

TrinityLutheranChurch
309 Taylor Ave.
Park Hills, MO 63601
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Those Serving our Congregation in November, 2021

Altar Guild

Donita Tressner
Walter & Lisa Major

Ushers

Norman Feltmann
Paul Hedgorth
Scott Hedgorth
Fred Schwab

Elder on Duty

Tim Troup

Trustee on Duty

Wayne Miller

Communion Assistants

Jason England

Sunday

11-7-2021

11-14-2021

11-21-2021

11-28-2021

Counting Team

Terri Schmitt
Charlotte Dole & Jan Faskell
Kathy Huchison
Donna Mullins
Del Weinhold
Donita Tressner & Jan Schmidt
Stan & Sue Cook
Kathy Wahlstrom

Liturgical Color

White or Green
(depends on service)
Green
Green
Blue

Acolytes

T.J. Jerrell
Katarina Oliver
Mackinzie Moore
T.J. Jerrell
Katarina Oliver
Mackinzie Moore
T.J. Jerrell
Katarina Oliver

Monthly Offering Report

Totals offerings as of October, 2021.

Please direct any questions you may have to Terri Schmitt.

Trinity Lutheran Church Park Hills MO
Offering Report: January 1, 2021 – October 28, 2021

Church Giving	2021 totals	September 1-30	October 1-28
Member Offerings – Envelope & E-Giving	\$ 99,151.16	\$ 8,344.67	\$ 8,999.10
Loose Plate Offerings	\$ 3,107.05	\$ 65.10	\$ 242.00
Special Offering - Helping Hands	\$ 1,061.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 33.00
Special Offering – Radio Ministry	\$ 560.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 60.00
Special Offering – Stephen Ministry	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
Special Offering - Food Pantry	\$ 20.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
Special Offering - Sunday School & Bible Study	\$ 1,896.15	\$ 164.00	\$ 215.25
Special Offering – St. Paul Lutheran High School	\$ 630.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Special Offering – Portals of Prayer	\$ 20.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
Special Offering – Altar Guild	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
Special Offering – Memorial not designated	\$ 105.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
Anonymous Groups Envelope Offerings	\$ 372.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 39.00
Special Offering - Youth	\$	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00

Totals	\$ 107,097.36	\$ 9,316.06	\$ 9,638.35
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Monthly Budget Needs		\$ 11,162.00	\$ 11,162.00
<i>Budget Needs Met?</i>		\$ -2,379.23	\$ -1,523.65
Cumulative Offering totals for "Budget Needs Met?"		Sept. 1- 30 '21	Oct 1-28 '21
		\$ -2,998.99	\$ -4,522.64

Total Offering Income Needed for 2021 Budget	\$ 133,944.00
Offering Income YTD: Jan. 1-Oct. 28, 2021	\$ 107,097.36
Total 2021 Offering needs minus offering income YTD	\$ (-26,846.64)



Trinity Times

November, 2021

Mission Statement

To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word, receive the Sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers and unbelievers



From Psalm 34:

⁴I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. ⁸Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! ⁹Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! ¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."

This month holds a special day for Becky and me. Nobody else celebrates this day really. And it's fine... there's a good reason for that. But November 6th is Max's Awesomeness Day. That's actually how it's written on the calendar and in our phones: Max's Awesomeness Day. Max is our dog. I've mentioned him plenty. And November 6th is the day he came to live with us in 2013. He was a rescue dog, from a pretty bad initial life. And we celebrate the day we brought him home.

We make sure Max celebrates, too. Every year he gets a peanut butter pop from the pet store. It's a big, flat, sucker-shaped dog treat made mostly of peanut butter, stuck on a stick made of twisted rawhide, so he can eat the whole thing... though we usually try to split it up over a couple of days. But he can even eat the *stick*. And he *loves* that thing. And so, *Max* really enjoys this day, too.

And what's the proof? Can Pastor talk to animals? How do I know Max likes this day also? He can't talk, he can't verbalize his appreciation. He can't say,

"Thanks, you two, for bringing me to this home and please convey my thanks to the Humane Society for rescuing me in the first place, from that horrible situation." How do I know this day is good for Max? How do I know that the treat is great? He eats it! He eats it quickly! He can't get enough of it! The proof is in the pudding, as the phrase goes. The only way to get him to slow down is to put it up for a little while.

