - 8:00 p.m

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Caroling - 2:30 p.m.

December 21st

Worship 8:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program

No Sunday School

December 24th - Christmas Eve

Worship 7:00 p.m.



December 28th

Worship 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

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As we head into Advent 2025, we will be following the series '*The Will to Dream*'.

What do you dream of in this time of societal chaos, where trust is fragile, where truth is challenged, and the relationship between us feel harder to cross. What do we make of ongoing division and lost connections with family and friends? What is it that you feel in your heart and soul? Where do you find yourself searching for healing, hope and understanding? Where do you hope to find sacredness in our and/or your world?

In our Advent series '*The Will to Dream*' my hope is that you will be encouraged to imagine, and look beyond the brokenness of this world to something "more"; (that is what you will have to discover). With Advent anticipation may we be moved beyond *what is*, into *what should be*.

As we move from week to week we will hear the stories of; Isaiah, John, Elizabeth and Zechariah. We will hear how they stand in the face of despair, how they embody justice, and see the ways in which they boldly hope. Together we Will Dream with them.

In week one we will hear about Isaiah's *Vigilant Hope*; creating and choosing peace when it seems impossible and recognizing the ways that false hope hides pain contrasted with true hope that helps us face what is in front of us and keeps us going.

Week two brings John's *Prophetic Peace*; John will remind us that peace needs truth and fairness, standing up for those who are hurting.

Week three is about *Unexpected JoY!!!* In Luke, listen closely to what Mary is saying as we hear the familiar words of the "*Magnificat*". Hear Mary call herself lowly, and contrast that to the words of Elizabeth, calling Mary blessed and Gabriel calling her favored. Mary's 1st century world was chaotic and all out of sorts.



Worship Assistants

December duties:

	Lay reader	Ushers	Comm. Asst.
December 7th	Sara Uhlig	Naomi C. & Cindy H.	Cindy H.
December 14th	Cindy Hardrath	David Heron	David H.
December 21st	Barb Soback	Cindy Hardrath	Cindy H.
December 28th	Barb Soback	Bonnie S. & Barb S.	Barb S.

Money Counters

December 7th	Al Raatz & Jared Klimmer
December 14th	Sara Uhlig & Cindy Hardrath
December 21st	Pat Klimmer & Susan Karsten
December 28th	Patsy Schuh & Naomi Carey



In January....those in charge.....

Altar Guild - Beth Krebsbach & Naomi Carey

Lay Readers - Pat Klimmer

Ushers & Comm. Assistant - Pat Klimmer



POP UP CHOIR!

Christmas Eve
7:00 service

Celebrate Christ's birth in song!
Everyone is welcome!
More details to come.

WELCA News

A group of 7 ladies met on 11th. Pat Klimmer provided a lunch. Some of the items discussed were as follows:

- The harvest dinner went well; a recommendation to increase the price next year was made; area dinners charged more this year.
- A Christmas party has been set for Wednesday, December 10th, with a potluck at 1 and games to follow; each member should bring two \$5 gifts for prizes.
- WELCA will add to the donation for Sleep N Heavenly Peace; the Sunday School will be donating children's bedding.
- Susan Karsten will collect money for poinsettias again to decorate our church in memory or honor of loved ones. The cost is \$10 per plant. Make checks payable to WELCA.
- Looking ahead.....it was decided to set a tentative date for a ladies' night, Friday, March 13th. More information will be coming.
- Barb is stepping down from planning soup suppers; Cindy will be the new coordinator. It is hoped that people will help by making soups throughout Lent.



Women
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IN AMERICA

There will be no December meeting. The next meeting will be January 14th at 12:30. Barb Soback will provide lunch.

And finally week four reminds us of *Merciful Love* as we hear in Zechariah's song and in Luke 1:69 *Keras Soterias*; "Mighty Savior". In this last week of

Advent we will see how love crosses our boundaries of time and expectation. Love, we will see, is care in action – not just an internal feeling.

I look forward to discovering together the '*Will to Dream*' moving us from;
what is into what should be.

How do you see yourself as a messenger for God?

~ Pastor Teri



To all those who donated for Shoebox Christmas.

To those who donated for Sleep N Heavenly Peace.

To those who purchased gifts for children on the angel tree.

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

Freely you have received; freely give. Matthew 10:8



Christmas Decorating

Let's decorate the church after worship on November 30th!

Many hands make light work! Breakfast snacks following.



Shoebox Christmas

Wow! Again our little church came through and filled more than 300 shoeboxes! 304, to be exact.

Sleep N Heavenly Peace Project



And yet another successful outreach project of generosity.....\$500 will be given to the Sleep N Heavenly Peace project to help make sure every child has a bed. Along with the monetary donation, the Sunday School children donated enough money to buy children's pillows and blankets to Sleep N Heavenly Peace. We take so much for granted.

Some children will benefit from these donations. Thank you!

