

Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA
Lindstrom, MN 55045

NOVEMBER 2019

Trinity where we CONNECT, GROW, & SERVE
with the love of Jesus Christ.

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

As we look forward to the month ahead, let me ask you . . . How does The Word shape your life?

THE SECOND BUILDING BLOCK OF FAITH OR MARK OF A DISCIPLE = READING /STUDYING GOD'S WORD

According to a research project, the following amazing statistics were reported:

80% of Americans named the Bible as the most influential book in human history.

91% of all households own a Bible and the typical household has three Bibles.

38% say they read the Bible every week outside of church.

Among the Bible readers, they spend an average of 52 minutes per week (10 minutes reading daily).

22% say they have read the entire Bible.

On the other hand, 12% said the name of Noah's wife was Joan of Arc.

As Christians, we believe the Bible is God's word and throughout the month of November we will look at the importance of reading, knowing, and living God's word.

Pastor Michael W. Foss in his book *Power Surge* states, Clearly the book is out there, but apparently it gathers more dust than readers. As a church we are again faced with the fact that making a paradigm shift from a membership model to a discipleship model requires crafting a new congregational culture. In the membership model, the Bible is a tool for the pastor and, at best, an accessory for the average member. In the discipleship model, the Bible is a part of everyone's tool kit.

If most of us opened a carpenter's tool kit, we wouldn't know what to do with most of what we found inside. Using the tools of any trade requires the development of skills through mentoring, practice, and experience. It's no different with the Bible, the key tool is the discipleship trade.

"Pastor," he said, "I really understand the need to read the Bible daily. In fact, when I don't do it, my world kind of gets out of whack. My problem is that I don't know how to get past some of what I read. I mean, not only do I not understand it, I don't even like it!"

Comments like these are neither uncommon nor surprising. But the sad reality is that we will continue to hear them until our churches become communities where folks are not only encouraged and expected to read the Bible, but are equipped to do it. The expectation is important and needs to be clearly communicated, but without providing people with non-intimidating, practical opportunities for learning how to use this tool it will all be for nothing, and the tool will stay in the tool kit – unused.

The Christian reality is that the Bible is at the center of our life together, which means this foundation of our individual lives of discipleship needs to be continually lifted up. Throughout the month of November we will be focusing on Study as a building block of faith. Please plan to join us each week as together we focus on both the blessing and the challenge of being God's people, faithfully involved in the study of God's word.

Focusing on, and growing in The Word, with you,

Pastor Terry D. Nordheim

Pastor Terry

Stories of Our Lives:

Saturday, November 2, 10:00-12:00 noon
Whether you're knee-deep in writing, or just getting started, you are welcome! Each session is different, so you can drop in anytime. Inspiration, practical tools, and writing ideas will help you in sharing your memories on the page. Your story matters!
Facilitator: Cathy Nordheim



Coffee Conversations with the Pastors
Thursday NIGHT from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
& Friday MORNING from 9:00-10:30
in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is welcome to join us for some great conversations. This meeting will be a great follow-up to the Fall Congregational Meeting.



**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 3.**

Don't forget to change your clocks or you will be early to church!

Council Q & A

The 1st Sunday of every month we welcome the congregation to join Council Members between services in the Kirvida Lounge for a "Questions & Answers" session. **The next session will be Sunday, November 3. We hope to see you there!**



YOUTH SILENT AUCTION
Sundays, November 3 & 10

Proceeds to **benefit Youth Summer Camps and Activities.** Lots of wonderful items. Thank you to everyone that donate to this fundraiser.

African Children's Choir
Live in Concert
"Just As I Am"

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
6:30 p.m.

Free admission with a free-will offering.
All ages welcome.