It's the same with love. Even if Max *could* tell us he loves us... and thinks this life is much better than the one he had before... it still wouldn't be spoken any more loudly than couch cuddles or tail wags or excited barking when I come through the door. The proof is in the pudding.

And this is the case with people too... *people*, who actually *can* talk. It's one thing to say, "I love you," and another to have the proof right in front of you. It's one thing to say, "I love you," and another to have that person's actions, perhaps, say the *opposite*.

We've got a God who understands all these things too. And it's no wonder, since He *created* us in the first place. But God Himself knows that it's one thing for a God to say, "I love you," which, incidentally, not a lot of "gods" from very many religions actually *say*, if you really pay attention.

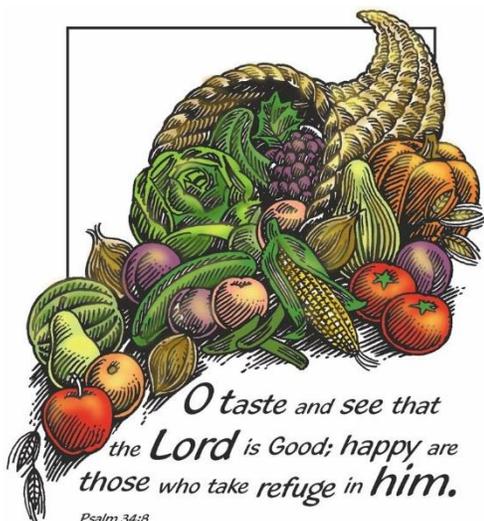
It's something else altogether for God to show it. I mentioned just now that God understands the importance of this to us... because He created us. But there's one more reason why He knows... God the Son is forever *one* of us! Jesus taking on flesh is how *we* can be sure God understands us.

He's *also* the proof of God's love. God doesn't just say, "I love you" (which really isn't the whole Gospel anyway...). God says, "I love you enough to *die* for you!"

Does God offer empty promises? No! The action that follows the words... is God the Son coming to earth. He was found here, taking our part, living in our place, and then *dying* in our place... in a story preserved for us down through the centuries. Don't just *hear*: read. If you're not an auditory learner, take it in *that* way. Do you need something to touch, taste, smell? "Take, eat. Take, drink. This is my body, given for you. This is my blood, shed for you." "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!"

Know the peace of God, which passes all understanding. Know that, even if you have troubles for a little while, trouble is just a passing thing. God, in the cross of Jesus, has made certain that you will lack no good thing. Take refuge in Him. His sign is before you every week. Taste and see! Amen.

Pastor Jeremy May





Our Mighty Mites

**October \$68.50 – Missouri District
November – Missouri District**

Saturday, November 6, is the LWML Fall Rally at St. John, Arnold, registration at 8:30 and a fee of \$5.00 will be collected. Lunch will be served. Let Carol Chambliss know if you would like to attend. We will carpool from Harps in Bonne Terre.

On Sunday, November 7, we will have a Purse Auction, with a Silent Auction as well, starting at 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All proceeds will go to the Youth Group. Come and join in on the fun! Our sister LWML societies have also been invited.

Our November meeting will be on Monday, November 8, at 10:30 - noon. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship; dessert will be served.

Decorating for Christmas is on November 27 at 9:30. LWML is responsible for decorating the fellowship hall and assisting elsewhere as needed.

2021 Mission Statement: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others - WITH JOY!

God's blessings!

**“Serve the Lord with Gladness”
Ps. 100:2**



Reminder: we now have an onsite mail/drop box so we will no longer be using the Post Office Box.

If you wish to send something to the church please use our physical address...

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Many thanks for all the love, prayers and support before, during and after my surgery.

Without it the whole process would have been ten times harder. I love this church family and so grateful that God brought us together.

~Melissa Hillis



Dear Friends at Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your support of the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. We truly appreciate your generosity that helps to fill our bellies, and your kindness that fills our hearts. The food bank is incredibly helpful in keeping our family's pantry stocked with necessities

and helping us stay on track financially.
 We are so grateful for the people of
 Trinity. God's blessings to you all!

