



December 6, 2020 – Second Sunday in Advent

Psalm 85:1-7; 2 Peter 3:3, 5, 7-13; Mark 1:1-8

“Judgment Day Truths” - Sermon Text: 2 Peter 3:3, 5, 7-13 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday in Advent

Psalm 126; Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28

“Giving Up for Advent” - Sermon Text: John 1:23 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

December 20, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Advent \*The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day

Observed

Psalm 98; Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

“The Usual Christmas?” - Sermon Text: Luke 2:11 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

December 27, 2020 – First Sunday after Christmas

Psalm 111; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

“We Are Family” - Sermon Text: Galatians 4:4-7 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

**LUTHERAN WITNESS:** It’s time to reorder the Lutheran Witness. If you would like to reorder or start a subscription, the cost is \$19.00. Please Trisha know by December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**CHEER BUCKETS FOR THE SHUT-INS:** The Shut-ins genuinely enjoy receiving these buckets. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we will not be able to sing to them. But we will be able to get them a bucket full of goodies. We are not going to be able to put baked goodies in these buckets this year. If you would like to donate monetarily to these, please give it to Trisha in the office by December 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

During the month of November, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **PAULA REININGA, DORIS TURPIN, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O’RISKY, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, and WANDA KAHRE.**

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>
Saturday, October 31 .....	36
Sunday, November 1.....	35
Saturday, November 7 .....	12
Saturday, November 8 .....	29
Saturday, November 14 .....	23
Sunday, November 15.....	35
Saturday, November 21.....	14
Sunday, November 22.....	46

## WHAT'S COMING UP

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20<sup>th</sup>. You can also submit items by emailing them to: [trisha@tldarm.org](mailto:trisha@tldarm.org)

**WORSHIP SERVICES:** Our Sunday morning service begins at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. Worshippers sit in the pews marked with blue tape and have the option to come to the altar rail by household for Communion. Due to cold weather, our Saturday parking lot service at 9:00 AM has been moved inside the sanctuary. At that service, masks are required, Communion is distributed in the pew, and worshippers sit in the pews NOT marked with blue tape.

We recommend that those with an underlying health risk continue to worship online; however, everyone has the Christian freedom to worship in the sanctuary by following our church’s instructions and safety precautions.

You may worship at home by watching the live stream of our Sunday service at [facebook.com/trinitylutherandarmstadt](https://facebook.com/trinitylutherandarmstadt) or using the on-line resources on our website at [trinitydarmstadt.org/worship-service](https://trinitydarmstadt.org/worship-service).

For those who are not on-line, hard copies of the Sunday bulletin, sermon, and announcements will continue to be mailed to homes. Please call Pastor Temme if you would like to be added or removed from the weekly mailing list. *Worship Anew* can be seen at 9:00 AM Sunday WEVV-TV Fox 44.2, Daily 7:30 AM & 7:30 PM WOW Channel 9, Sunday DirectTV Channel 377.

Please remain a good steward by mailing your offering to church in your offering envelope.

Please call Pastor Temme at 812-470-5007 or Pastor Knea at 920-285-9719 for any emergencies or for prayer and counsel.

**SPRINGERLE COOKIES FOR SALE:** **WALLY STREMMING** has graciously donated home made Springerle Cookies to sell. They are \$5.00 a dozen. They will be available on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> and when they are gone, they are gone.

**USE OF FACILITIES:** If you are going to use the facilities for any reason, it must be on the calendar that is in the office.

### **LWML COLLECTION**

The LWML will be collecting can goods and non-perishable items for needy families in our church congregation. If you wish to participate, please bring any of these items and place them in the Vestibule Entry Way by December 6<sup>th</sup>. They will also take monetary donations to buy perishable items for these families. Please give that to Trisha in the office. God has blessed us all in many ways.... let's share with others.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST & MANGER SCENE EXTRAVAGANZA**

Due to Covid-19 concerns the Board of Parish Fellowship feels the need to cancel this event. We hope everyone stays safe during the holiday season and we hope to have this event next year under better circumstances.

**YOUTH GROUP: SUN. DEC. 6, 6:00 PM** – Christmas party: Graham cracker house-making, pizza, & recording of a” Caroling Christmas Tree.”

**HOLIDAY SERVICES:** Remember our holiday services this year which you may also watch online.

- December 16 – Preschool Christmas Program, 6:30 PM (Online only)
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 PM
- December 25 – Christmas Day Service, 9:00 AM
- December 31 – New Year’s Eve Service, 7:00 PM

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** We thank all those who served this past month in collecting, packing, and loading Christmas boxes for impoverished children in the world. We especially thank Pastor and Sara Knea for organizing the effort.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** All church officers and board members will be installed for the coming year during the Saturday and Sunday morning services on December 26/27.

