

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Church,

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We continue to talk about church calendar year. As you remember, Advent through Easter is the first part of the church calendar year. During this time we focus on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Come December 3rd, we will begin a new church calendar year (2023-2024) with the Season of Advent. There are four Sundays in Advent as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming as a baby in Bethlehem and also his coming again to judge the living and the dead. Each week, we will light a candle (Hope, Love, Joy and Peace) until we light the Christ Candle Christmas Eve.

Currently, we remain in the second part of the church calendar year. October and November are still the Pentecost Season with focus on the life of the church. This year we have twenty-five Sundays after Pentecost. However, depending on the date of Easter, a church year could have as many as twenty-eight Sundays in the season of Pentecost. During Pentecost we observe two special Sundays: October 29th is Reformation Sunday and November 5th is All Saints' Sunday. Reformation commemorates the start of the Protestant Reformation which can be summed up by five solas: Christians are saved by grace alone (Sola Gratia), through faith alone (Sola Fide), in Christ alone (Solus Christus), as revealed by Scripture alone (Sola Scriptura), to the glory of God alone (Soli Deo Gloria). All Saints' remembers men and women who believed these five solas and died in the Christian faith. They are now in the Church Triumphant with the Lord.

In the last newsletter, I challenged you (the Church Militant - on earth) to share the Gospel during the Pentecost Season with one other person. How did that go? I hope well. This is called to witness. **Witness** is the work we do as the church scattered. Each of us have opportunities to speak of Jesus with the people in our everyday lives who are our friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members. **Outreach** is the work we do as the church gathered. It is our collective effort through ministries, services, events and other activities as the church through which we invite and include others into Word and Sacrament ministry.

Remember, God calls us to be faithful in our witness and our outreach. He alone creates saving faith.

In Christ,
Chaplain Prince

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am
*Adult Bible Class/
Sunday School*

10:00 am
Worship Service

*Holy Communion
Every Sunday*

OUR MISSION

*United in Christ we will
proclaim the Gospel,
administer the Sacraments,
and provide Christian
education to children and
adults in a supportive and
nurturing environment.*

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Lynn Hubert

Sexton

Bill Sontag

Custodian

Antonio Tutt

Chairman of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding – Zone 3

Deacons

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Craig Scott – Zone 4

Ken Leiding – Zone 5

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Council 2023

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are so very blessed at Trinity to have a wonderful family of brothers and sisters in Christ. On Pentecost Sunday, May 28th, we welcomed five new members into the congregation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. A reception was held in their honor following the church service.

Karen Griffing

Jana and Pete Kuenzli

Lynne Lewis

Diane Shaver

Praise be to God! We thank you Lord for the fellowship we share as we gather to hear Your Word.

Not Even One District Initiative

Zach Kuenzli

Dear Trinity family,

Our Southeastern District has partnered with *MinistrySafe* to offer “Not Even One”, an initiative to train and equip Southeastern District (SED) congregations to reduce the risk of Child Sexual Abuse. We have signed up for this free yearlong resource that will aid us in protecting children, volunteers, and the church.

SED congregations such as Trinity are entrusted with the care and nurture of children and youth. The statistics are troubling; one in four girls and one in six boys in the U.S. are abused before the age of eighteen.

The Executive Board, with the aid of Patty Malone, has used the recommendations of *MinistrySafe* and our insurer, *Brotherhood Mutual*, to develop a concise Safeguarding Policy that we will be following for activities involving the supervision of children and youth.

One way you can contribute to this effort is by signing up for free awareness training for yourself. Please add your name to the signup list in the Welcome Center if you would like an online training emailed to you. If you would like to set up a time to ask questions or review the Safeguarding Policy, please contact the Church Office at 757-489-2551.

In the event of inclement weather please visit our website at

www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org

and our Facebook page at TLCNorfolk for announcements concerning any cancellations.

Notifications will also be sent by email to those with an email address on file and by phone to those who do not.

Board of Christian Growth

Lisa Otero

Rally day was held on the first Sunday in September, and with that, Adult Bible Class and Sunday School resumed at 9 am every Sunday! There has been a fantastic turn out for both and we look forward to continuing to grow in our study of the Bible!

While we have had some people volunteer to teach Sunday School from time to time, the need is growing and we are looking to have an additional adult or teacher's aide for each Sunday. The goal is not to have the same secondary person every Sunday so there is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center. There is no lesson preparation or review required before the class, only that you arrive before 9 am on the Sunday's you volunteer.

Advent Devotions will be ordered and made available at church services.

We are going to begin holding Family Fellowship Events at least once a quarter. Keep an eye in the bulletin and the weekly email for the event announcements! While they are going to be called "Family" fellowship events this is for EVERYONE in the congregation. Even if your kids are grown and out of the house or if you are the only one from your family who attends church, you are invited. We are a Church Family, after all.