In Christ,
 Eric, Jessica, Dayna, Jayson, Hayleigh
 and Cayleb Carr

Rebecca MacSpadden	11-22
Jacob Reed	11-22
Sam Merrill	11-23
Riley Rudasill	11-23
Del Weinhold	11-23
Charlotte Dole	11-25
Liz Faeries	11-30

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good..."
 Ps. 107:1

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Stan and Sue Cook
 11-04

Dan and Lori
 11-07

Pastor Jeremy and Rebecca May
 11-12

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Norma Curdt	11-1
Taylor Weible	11-2
Gary Neger	11-5
Bobbie Johnson	11-5
Danielle Calloway	11-6
Walter Major	11-6
Marilyn Miller	11-6
Devin Hawkins	11-6
Mika Shipman	11-7
Jeff Curdt	11-8
Anderson Montgomery	11-11
Ayden Montgomery	11-11
Blake Oliver	11-13
Luke Oliver	11-13
James Poth	11-16
Dawn Primo	11-17
Rene Schaupt	11-18
Michael Skaggs	11-19

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or wherever than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like and how we are supposed to love our neighbor. The fact that we don't like it certainly means we ought to face it. So, here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. That means that we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and then give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else. We don't pay for all the stuff we need – and stuff we think we need – and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of “sacrificial.”

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10%? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so that they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: “Make disciples of *all nations*” (Matt. 28:19). And we are still to have a full-time ministry: “The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel” (1 Cor 9:14). So if 10% is what it took in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

By first-fruits, sacrificial, and generous giving – that's how. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've outgiven God's goodness or that we've given plenty. We might be tempted to think that way, but consider that no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

St. Paul brought the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church when he wrote: “I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's Law, and the Law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance. The Law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the Law. So if first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 4,000, Jesus took the disciples' seven loaves and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing. Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible that some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing. He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread.

But they need to give it. And what they give – however little it might be and however grudgingly they do so – He blesses. He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them – the givers. He blesses the givers not just in that they wind up with a basketful for each loaf, but they are blessed by learning to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly, or He asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. He does all things well, and He works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, because they love Him, and because they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.



October Church Statistics

Date	Worship	Bible Study
10-3-2021	48	26
10-5-2021	??	--
10-10-2021	58	21
10-17-2021	54	24
10-19-2021	5	--
10-24-2021	57	24
10-31-2021		

Financial Report

See the Financial Report page.



Do you know the answer?



?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ? ?

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers

Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6)

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ? ?

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

- A. nephew
- B. niece
- C. brother
- D. sister

Answer: A (See Acts 23:12-22, esp. v. 16.)

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ? ?

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas

Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)



PUZZLE

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	ate	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
5	thanks	sincere	disciples	gathering	hearts	tradition
6	celebrate	good	praising	Christian	God	river

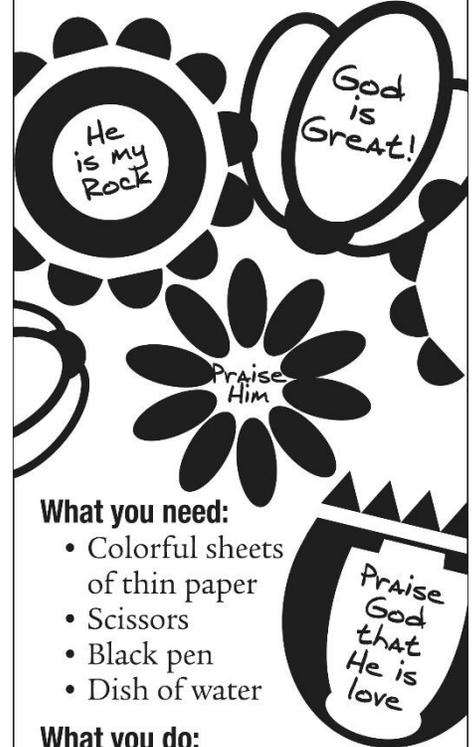
- Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
- Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
- Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
- Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
- Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
- Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
- Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

_____ . ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV

PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.



FALL FEAST