Charge for the Pearl and Elmer Nelson Bequest Task Force

The Pearl and Elmer Nelson bequest is an undesignated bequest that was given to Trinity Lutheran Church in 2015. Trinity bylaws require half of all undesignated gifts over \$5,000 to be placed in Trinity's endowment fund, and this was done in 2016. 10% of the remainder was designated by Church Council to match second Sunday offerings. A portion has been used to pay for Leaderwise consulting. There is now a need to determine how to disperse the remainder. The Pearl and Elmer Nelson Bequest Task Force will identify uses to which the remaining funds may be applied, and also suggest how much of the fund should be distributed to each use. The task force will present its findings and recommendations to the Trinity Church Council. **If you are interested in being on the Bequest Task Force, please submit your name to Amber by Sunday, November 17.** The Bequest Task Force will be appointed at the November Church Council Meeting.

Climate Reality

"It's our duty to protect God's creation."

Guest Speaker: Jackie Rude

Thursday, November 21, 2019

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

A climate reality presentations is available to us, as part of a world-wide effort; entitled "24 Hours of Climate Reality- Truth in Action." Jackie Rude will present and answer questions as part of world-wide effort to increase citizen understanding and to focus on creating a global conversation about the climate change crisis and its solutions. ALL are welcome. For more information please see Cathy Johnson or Jim Jordal.



Thanksgiving Worship
Tuesday, November 26
6:30 p.m.

Coffee & Pie after worship.

Please note the change in the day of the week from previous years. We are trying something new to allow for more travel and family time. **We are looking for pie bakers. Please contact Amber if you are interested in baking or serving.**

Service Groups

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To all Trinity members:

When you hear from your Service Group Coordinator asking you to volunteer for: Coffee Host, Greeters, or Office attendants, please

RETURN phone calls or emails even if you need to say "NO." Thank you.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER at CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN in CENTER CITY

This dinner is for anyone in the community who may not have a place to celebrate Thanksgiving. All ages are welcome. **Thursday, November 28- seating at 12:00 noon / serving at 12:30.**

Freewill offering **RESERVATIONS need to be made no later than 1:00 pm on Monday, November 25 by calling CLLC at 651-257-6300.**

Want to **HELP** in the kitchen and/or serve guests: **Contact Carol Wolsky** at 612-910-2510 or cdwolsky@gmail.com



DONATIONS NEEDED: Bring to Fellowship Hall: packages of Stove Top stuffing, Thanksgiving desserts (pies, bars, etc), and monetary donations.

Holiday Social Dinner Group Potluck Sunday, December 15

5:30 p.m. social hour / 6:00 dinner

We will gather in Trinity's Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a dish to share.

No RSVP necessary.

We will sing Christmas carols and share fellowship.

ALL Trinity friends are WELCOME.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Sarah Circle: Thursday, November 14 at 1:00

Eve Circle: Thursday, November 14 at Marcia Smith's House at 7:00 p.m.

Ruth Circle: Wednesday, November 20 at 12:30



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY November 3

The custom of observing the first Sunday in November as All Saints' Sunday had its origins in the 8th century. It was originally a day set aside to commemorate the martyrs, those who died for their faith in Jesus Christ. In more recent times, not only are the faithful of the past remembered, but special attention is directed to those members or friends of the congregation whose earthly life has come to a close during the past year.

All Saints' Sunday is the day we remember especially those who have loved and labored for the church of Jesus Christ. We remember our loved ones with gratitude to God for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. On Sunday, November 3, we will remember with prayer, during our worship services, the following who have died since All Saint's Day one year ago:

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| * Dorothy Leisch | * George Hanson |
| * Janet Olson | * William (Bill) Holt |
| * Mary Jordal | * Don Vaia |
| * Richard Rolland | * Marilyn Schwanker |
| * Mark Lundholm | * Ardis Forster |
| * Darryl Johnson | * Jeremy Greene |
| * Florence Paetzel | * Ron Holt |
| * Beuna May Carlson | * Howard Anderson |
| * Charles Johnson | * Victor Williams |
| * Karen Johnson | |

Unexpected Company Chorale Holiday Concert

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lindstrom
Friday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.



