



# Tri-County Ministry News

December 2024 — January 2025

## Advent 2024 — “The Word Made Flesh”

*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).*

We begin the church year with the worship series for Advent “The Word Made Flesh.” We will be reminded that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his divine nature to us in physical elements we find on earth.

The first Sunday in Advent falls on Thanksgiving weekend this year. Our churches have begun the tradition of not having worship on Thanksgiving weekend. Therefore, we will have three Advent worship services rather than four.

Worshippers will hear three of these four weekly themes (depending on Christmas program scheduling):

### **Bread of Life**

Jesus is born in Bethlehem, the House of Bread, to nourish and strengthen us in our faith and feed us with his Word of truth to fill our lives.

### **Salt of the Earth**

Jesus calls us to flavor the earth and to savor the good things that come from him through his birth.

### **Rock of Ages**

Jesus is our rock, a solid foundation on which to build a life of joy.

### **Light of the World**

Jesus brightens our lives through his birth, dispelling the darkness of sin to bring forgiveness to light.



# Advent and Christmas Festivities

## ***The First Sunday in Advent — December 1***

No worship services in the Tri-County Ministry congregations

## ***Christmas Programs***

**Lutheran Church of McVile** — Wednesday, December 4

Christmas Stars — A showcase of community gifts

Potluck at 5:00, program at 6:00

The Club 3:16 kids will present their Christmas program and they invite you be part of the program.

Contact Haley Klefstad for more info or to let her know you'd like to participate.

Haley.klefstad@k12.nd.us or 701.270.2621

**First Presbyterian** — Sunday, December 8 during worship service

**Trinity** — Sunday, December 8 during **10:30** worship service

**Faith** — Sunday, December 22 during worship service

## ***Christmas Eve Services***

4:00 Lutheran Church of McVile

4:30 Grace of Grace City

4:30 Trinity of Binford

10:00 Faith of Hannaford



## ***Faith Women Christmas Potluck***

Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30

Bring a friend, a dish to pass, and a gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

## ***Trinity WELCA Bake Sale***

Annual fund raiser for the WELCA following the 10:30 worship/Christmas program on Sunday, December 8. All members are asked to participate.



## Annual Meetings 2025

Faith .....January 19  
Trinity .....January 19

Grace .....January 26  
McVille .....January 26  
Presbyterian .....January 26

Our Savior's .....TBA

## Many Thanks

Our Tri-County Ministry Council held their last meeting of the year in September. Since then, all congregations have approved the 2025 Congregation Ministry Contributions.

The council will hold their first 2025 meeting in February or March, weather and calendar permitting.

This year, our churches have been represented by:

Allen Hetland from Faith  
Janice Johnson from First Presbyterian  
Gilbert Black from Grace  
Myrna Hanson from Our Savior's  
Amy Olson from McVille  
Bob Delfs from Trinity

Gilbert and Bob have completed 2 three-year terms on the council and are not eligible to take another consecutive term. Many many thanks to each of them for their hard work and dedication to our parish!

## First Communion Class

Discussions have begun about our First Communion class, which will be held some time during Lent.



In the meantime, families are asked to consider who might wish to participate. Children who are ready to receive the Lord's Supper are invited to take the class.

We would like to have a listing of participants so that plans may be made. If you have a child wishing to take the class, please contact Theresa directly at the Tri-County Ministry office.

## Pounds for the Pantry

Thank you to all who participated in this annual competition to collect for our local food pantries. Generosity abounds!

Congratulations to First Presbyterian in Cooperstown for gathering in 425 pounds of items for the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Cooperstown. They are the winner of the Traveling Turkey!



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