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# We Welcome YOU to Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford December 1st, 2024 NEWSLETTER



**Holy Communion** – The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. We, Lutherans, believe and teach that in this precious meal

we receive is not only the bread and wine, but also Christ's true Body and true Blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Proper spiritual preparation is necessary to rightly



receive this sacrament. Please read the Communion policy card in the bookrack of your pew.

Please be attentive to the ushers. They will guide you to come forward to receive the Holy Communion.

Ushers: please let the members come forward during the Agnus Dei.

### AS WE GATHER ~ FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT This week's Bible Readings

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 33:14–16 EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 19:28–40

## The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, "*a righteous Branch*" descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28–40), so does **He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. <b>He absolves us and establishes our hearts** "*blameless in holiness before our God and Father*" (**1 Thess. 3:13**). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be "*distress of nations in perplexity*," with "*people fainting with fear*." Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: "*Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*" (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

**ARE YOU a New Visitor** to Trinity Lutheran Church? Please sign our "**Guest Book"** on the Narthex table.



## Announcements:

Men's Breakfast

Pastor Henock will be Master of Ceremonies on Saturday, December 7.8:00 – 9:30am @ Roseland Restaurant Malcolm McFee will be speaking on "Woodworking in the Context of One's Faith"

Reserve your spot by either by:

- <u>Clicking here</u> to go directly to the reservation page, or
- Visiting our Men's Breakfast webpage located under the "Be Involved" tab on our website, trinitylcc.ca

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

TLC secretary will be off from December 3 to 5. For any request call pastor Henock.

**Tuesday Adult Bible Study!** Pastor Henock invites you to join him for his weekly Tuesday bible study, from 11:00 – 12:00pm. **All are welcome to attend!** 

## **Church reconciler Training**

A Coaching Practicum will be held from January 6 to February 3 (Mondays from 4-6:30 pm MT).

#### A Mediation Practicum will follow from February 10 to March 17.

Recordings of all sessions will be made to allow participants to catch up on any they miss.

Through a gift from the ABC District (as directed by a convention resolution from the June, 2022, District Convention), Lutheran Church-Canada will cover the cost of registration and the shipping costs for study materials.

Study materials will be shipped from AoR to Bethany Lutheran, Campbell River, and then sent to each congregation with registrants. To facilitate this, a cut-off date of December 1, 2024 is set for registration for the Coaching Practicum.

### FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT Abbotsford Canucks Hockey Game January 10,2025 @ 7pm Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$10 Kids 12 and under

Contact Trish Blondin for more information and to pay for your tickets. Phone: 604-309-6427 or email <u>Blondin@telus.net</u>. Sign-up sheet in the lobby Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box program received 44 shoe boxes for



children from 4 to 14 years old, the "Sew and Sew" committee members provided 128 kits for young ladies and \$450 cash donations. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Susan

#### TLC's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET



Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>! The program will start at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and the dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex after Sunday Service, on December 1 & 8, 2024

• \$35.00 / per adult

 \$17.50 - children from 6-12 years of age.



#### Children 5 and under are free

Please pay with cash or cheque (made out to Trinity Lutheran Church). All are welcome to attend the Christmas program (there is no cost) in the Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 4:30 p.m., even if you're not planning to stay for the banquet.

# Trinity LWMLC

December 1, 2024 **Please note:** There is no regular meeting in December.



Prayer Pal Party

All ladies are welcome to attend the Prayer Pal Party on Sunday, December 15th following the church service. Our program will start at 11:40 am in the sanctuary with a Candle-Lighting Service and move to the gym for lunch and gift exchange, ending about 1:30 pm. Invitations

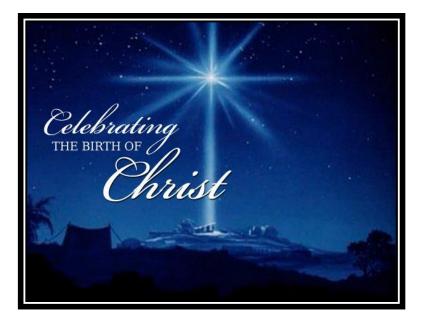
have been put in Prayer Pals' mailboxes with the details. If you're not a Prayer Pal but would like to become one, contact Marj Temple. Please bring a small gift for your Prayer Pal, or to exchange. Please bring a small plate of Christmas baking to share. A light lunch will be provided, and an offering will be taken for the Abbotsford Food Bank.

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at Trinity Lutheran**

3845 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford, BC. V2S 7A1 Phone: 604-853-3227 Email: tlcoffice@trinitylcc.ca Website: www.trinitylcc.ca

> If you have no church home . . . or If you would just like to celebrate a traditional Christmas Eve Service with others . . . or If you might be looking for a church home.

We welcome you to Trinity Lutheran Church this Christmas Eve December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Communion Service at 10:30 am



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TLC REGULAR OFFICE HOURS 2024:

Tues – Thurs: 9:00am - 2:00pm ~ Monday, Friday & Holidays-Closed Please make arrangements in advance should you require access to the church outside of posted hours. Thank you 3845 Gladwin Rd., Abbotsford, BC V2S 7A1 Ph: 604-853-3227