Lindstrom Boy Scouts will be taking orders for **Christmas wreaths, swags, and garland** on Sunday mornings. Look for them on the following **Sunday mornings: November 3, 10, 17.** We appreciate everyone's support in our programs!



ADULT DAY CLUB meets every first and third Tuesdays of the month at Zion. Trinity is looking for more **MALE** volunteers to assist with this respite program. Please contact Pauline Anderson for more information.

The Spirit is alive and working at Trinity. How will you share the Holy Spirit?

2ND SUNDAY / 2ND OFFERING on October 13, went to New Pathways. \$1,000.00 was matched with Pearl Nelson Bequest funds. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to this 2nd offering!

2ND SUNDAY / 2ND OFFERING on October 13 will go to "Operation Christmas Child"

Trinity Congregation is busy filling shoeboxes and bringing in items to fill the shoeboxes. If you would like to fill a shoebox, the boxes are available in the Fellowship Hall, along with a list of suggested items. **Boxes need to be returned to Trinity by Monday, November 11th.** We will be packing shoeboxes as a congregation as part of the evening worship service on Wednesday, November 13th. Come join us! Also, monetary donations are most appreciated as it takes \$9 to ship a shoebox. Just drop your donation off in the mailbox by the Operation Christmas Child display.

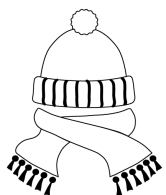
Second Sunday offering for November is for Operation Christmas Child and will be collected on November 10th. Any checks should be made out to Trinity and then write Operation Christmas Child in the memo line. These donations will be MATCHED with funds from the Pearl Nelson Bequest. On behalf of the children of the world learning about the love of Jesus Christ, **Thank you!**

2nd Sunday 2nd Offering MISSIONS

chosen by the Witness and Outreach Committee for the second half of 2019:

December– Open Hands Midway

Next applications are due NOVEMBER 1 for January– June.



Thank you to everyone that helped or donated to the Outerwear Fair. Lots of children will be warm this winter because of your generosity. We will continue to get calls during the winter months, so its not too late to bring in your donations.

OPEN HANDS MIDWAY-



Next serving date will be Monday, October 25. We leave Trinity at 9:00 am and return by 3:30. Contact Bonnie if you have any questions.

Chisago County Anonymous Santa

A non-profit corporation dedicated to providing "Christmas With Dignity" to children from families in crisis. DONATIONS welcome! We have a Drop off site right here at Trinity, the donation box should arrive on Nov. 11th! **NEW gifts** for children ages 1-18, plus hats & mittens.

2019 Distribution days will be Thursday, December 19 and Friday, December 20 at Main Street Church in North Branch. Applications

due on Friday, December 6th. Applications are available at Family Pathways Food Shelves & Forest Lake Walmart. Questions about Applications, please call 651-983-0496.

Volunteers needed to lend just a few hours of help. The week of December 15-21st, please contact Lena at 651-242-8192 to volunteer.



PATH TO HOME

Trinity is blessed to host Path to Home in December. Mark your calendars and think about how your family can help those in need during this especially difficult time. Path to Home will be at Trinity **December 1st-8th.** Contact Bonnie Houser for more information.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be up **December 1st.** Get ready to choose an angel and purchase Christmas gifts for the person listed on that angel.

TRINITY'S YOUTH NEWS

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WORKCAMP meeting Wednesday November 13 at 7:15 p.m.

Come join us as we plan for our mission trip to **Chattanooga, Tennessee!** This is open to ALL 9th – 12th graders and adults. **Deposit: \$50.** We have room for **23 youth and 7 adults.** Invite a friend!

LOCK-INS coming up....

Sr. High LOCK-IN & FUN NIGHT

November 15-16

You can bring a friend. **\$10**

Stay all night or you can leave at midnight - if you need to.