**PRESCHOOL:** Thank you to those that ordered wreaths. Wreaths should arrive by December 4. Any outstanding payment can be placed in Breenna's church mailbox. Our next fundraiser will be in January. The Preschool Christmas program will be available to watch virtually on December 16. Watch the church bulletin for more information.

## “CHEERS & TEARS”



Cheers to the **KNEAS** for taking care of Operation Christmas Child again this year.

Cheers to all who helped or participated in the **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES.**

on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cheers to **WILMA FEHD**, who celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday

Cheers to everyone who participated in **TRUNK OR TREAT.** It was a great success. We had 300 to 400 hundred kids and parents.



Tears to the Family and Friends of **ROBERT KRON**, who died on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **NEW ADDRESSES**

Cherokee & Julia Meadows - 7766 Camp Brosend Road Apartment P; Newburgh IN; 47630

Marty Koch – 3015 Mill Road; Evansville IN; 47720

Linda Sue Korff – new email - [Lskorff1928@twc.com](mailto:Lskorff1928@twc.com)

### **THANK YOUS**

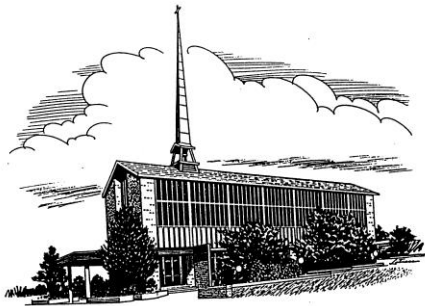
Thanks again to all who volunteered to make our work day on October 17 such a success! We worked throughout the day clearing brush and trimming trees. Volunteers included Jim Lutterman, Paul Pearce, Tom Knight, Dave Shirley, Martha Stott, Karen Wollin, Terry Patz, Lee Feigel, Randy Fischer, Rev. Kurtis Buetlmann, and Josh Knea. We are blessed to have so many dedicated Board members and volunteers to help us.”

--The Trustee Board of the Lutheran Cemetery

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## NEWSLETTER



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### Our Father Who Art in Heaven

Everyone has an earthly father. What are your thoughts and memories of your father? Hopefully, you have a good relationship with your father or have pleasant memories of him. My father passed away two years ago, but I have pleasant memories of our conversations and time together. We would talk about our life, and I would frequently ask him for words of wisdom. Growing up, I remember my father as the provider for our family. He saw to my earthly needs of food, clothing, home, and education. He passed on his knowledge to me about gardening, woodworking, and fishing. But he also saw to my spiritual needs. Dad led our family in home devotions, took me to church, and taught me in Sunday school class. He passed on his knowledge to me about God and my Savior Jesus Christ. He disciplined me out of love. I remember how my earthly father was a great blessing to me for all my life. We had a relationship that was founded on his love for me as his son and my love for him as my father.

Of course earthly fathers are not perfect. Sometimes they sin and lose their temper. They do not always provide, teach, and discipline as they ought. Earthly fathers still struggle with a sinful human nature as I have discovered in my relationship as a father to my own children. Tragically, there have been some fathers who have deserted their children, leaving emotional scars and heartaches for a lifetime. And because of sin, all earthly fathers die. At some point in our life, we will be children without an earthly father.

But we are not orphans. As Christians, we have a heavenly Father. The Scriptures through the word of the apostle Paul tell us, "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." Jesus is the Son of God who suffered and died for our sins and rose to life for our justification. Jesus now sits at the right hand of God the Father. There is a special relationship between the Son and the Father, and because of our special relationship with Jesus by faith in him, we may now call God our Father. When Jesus' disciples came and asked him how to pray, he said, "Pray like this, 'Our Father who art in heaven.'"

What do these words mean? Martin Lutheran writes in our catechism. "With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask him as dear children ask their dear father." The word "Father" tells us that God loves us and wants us to pray to Him confidently and without fear. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1) We know that as our Father, God has compassion on us. "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him." (Psalm 103:13) Just like I could approach my earthly father with my requests, so I may now with confidence approach the throne of the Almighty God with my petitions. "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

Of course when Jesus taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer, he specifically told us to pray "Our" Father. I may certainly pray "My" Father, but by addressing God as "Our" Father it reminds us that as Christians we share the same heavenly Father and should pray with and for one another. Not only does Jesus make us children of God, but he also makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.

We pray, Our Father "who art in heaven," not only to distinguish God from our earthly father but also to recognize that our heavenly Father, as Lord over all, has the power to grant our prayers. "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 124:8) Our earthly father may not have always had it in his power to give us what we need no matter how much he loved us. But we know that our heavenly Father, who loves us so much that he gave his only Son, does have the power to grant our petitions.

What a joy it is to know that in addition to giving us our earthly fathers, God now acts as our heavenly Father for the sake of his Son, Jesus Christ. With this special relationship that we have with God our Father, we may now come to him boldly and confidently with the seven petitions which follow "Our Father who art in heaven."

Pastor Temme