



# TRINITY *tidings*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROLLING MEADOWS  
| DECEMBER 2024 |

City of ROLLING MEADOWS

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

6:00 PM  
THURSDAY, DEC. 5

Rolling Meadows Historical Museum  
3100 Central Road

- ★ TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
- ★ SAY "HI" TO SANTA & PUT LETTERS IN HIS MAILBOX!
- ★ HORSE-DRAWN 'SLEIGH' / WAGON RIDES
- ★ PERFORMANCES BY RM MUSIC/DANCE GROUPS
- ★ FREE HOT COCOA/COFFEE & GOODIES FOR KIDS\*  
\*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



ROLLING MEADOWS HISTORICAL MUSEUM



For more information, contact 847-870-9005 or [CiezakL@cityrm.org](mailto:CiezakL@cityrm.org)

## Church Events

- The Trinity Christmas tree will be put-up December 3, starting at 4:00 pm, afterwards, pizza will be ordered, if your schedule permits, please consider attending.
- The Second Cereal Sunday is on December 8. Cereal is collected to donate for Lutheran Church of the Cross' weekly food pantry. Please bring Cereal to church.
- A Congregational Meeting to approve our 2025 budget will be held December 15, after the 9:30 am church service. Additionally, a discussion concerning Trinity's future path is planned.

# The Christmas Story According To Matthew

Matthew 1:18-2:11

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about[a]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet[b] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, [c] because he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”[d] (which means “God with us”).

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

## The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi

[e] from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

6 “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’[f]”

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

***Join Us For Christmas Day Worship at Church at 9:30 AM,  
December 25th!***



## THANKSGIVING OFFERING -

Nearly 1-in-10 people – 733 million –  
in our world are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are  
called to respond. Working  
community by community in the  
United States and more than 60  
other countries, ELCA World Hunger  
offers solutions that get at the root  
causes of hunger.

For many years, Trinity has been  
helping to support ELCA World  
Hunger with your donations from  
the "Thanksgiving Offering"  
envelopes.

Thank you for your donations this  
year. The total collected from  
Thanksgiving Offering envelopes in  
November was \$480.

There is a matching gift challenge in  
progress through the end of the year,  
so your gifts will be doubled!

It's not too late to donate; make  
checks payable to Trinity and write  
ELCA World Hunger on the memo  
line and place your check in the  
offering basket or donate online at  
[https://community.elca.org/  
elcaworldhunger](https://community.elca.org/elcaworldhunger).



ELCA  
World Hunger

November 22, 2024

Dear Trinity Members and Friends,

I am writing to you to let you know how we are  
doing financially.

At our November council meeting I reported that  
the year-to-date deficit through 10/31/24 is  
\$20,348.20.

It is normal for most churches to have a deficit at  
this time of year. December is usually the biggest  
donation month when that can turn around.

As 2024 draws to a close, please consider making  
an extra donation over and above your regular  
weekly offering to help Trinity reduce the deficit  
and move toward ending the year in the black.  
This is an achievable goal.

For example, if every family donates \$679, we will  
raise \$20,370. I understand that some families are  
not able to give \$679, while some families are able  
to give more. Whatever you can do will be  
appreciated!

Donations by e-check, debit or credit card, or  
through Zelle® in your banking app are also  
possible. More details about those methods —just  
see me.

Please also consider increasing your weekly  
offerings going forward. If every family had  
donated \$16 more per week, we would not have  
had a deficit at the end of October.

Thank you for your love and commitment to Trinity.

Yours in Christ,

Dan Phillips  
Treasurer, Trinity Lutheran Church

*P.S. In order to qualify as a tax-deductible donation  
for 2024, donations sent by U.S. mail must be  
postmarked in 2024 and donations by any other  
method must be received by Trinity in 2024.*