Slips due **November 13.**

6th - 7th - 8th grade LOCK-IN

November 8-9

You can bring a friend. **\$10.** Slips due **November 6**

PARENTS: We need your help at lock-ins!



YOWSA SKI & SNOWBOARD TRIP to Spirit Mountain!

for 6th - 12th graders

January 17-18, 2020

Bring your friends! Families are welcome to join us.

Want to go? \$25 deposit will guarantee your spot.

YOWSA events are sponsored by the Chisago Lakes Area Church Youth Workers.

Jr. & Sr. High WINTER RETREAT at Luther Point Bible Camp

December 29 – 31
during Christmas break!

Make plans to join us for a break from all the busy-ness of life.
Watch for more details.



SILENT AUCTION!

November 3 - 10



Come and check out all the items and gifts that have been donated this year!

Make a bid and help support our youth activities and events!



Nov. 3	5:30 Sr. High Youth Silent Auction Begins Daylight savings time
Nov. 4 (No School)	Play and Pray Day for all K-5th graders and their friends at Zion Lutheran, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$5 Middle School and Sr. High — Let Linda know if you can help.
Nov. 6	3:00 Confirmation, Jr. Youth, Supper, Worship
Nov. 8-9	6-8th Grade Lock in, 7 pm—8 am Cost \$10 Invite your friends!
Nov. 10	2:00-4:00 K-5 Fun Event Silent Auction Ends
Nov. 13	3:00 Confirmation, Jr. Youth, Supper, Worship. 7:15 Workcamp Meeting
Nov. 15-16	Sr High Fun Night/Lock -in 7 pm—8 am Cost \$10 Invite your friends!
Nov. 19	African Children's Choir @ CLLL 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	5:45 Supper and Worship 7:15 Faith Friends & Club 2026
Nov. 24	Sr. High Youth 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Worship Service, 6:30 pm Pie and coffee to follow.
Nov. 27	No Wednesday activities. No School.

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THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... THANK YOU

--- to the parents who helped with the **8th grade**

Confirmation Retreat: Denise Carlson, Stacy Aldrich, Avery Bird, Christian Schmidt, Darcy Paulsen, Kim Anderson, Rhonda Gajeski, and Pastor Terry, too. (I apologize if I missed anyone.)

--- to the parents who helped with the **6th and 7th grade**

Confirmation Retreat: Scott Carlson, John Bird, Katie Roche, Joleen Rein, Heather Zaruba, Susie Benjamin, Cinnamon Theisen, Mindy Sundburg, Kim, Tamra Heinsch, Meghan Phelps, Renae Reedy, Kim Shuga, Deanna Nelson Deanne Olson, Christian Schmidt, and Pastor Terry, too. (I apologize if I missed anyone.)

... to the parents who helped with the **9th grade Confirmation**

Workshop lunch: Rory Bluhm, Gloria Nase, Kris Rossow, Amy Odland, Gina Warnke, Torre Heiland, and Robin West.

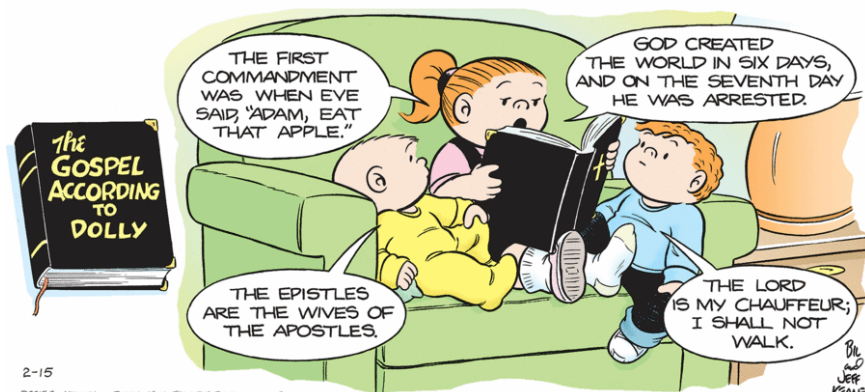
... to all our summer campers and chaperones who **led the worship services** on Oct. 6. You did a fantastic job of sharing your faith stories in words and songs! It was a wonderful celebration of His love and grace!