Another example of generosity is gifts for the recipients on the angel tree. Many angels were posted and taken to be filled for some children in our area who have needs this Christmas. Thank you to those who took an angel. If you missed out, contact Pastor Teri. There are more at the UCC church. The gifts need to be brought to church by December 16th, wrapped and labeled with the angel.



Salted Caramel Chocolate Lush

For the crust:

1 ½ c. crushed chocolate graham crackers or Oreos
½ c. unsalted butter, melted

For the salted caramel layer:

1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
½ c. unsalted butter
½ c. light brown sugar, packed
½ tsp. Sea salt
1 tsp. Vanilla

For the chocolate pudding layer:

2 boxes (3.9 oz. each) instant chocolate pudding
3 c. cold milk

For the whipped topping layer:

1 tub 8 oz. whipped topping (Cool Whip)
½ c. mini chocolate chips or chocolate shavings

For garnish (optional):

Drizzle of caramel sauce
Extra sea salt flakes
Chopped pecans or crushed toffee bits

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix crust ingredients together and press into 9 X 13. Bake for 8 - 10 minutes. Cool.

For salted caramel layer: combine sweetened condensed milk, butter & brown sugar in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir until thickened and golden brown (about 5 - 7 minutes). Remove from heat and stir in vanilla & sea salt. Pour over the cooled crust & spread evenly. Refrigerate for 15 minutes to set.

Prepare chocolate pudding layer: whisk pudding mixes & milk until thickened. Spread over caramel layer.

Top with whipped cream. Sprinkle with chocolate chips or shavings. Chill at least 4 hours. Drizzle with extra caramel & sprinkle with sea salt before serving.



What's Cooking?

Cinnamon Roll Monkey Bread

3 - 17.5 oz. cans large cinnamon rolls, such as Grands

½ c. sugar

1 T. cinnamon

1 stick unsalted butter

1 tsp. vanilla

⅓ c. brown sugar

2 oz. softened cream cheese,

Cooking spray



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Separate the dough and cut each roll into 6 pieces. Combine sugar & cinnamon in a large bowl.

Melt butter & cook 3 to 5 min. until the foam & butter underneath are golden brown. Remove from heat & add vanilla (it will bubble up).

After bubbles subside, whisk in brown sugar until smooth.

Spray a Bundt pan. Add half of dough pieces to cinnamon-sugar mixture and toss to coat. Place in Bundt pan. Drizzle half of butter-brown sugar mixture over. Repeat with remaining dough and butter mixture.

Bake for 35 to 40 until monkey bread has puffed up about 1 inch in pan & the top is deep brown. Let cool for 10 minutes. Place a plate over the top and careful flip the Bundt pan. Mix cream cheese and frosting. Dollop the frosting on the bread letting it melt on top and down sides. Enjoy!



December Birthdays



6 - River Wussow
21 - Rober Kauffman
26 - Jaelyn Cook
29 - Corrine Spencer
30 - Betty Minton

Old Fashioned Christmas Fellowship Around the Player Piano

Sunday,

December 7th

Starting at noon
At David & Betty's
Potluck lunch

Followed by Christmas singing



Poinsettias

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*If you would like to donate \$10 for a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Susan Karsten. Let's beautify our church for Christmas. Deadline is December 14th. Call Susan (715-223-3415 or 715-613-6845) or email ([smkarsten@hotmail.com](mailto:smkarsten@hotmail.com)) or see her in church.*



## Church Council Meeting Summary

The meeting was held on November 11th; nine were in attendance. Some of the items discussed were as follows:

- The Joyfully Generous stories have been interesting and appreciated.
- Pastor would like to see active generosity - doing for our church and for others.
- Pastor will be gone on November 23rd; Lyle Roe will fill in.
- Bibles will be handed out on November 16th to our youngsters 3 yrs. and older.
- 304 shoeboxes were filled for Shoebox Christmas.
- Sunday School is going well with 9 attending; the children will sing on November 16th; the program will be Dec. 21st.
- An Advent devotion will be emailed to members.
- A suggestion was made to replace the kitchen floor; vinyl planking was suggested which can be purchased at Home Depot.
- A suggestion was also made to replace the faucets in the kitchen; Randy & Pat Klimmer will look into it.
- The elevator will need a safety check next year; it is required every 5 years.
- The Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 p.m. again.
- We need to start thinking about new council members for January. If anyone is interested, please contact Cindy Hardrath.

The next meeting will be December 9th.

## Upcoming Events

December 7th - fellowship at David & Betty's; potluck at noon followed by singing Christmas carols around a player piano.



December 14th - Christmas caroling; meet at church at 2:30. Hot chocolate and cookies afterwards for those who are interested. Everyone is invited!

The Children's Christmas Program:  
Sunday, December 21st, during worship



Christmas Eve Service  
December 24th at 7:00 p.m.

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