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with Christ's love, care, and hope*



Welcome To Worship

December 17, 2023

First the vine, then the branches, and afterwards the fruit. With our Father as the Vine, we are privileged by our Baptism to be grafted in as His branches. Today, during worship, the Father will be preparing your heart so that fruit will be what you produce as your response of gratitude in the week ahead.

Trinity Lutheran-Medford
Trinity Lutheran-Chelsea
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Third Sunday in Advent
December 17, 2023

Pastor Ralph Shorey (M) Worship: 9:00am Sunday
Office: 715-748-4181 (C) Worship: 11:00am Sunday
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You Are Welcome! As you gather today in God's house, please know that you are welcome, that we welcome you and God welcomes you into His presence to lift our praises, to seek His forgiveness, to prepare our hearts and minds to serve Him in the week ahead. God bless!

NOTES & EVENTS

DAILY READINGS: December 17: Is. 5: 1-25, Amos. 1: 1-9:15, 1 Peter 2: 1-12; **18:** Is. 6: 1-7:9, 1 Peter 2: 13-25; **19:** Is. 7: 10-8:8, 1 Peter 3: 1-22; **20:** Is. 8: 9-9:7, 1 Peter 4: 1-19; **21:** Is. 9: 8-10:11, 1 Peter 5: 1-14; **22:** Is. 10: 12-27a, 33-34, 2 Peter 1: 1-21; **23:** Is. 11: 1-12:6, 2 Peter 2: 1-22

SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday, December 17th:** 8:00am Bible Study
9:00am Children's Program (M)
Acolyte: Nacole Butt
Jr. Usher: Nacole Butt
Ushers:
10:00am Christian Education (C)
11:00am Children's Program (C)
- Monday, December 18th:** 10:30am Worship Committee Mtg.
- Wednesday, December 20th:** 10:30am Advent Service III (M)
4:00pm Catechism
Snack: Barb Denzine
6:30pm Advent Service III (M)
- Sunday, December 24th:** 8:00am Bible Study
9:00am Worship Service (M) w/ HC
Acolyte: Brock Graun
Jr. Usher: Brock Graun
Ushers:
6:30pm Joint Candlelight Christmas
Eve Service (M)
- Monday, December 25th:** 9:00am Joint Christmas Day
Service (C)

WELCOME: We offer a special welcome to all our guests who are here today. We appreciate your presence, but the kids appreciate your presence even more. So, thanks for being here to support and encourage our children as they share their message today. God bless you and grant you a blessed Christmas.

SPECIAL THANK YOU: A very special thank you to Patty & Greg Krug for picking up and dropping off our Christmas tree this year. Also a very special thank you to Pat Dittrich for donating our Christmas tree. Thank you to everyone who assisted in preparing God's House for the Season!

THANK YOU: We are very grateful to our kids, our parents and grandparents who have all made a special effort to see their kids we able to be here today and participate in our program. For all your extra efforts, we say, "Thank you & God bless!"

THANK YOU: Thank you Sofia Denzine for designing our Children's Christmas program cover and thank you Nacole Butt for designing our Bulletin cover this week. Thank you very much to you both.

REFRESHMENTS: Our refreshments today are provided by The Graun family. Thank you for this time of fellowship.

CRAFTING EVENT: The next Crafting Event will be held today, from 1:00—3:00pm. Bring your crafting project and enjoy a time of fellowship & fun.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: No Sunday School till Sunday, January 7th, 2023. Happy Holidays!

WEEKLY BULLETINS: If anyone homebound and does not have access to the internet, is interested in receiving an Audio CD of the worship service, please contact the church office. A CD player can be borrowed from the church, if needed.

CATECHISM 6-8TH GRADE: Our Catechism Classes for grades 6-8 will continue this Wednesday. The kids will enjoy a snack before class begins. Classes end at 6:00pm.

ADVENT SERVICES: Our theme for this year's MidWeek Advent Services is "The Light of Grace," in honor of the 250th anniversary of the hymn, "Amazing Grace." We will celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World who shines on us with his amazing grace. Through Scripture, song and reflections, we will be reminded that Jesus makes his grace known through the undeserved gifts of hope, peace, joy and love—gifts revealed in special ways in the lives of Zechariah, Isaiah, Elizabeth and Mary. Join us this Wednesday, December 20th at 10:30am or 6:30pm. **Joy:** Elizabeth (Philippians 4:4): The boy in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy and so does she when Mary arrives, carrying the little Lord Jesus inside her. The Light of Grace is soon to come.

FOOD COLLECTION: During the month of December, the Ladies Aid invites you to join them as they collect pancake mix, beans and fruit for Indianhead the local food pantry.

CHURCH USHERS: We are looking for confirmed individuals (men or women) who would be willing to serve as a church usher. It is not difficult, just arrive about 30 minutes prior to the service. Please stop by the reception counter and sign-up, one week, several weeks or the entire month. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

VALET PARKING SIGN UP: We are looking for individuals who would be willing to assist in parking cars on Sunday mornings. In the narthex, you will find a sign-up sheet. Please stop by the reception counter and sign-up. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Vanco, an arm of LCEF, provides the opportunity to set up electronic giving where your offerings are automatically deducted from your bank account weekly, once or twice a month. You also choose where you want the funds used (operating, missions, debt reduction, etc.). It's easy to set up. Contact Nancy Graun and she will provide you the simple form.