... to our **9th grade confirmands**. May God continue to bless each one of you! Thanks to your parents who helped and supported you during this time! We pray that you will continue to encourage your children in their faith journeys as they grow!

... to all the adults who have been **Faith Friends** this past year. Thanks for your time and gift of sharing with our youth.

... to the **NEW Faith Friends** and **6th grade Club 2026** leaders. Your time and energy are a gift from God!

... to all the **folks at Trinity** who continue to pray for our youth each and every day! It does make a difference!



Happy Birthday!

to these 6th - 12th graders:

Ieuan Bailey	Nov. 1
Brynn Haskin	Nov. 3
Lucas Heiland	Nov. 4
Marissa Rossow	Nov. 6
Lauryn Friedner	Nov. 7
Sam Bird	Nov. 8
Maddie Carlson	Nov. 8
Ty Gajeski	Nov. 9
Benjamin Paulsen	Nov. 18
Brennin Fritzke	Nov. 21
Anya Nephew	Nov. 22
Xander Gangl	Nov. 24
Timothy Noreen	Nov. 27

YOUTH AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Chisago Lakes Area Lutheran Churches Present

CAMP OUT

GETTING S'MORE OF JESUS

Save the Date

PLAY AND PRAY DAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.
KINDERGARTEN- GRADE 5
COST: \$5

ZION LUTHERAN'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GRANT WILL HELP COVER SOME OF THE COST

Watch for more details. Hosted by Chisago Lake, Trinity and Zion Lutheran Churches

We need permission slips by Sunday, November 3rd.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



651-257-5129 x5

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m.

All children will be in the program,
**so attendance at Sunday school
and the practice is very
important to EVERYONE!**

children's
program



We will practice on Sunday mornings during Sunday school AND on **Saturday, December 14 at 9 a.m.** Additional practices for those with speaking or acting parts will be announced.

**There will be Kidsitting on December 14 from
12—4 p.m. Sign up in the church office.**

**The following Sunday school students received their
Bibles in October:**

2nd Graders: Remington Isaacson, Kyler Krueger,
Braedon Lueneburg, Taylor Nielsen, Matthew Nugteren,
Adelia Otte, Rylin Peterson, Grayson Phillips, Gabriel
Smith

3 yr. olds: Isabel Beuning, Suri DeAmor, Ceiley Fritzke,
Jace Hendrickson, Olivia Hoffman, Nathaniel Krona,
Kayden Kruegur, Trevelle Rolbiecki, Isaac Smith

*Thank you for the many donations that make this Bible
Ministry possible.*

Advent Celebration

Sunday, December 1

11:45 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

at Trinity Lutheran Church



Enjoy family crafts, lunch and join us on our
Advent Adventure. Fun for all ages!

Building Blocks of Faith November Sunday School Focus: Worship Regularly

Jesus is coming soon!

Come and discover how God announced Jesus' arrival to the world. We'll learn how God worked through ordinary people and changed the world with his love as a little baby boy named Jesus came into the world! And that's **GOOD NEWS!**

November 3 Good News—God Word's John 1: 1-18

November 10 The Angels visit Mary and Joseph
Luke 1:26-38, Matt. 1: 18-24

November 17 Mary visits Elizabeth— jumping for
joy! Luke 1:39-56

November 24 The birth of Jesus and those who
greeted him. Luke 2:1-20

Family Conversations:

What happens when you receive good news? How does it make you feel and who do you tell? Good news is important to share. What things in life do you want to share with and tell others? Read the story of Jesus' birth. God used ordinary people to greet him. How do you think the shepherds felt being the first to see Jesus? If you were a shepherd, how would you share the good news that Jesus was born?