## Financial Update: General Fund 2024

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)
Jan	\$ 9,846.73	\$ 13,875.55	\$ (4,028.82)
Feb	\$ 9,958.20	\$ 14,294.49	\$ (4,336.29)
Mar	\$ 13,389.51	\$ 16,034.69	\$ (2,645.18)
Apr	\$ 9,663.91	\$ 11,608.70	\$ (1,944.79)
May	\$ 10,173.18	\$ 11,543.41	\$ (1,370.23)
Jun	\$ 10,778.95	\$ 12,768.46	\$ (1,989.51)
Jul	\$ 11,078.91	\$ 11,787.07	\$ (708.16)
Aug	\$ 13,857.51	\$ 13,482.48	\$ 375.03
Sep	\$ 10,468.77	\$ 12,235.17	\$ (1,766.40)
Oct	\$ 11,185.00	\$ 13,118.85	\$ (1,933.85)
<b>Total Jan-Oct 2024</b>	<b>\$ 110,400.67</b>	<b>\$ 130,748.87</b>	<b>\$ (20,348.20)</b>

Donations can be made electronically from your smartphone using the "Vanco Mobile" app available from the App Store or Google Play, or use our website QR code, or go to the Donations link on our website tlcmm.com or our secure website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRVQ/home>



Thank you for your continued support!

## JOHNSON FAMILY FUDGE

- 4 c. sugar
- 1 c. milk
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 c. butter
- 25 large marshmallows
- 12 oz. semi sweet chocolate chips
- 12 oz. milk chocolate chips
- 2 oz. Bakers Unsweetened Chocolate
- 1 c. chopped wanuts

Mix sugar, vanilla, and butter. Boil two minutes. Turn off heat and add marshmallows. Stir until melted. Add chocolate and stir until melted. Add nuts. Pour into a greased 9 x 13 dish.

## EASY DEVEILED EGGS

- COOK EGGS & COOL THEM
- SLICE THEM OPEN AND MASH THE YOKES
- MIX WITH "KRAFT" SANDWICH SPREAD

## December Birthdays

- Shipra Minz 04
- Jan Bankert 10
- Deb Cope 16
- Jesus Christ 25
- Al Carlsen 31



## December Anniversaries

**Glenn & Joan Anderson**  
December, 23, 1953

**Bryan & Sabrina Johnson**  
December 27, 2013



## TRINITY LADIES GROUP

*Join us on December 10, at noon, for our Ladies Group meeting.*

*After lunching and fellowship time we will play BINGO.*

*Thanks for your past participation during 2024, you all made each meeting enjoyable and fun.*

*For you and your family, may God's blessings continue into 2025.*



City of Rolling Meadows  
Department of Human Services

# HOLIDAY giving tree 2024

This holiday season, help turn wishes into a reality.  
Participate in **The City of Rolling Meadows' first Holiday Giving Tree!** Each gift adds a bit of **magic** to families and children from Rolling Meadows!

You can take **one person**  
**OR a whole family!**  
Look for the same  
ornament number for a  
family



We ask that you to spend a  
**minimum of \$20** per person

Register through scanning this QR code, or the one in the  
back of the ornament or on the **City's website:**  
[www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org)

Let us know you've taken an ornament by filling out a  
registration card on site or by scanning the QR code above.  
Drop off your **NEW** and **UNWRAPPED** gifts **WITH** the ornament  
number at City Hall by December 16th.

For questions, please call Marisol Gonzalez at 847-870-2695



## FILL-THE-HUMVEE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE TO HAUL AWAY HUNGER!

**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 7, 2024**  
10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**JEWEL-OSCO**  
3000 KIRCHOFF ROAD,  
ROLLING MEADOWS, IL 60008

TEAM UP WITH THE ROLLING MEADOWS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
2024 HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE! ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE PALATINE  
TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



## TRINITY IS HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE “HOLIDAY GIVING TREE”

PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY  
THE CITY OF ROLLING  
MEADOWS.

PLEASE VIEW THE FLYER  
ABOVE FOR DETAILS.  
QUESTIONS, SEE PASTOR  
HILDNER.

ALSO CHECK OUT THE CITY'S  
HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE.  
DETAILS IN FLYER LEFT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study  4:00pm Decorate the Church	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  7:00pm TLC Council Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
<b>8</b>  TLC Second Sunday Cereal Food Drive 9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study  12:00pm Talk, Lunch, Crafts - TLC Ladies Club 4:30pm Girl Scouts - Troop 45736	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  7:00pm TLC Council Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
<b>15</b>  9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am TLC Congregation Meeting 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
<b>22</b> 9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve  Christmas Eve - No Worship Service	<b>25</b> Christmas Day  9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship and Fellowship	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship
<b>29</b> 9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM 10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner 11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship 2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>   10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study	<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship

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