BRICK BY BRICK OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023 PROGRESS REPORT

Bricks provided to date.....110
Bricks purchased this past week.....9

COUNTY MARKET GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE AT MEDFORD: Gift cards, which function like debit cards or pre-paid gift cards are available each Sunday at the table in the narthex. For each \$25 card you purchase, Trinity receives a \$1 rebate; for each \$100 card you purchase, Trinity receives a \$4 rebate. It's a great way to support your church without any added cost to you since the cards cost their face value.

CULVER'S GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE AT MEDFORD: Gift cards, which function like debit cards or pre-paid gift cards are available each Sunday at the table in the narthex. For each \$25 or \$50 card you purchase, Trinity receives a 10% rebate. It's a great way to support your church without any added cost to you since the cards cost their face value.

KWIK TRIP GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE AT MEDFORD: Gift cards, which function like debit cards or pre-paid gift cards are available each Sunday at the table in the narthex. For each \$25, \$50 or \$100 card you purchase, Trinity receives a 5% rebate. It's a great way to support your church without any added cost to you since the cards cost their face value.

MEDFORD CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS & FINANCE COMMITTEE: We thank all who are serving in 2023 as elected leaders of our congregation: President– Al Leonard; Vice President– Mike Thompson; Secretary– Darla Schulz; Treasurer– Sharon Graun; Elders – Bob Monke, Mike Graun and Neal Mueller; Financial Secretary– Nancy Graun; Trustees– Mike Jensen and Ed Noland; Sunday School Superintendent– Shawn Ernest and Nancy Graun; Head Usher– Richard Birkholz; Finance Committee– Marilyn Mueller, Michele Patterson, Stacy Leonard, Randy Anderson, Mike Graun and Candy Nau

CHELSEA CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS: We thank all those who are serving in 2023 as elected leaders of our congregation: President– David Roder; Secretary– Betty Roder; Treasurer– Dawn Jensen; Elders- Ryan Nelson, John Nelson and Rodney Goodrich; Trustees- Rick Jensen, Shaun Roder and Adam Roder; Sunday School Superintendent– Shaun Roder

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Dora Krause; Lanny Zimmerman—Our House Senior Living in Medford



STATS

	Medford	Medford	Chelsea
Attendance:	12/6/2023– 35	12/10/2023– 77	12/10/2023– 17
Offerings Received:		12/6 & 12/10/2023	12/10/2023
Operating		\$4366.00	\$397.00
Missions		\$291.00	\$10.00
Debt Reduction		<u>\$160.00</u>	
Total received:		\$4817.00	
Weekly Goal:		\$3349.13	
Difference:		+\$1467.87	

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Poinsettia Gifts 2023

- 1 Provided by Gloria Dittrich*
- 1 In honor of our grandchildren
Provided by Mike & Judy Thompson*
- 2 Provided by James & Marvel Lemke*
- 1 In memory of my husband, John Alexander and
In honor of my children and grandchildren
Provided by Trudy Alexander*
- 2 In memory of Russ Zimmerman, Conrad E. Goodrich and
Conrad A. Goodrich
Provided by Marlene Zimmerman*
- 1 In thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren
Provided by Vern & Mary Ellen Neumueller*
- 1 In memory of my husband, Bob Anderson
Provided by Julaine Anderson*
- 1 In memory of my husband, Jack Zuleger
Provided by Bev Zuleger*
- 1 In memory of my husband, John Poncek
Provided by Geraldine Poncek*

“Brick by Brick” 2023

Progress Report

Bricks provided to date 110

Bricks purchased this past week 9

Brick by Brick Acknowledgements:

*In memory of my husband Dick and daughter Lisa Jean.....2 bricks
Provided by Irene Higgins*

*In thanksgiving of our grandson, Maverick Dassow.....1 brick
Provided by Bruce & Jill Dassow*

*In memory of Sue Dassow and Doug Dassow.....3 bricks
Provided by Ed Dassow, John & Julie Smith, Brendon and McKenna Dassow*

*In memory of David Noland and Jim Noland and
In thanksgiving for my children, grand-children and great
grand-children.....2 bricks
Provided by Dixie Noland*

*In memory of Hilbert, Frances & Darlene Zuleger and
In honor of Abbie & Dylan Frey.....5 bricks
Provided by Don & Maureen Zuleger*

*In memory of John Alexander and
In thanksgiving for my children.....4 bricks
Provided by Trudy Alexander*

*In memory of my parents ad 3 brothers and
In honor of my family.....2 bricks
Provided by Kathleen Rehbein*

*In thanksgiving of our children and grandchildren.....4 bricks
Provided by Sandy & Dave Maurer*

Note: If your “Brick by Brick” gift was intended to be noted in the bulletin and does not occur on the list, please contact the church office. Thank you.