For Families To Do Together

Make a family Good News tree! Cut a tree out of paper, write on a sticky note when have good news to share (a good grade, you helped a friend, etc.) and put it on the tree. Talk about and celebrate your good news!

Family Prayer

Dear God, we are so grateful for all you do in our lives. Help us to do our best each day and share your good news of love with others through our words and actions. AMEN



Sunday School Covenant

A Covenant is an agreement between God and his people in which God makes certain promises and requires certain behavior from them in return.

At Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School, we ask that your child/ren make this Covenant.

- ◆ I can listen.
- ◆ I can learn.
- ◆ I can stay safe.
- ◆ I can show respect.
- ◆ I can participate.
- ◆ I can have fun!



November Baptismal Birthdays



Ashlynn Anderson	Brian Nephew
Louis Nielsen	Hazel Nugteren
Abel Worrel	Kolten Wojcik
Diesel Lundeen	Laila Lundeen
Roman Lundeen	Brienna Melquist
Kyler Krueger	Kalli Krueger
Emily Moxley	

November Baptismal Birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, November 3rd during Sunday School.

November Birthdays

Sunday School (grades 3 year-olds – 5th grade)

Tanner Fagan	Benjamin Hoffman
Evelyn Skalman	Wyatt Peloquin
Drake Severson	Taeler Solomon
Diesel Lundden	Elsa Behnke
Tenlee Peloquin	Lilei Meredith

PLAY AND PRAY DAY

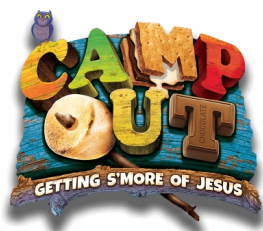
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

KINDERGARTEN– 5TH GRADE

COST \$5 DUE: Nov. 3rd



Registration forms available in the church office or online. Zion Lutheran Children's ministry grant is covering some of the cost of this special event. This event is hosted by Chisago Lakes area Lutheran Churches.

For 3rd—5th Graders:



WEDNESDAYS (not in December),
We would love to have you join us!
\$25/ child

Registration forms can be found online at
www.trinitylindstrom.org or
in the church office.

Transportation from Lakeside Elementary is provided.

4:15–5:45 Snacks, dramas, games, activities, Bible studies

5:45 Supper with your family (free-will offering)

6:30 Casual, family Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 3	All Saints Sunday Celebrate October and November Baptismal Birthdays
Monday, November 4	Pray and Play Day at Zion (Forms and Money due prior)
Wednesday, November 6	All Wednesday Activities
November 10	Commitment Sunday K-5 Fun Event 2-4 p.m.
Wednesday, November 13	All Wednesday Activities
November 17	Sunday School to sing at 9 a.m. worship service
Wednesday, November 20	Faith Kids, Supper and Worship Last of 2019
November 24	Christ the King Sunday
Tuesday, November 26	Thanksgiving Worship at 6:30 Pie & Coffee after worship.
December 1	5th Graders make Advent Wreaths at Sunday School Advent Celebration—Lunch, craft and activities. Family Event
December 8	Celebrate December Baptismal Birthdays
December 14	Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal 9 a.m. Kid-Sitting 12-4 p.m.
December 15	Sunday School Christmas Program 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
December 23	No Sunday School
December 30	No Sunday School

CUP WASHING CREW

Interested in being part of the 2020 Cup Washing Crew at Trinity? It involves washing the cups and glasses after coffee/fellowship on Sundays. You will be scheduled approximately 3 times per year. Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact LaVonne at 651-257-1804 by December 1. If you are already part of the crew and want to remain so – no action is needed. This will be LaVonne's last year coordinating the group. We thank her for all her time and commitment!

BLANKET MINISTRY

Thanks to all who helped make blankets this fall. 83 blankets were made for the Blanket Ministry Program. These blankets will be a blessing to many.

CARD MINISTRY

Marilyn Heldt would like to thank everyone for making Card Ministry so meaningful. She would like to welcome Bonnie Quigley as the new Card Ministry Coordinator. If you are looking to join the Card Ministry Team for 2020, please contact Bonnie at 651-263-5610 or call the church office.

Thank you

Be sure to stop by and read this month's thank you cards posted on the bulletin board:

Ardace Rolland– Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers during my month long stay at Abbott. Your prayer blanket kept me warm and was a daily reminder of all the wonderful friends I have at Trinity.

Sari Fagan-Crawford- Thank you so very much for the gift of the prayer blanket. It was unexpected, and a lovely gesture from all of you. I want to thank you all for the love and support you have shared for my mother, Judy Fagan, during my journey.

Janice Konkler– I really appreciated the card.

Tammy & Family– Thank you to everyone who helped with the service of Victor Williams. We had many comments from people on how nice the service was. It was beautiful from the piano, singer, food, all of it.

The Gideons International– Thank you for your offering of \$1,433.10. It is tangible evidence of the love your congregation has for making the Word of God available to those who otherwise may not have a copy.



PRAYERS



We keep in our hearts and prayers the families with the recent loss of:

Jeremy Greene
Ronald Holt
Victor Williams
Howard Anderson

We keep in our prayers those in need of healing: Bill Freeman, Shane Nelson, Tom Schock, Diane Morris, Harvey Reed, Adrace Rolland, Shirley Severin, Gary Peterson, Gari Jo Miller, Shannon Rice, Joe Mallery, Mason, Shari Crawford, & Hilde Miller.

Have a prayer chain request?

Do you want to be added to Trinity's Prayer Chain recipient list? Do you want to add a prayer request? Contact Shari Bachman at 651-257-9380 or email her at shari@bachmansphotography.com

*If you are adding someone else, please **get permission** from them before doing so.

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

Adult Education

In memory of Mary Jonason
Keith & Joan Carlson

Community Meals

Ray & Virginia Morris
In memory of Ardis Forster
Pat Turner

Helping Hands

In memory of Jeremy Greene
David & Carol Johnson

Outerwear Fair

Curt Hedstrom

Patron of the Arts

In memory of Ardis Forster
Ray & Virginia Morris
Russ & Diane Morris
Keith & Joan Carlson
Friends of the Family

Senior Choir

In memory of Ardis Forster
Friends of the Family

The rest of the November memorials will be published in the December Newsletter.

Chimes Council Report:

Fall. It is a season that reminds us of endings. Once thriving green leaves now drop from the branches in glorious color; but dying, beautiful summer flowers have lost their grandeur and now turn to hues of brown and gray. Colder temperatures arrive and our long, bright days full of sunshine are gone. God is slowly changing our earthly landscape. We are constantly reminded of our utter helplessness to stop the flow of God's creation. We are caught between summer and winter in the uniqueness of autumn. Even though the season brings its own joy with pungent scents and colors of orange, yellow and red, we know it is the end of summer and the beginning of a period of dormancy and cold.

As we enjoy the changes that fall brings, let it remind us of a vital truth. I believe God intends for us to see with our eyes something that points to a lasting spiritual truth. When you look at a fallen leaf or disintegrating summer flower; think this thought: *"All men are alike grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of the Lord stands forever."* (1 Peter 1:24, NIV, 1984)

Respectfully submitted by Terry Hogenson – Council Member

COUNCIL 2020

On Sunday, October 13th, three Trinity members were elected by the congregation to serve on Church Council starting in January of 2020. Returning council members include Kim Anderson, Rachel Carlson, Colleen Guilfoile, Terry Hogenson, Diane John, David Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Jim Jordal, and Jolene Wille. Your newly elected members biographies are listed below.

KATIE ROCHE

Katie joined Trinity in May 2017 with her family after having worshipped here for nearly a year prior and feeling intensely at home in the presence of Christ at Trinity. Katie and her husband Derek have four children: Aisha, Sasha, Drew, and Finn. She's active in the Trinity community in many ways, including being a Sunday school volunteer, a faith friend, and a confirmation parent volunteer; volunteering to help with various ministries and annual events; representing Trinity at Mi Chi Lu events; as well as organizing and coordinating Trinity's partnership with El Buen Pastor in Guatemala through continued communication, projects, and trips to Guatemala. Katie's hobbies include coaching or cheering on her kids in sports; traveling with her family; engaging with her community through a variety of commissions, service-oriented groups, and school-support groups; and growing in her faith with book studies and her work within WOW|Compassion, a faith-based nonprofit organization she founded with close friends and followers of Christ. She would like to serve on Church Council to represent young families and youth programming, contribute to conversations about collaboration and understanding different perspectives, share her passion for this faith community and its future, and strengthen her life in Christ.

CRAIG MARTIN

Hello, my name is Craig Martin. I have been married for 25 years and have two children that have both graduated from Chisago Lakes High School. While they were growing up, I coached both my son and daughter's teams in their sports- soccer, football, basketball and lacrosse. I was raised as a Christian at Faith Lutheran Church in Forest Lake and joined Trinity when my wife and I moved back to Lindstrom to raise our children. I have worked in law enforcement for the past 26 years. I believe I can be a valued member of Trinity's council and look forward to serving our church.

CATHY JOHNSON

My name is Cathy Johnson, and I have lived in this area since 1989. I grew up in the cities and graduated from Edina High School and then attended the University of Minnesota. I worked as a Flight Attendant for Northwest Airlines for 18 years and also studied for and got my real estate license during that time. After I moved up here, I retired and raised and showed Arabian horses. I now live on some acreage with my horses, dogs, and cats. I volunteer for the local animal shelter and am active with several Bible studies. Trinity has been my church since I moved to the Lindstrom area.

November Finance Report:

In conjunction with Trinity's mission and vision to CONNECT, GROW and SERVE with the love of Jesus Christ, may we listen, learn and follow through the next months as we utilize the Building Blocks of Faith. We have started Michael W. Foss's book Real Faith for Real Life which describes living the six marks of discipleship. There are multiple groups meeting in a variety of places and times.

We are in a solid, positive, financial position in large part because we are down several staff positions. We still need a Chris. Ed. Director, an Organist, and eventually another Custodian. If you know someone who would be a good fit for these positions let us know. Our current staff is working hard to fill those positions now, on top of doing the multitude of duties and responsibilities that come with their own position. Our staff is so essential to the smooth operation of Trinity.

Finance met with Ross Peterson to discuss the proposed building needs. There is need for full education of options for the congregation, and including all phases into one phase with education and fund raising for a complete seamless project. Dale Fredell brought up the loss of a lead contributor and the opportunity for the Pearl Nelson gift to be that lead contributor, which is key to successful fund raising.

Stewardship has sent out informational letters and pledge cards. Please fill out both sides of the pledge cards. Only you know where your heart is, and what your finances are. If you can't commit to a regular contribution, just indicate that on the pledge card. It will save Stewardship and Finance time. The pledge cards are the basis for planning next year's budget. In the past we have called those who have not turned in a pledge card. Thank you to those who so faithfully fill out the pledge cards and follow through on your pledge.

Please consider being on the Bequest Task Force or encourage someone who would be an asset to the BTF but is leery of speaking up. This is such an important Task Force – we need to maintain the church property AND be good stewards of the gifts bestowed on Trinity.

Diane John, Treasurer

For more financial information, please stop by the Church Office, thank you.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:30 a.m. Contemporary

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

6:30 p.m.
Supper served at 5:45
(free-will donation)
(No worship Nov. 27)

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