Work Party

The Building Clean Out Committee will host another Work Day from 10-12 pm on Saturday, October 7th.

We will be attempting to clear the Belvedere stage as much as possible. Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you will join us!



Board of Stewardship

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

Board of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

During the hot and humid summer months, your deacons have continued to do God's work by taking communion to Trinity's homebound, sending cards, making telephone calls and visits, faithfully attending worship services and receiving the sacrament, as well as meeting as a Board.

We eagerly anticipate **October and Reformation**. Contact will be made to encourage all worshipers to be in attendance for the worship service on **Sunday, October 29th**. The luncheon that follows the service is an ideal time to socialize as well as enjoy traditional German food. Expect to see your deacon at that time!

November = Thankfulness for God's continued grace in our lives.

December 17th = **Caroling to Trinity's homebound members**. It works like this - immediately after worship service, everyone is encouraged to navigate their way to Belvedere Hall and pick up lunch at the kitchen counter. After eating, designated drivers will be assigned folks who wish to carpool. We proceed to the homes of most grateful homebound members (stops as of this September writing) and sing favorite Christmas songs. Music booklets are provided. We usually finish up by 4 pm. - an afternoon bringing joy to many! If you're not the best vocalist, no problem - choir members usually participate and keep us on track. The homebound often sing along with us. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center in November. **WORSHIP - EAT - TRAVEL - JOYFUL SINGING**



Your deacons welcome questions of concerns you may have as they relate to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Special Ministries

Patty Malone

A **BIG thank you** to everyone who donated towards the school supply drive for Granby Elementary School. All the items were blessed the same Sunday as the children's backpacks. A BIG thank you to Gerald Harger for delivering the supplies to the school.

We partnered with Christian Growth and supplied the food for the "Noah's Ark" themed VBS after church with lunch and a lesson. We had pizza and salad in July and subs and chips in August. Thank you to everyone who came out and made the Noah's Ark VBS a success! A thank you to everyone who helped set-up and clean-up along with donating items. A Thrivent Action Team card was used to help defray the costs of the food.

The sandwich making for **St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.** in August was **postponed**. We will be making the sandwiches after church on October 1st. We got a Thrivent Action Team card to help make this project possible. We did put together 60 toiletry kits for St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. in August. A shout out to **all** who collect hotel sampled shampoo, conditioner, and soap during the year. Collecting these items through out the year enables us to put together the toiletry kits. Thank you to the ladies who showed up prior to church to help pack these kits. A **BIG** thank you to Anne Starke for supplying socks and for making the delivery to the shelter.

The shoe boxes for "**Operation Christmas Child**," are ready for pick-up in the Welcome Center. Please sign-up that you took a box so we know who has them. We need all 30 boxes filled and returned by Reformation Sunday – October 29, 2023. Thank you to Cathy George for taking the lead on this project!

In December of 2023 we will be collecting birthday party supplies for children. We are going to support a new organization to us, **Tidewater Friends of Foster Care**. We will collect child themed plates, cups, napkins and tablecloths for their organization. Most of these items are available for purchase at the Dollar Tree. This will help ensure that every child has a special day on their birthday! We thought there was not a better month than December; since it is the month **Jesus** was born. A box will be put out on the pew inside the side door for collections during the month of December.

LWML

Sharon Knorr

The LIFEchange Baby Bottle Campaign was a big success. Thank you Trinity for raising \$1,472.91 through your participation in Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater's LIFEchange campaign held from Mother's Day through Father's Day 2023.

A big THANK YOU to Emma Studer, Candy Sontag, and Jan Knickelbein for the fantastic job planning the Art & Craft Fair. The event and outcome were terrific. LWML garnered \$900 for our Ways & Means fund. This event is on our 2024 calendar.

On the 1st Sunday of each month LWML hosts the Welcome Center and our Birthday Celebrations. A special thank you to Anne Combes for supplying the 3 beautiful cakes on September 3rd.

Welcome Center refreshments – You are invited to help supply refreshments any Sunday following service. Just sign up on the Welcome Center bulletin board. Your donations are greatly appreciated by all as we enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Our LWML is looking for a volunteer to serve as Recording Secretary and as Treasurer beginning January 2024. If you are interested in more information, please contact Sharon Knorr or Lynn Hubert.

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on October 1st. The ladies will serve as lector, ushers and we will have food in the Welcome Center following service. We will also be celebrating October birthdays.

During the month of September, we asked that you start collecting your MITES to bring in on LWML Sunday. (Please see insert for more information.)

Our society is hosting the Zone Fall Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Theme – Fruits of the Spirit – Peace, Love and Joy. The cost to attend is \$5.00. A lite breakfast and lunch will be supplied. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Welcome Center to let us know you are attending. We will be packing lunch bags for St. Columba Ministries. There will be an ingathering of books (REACH) and diapers (The Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank)



At our meeting on Saturday, September 9th the ladies voted to donate \$500 to support Maui through LCMS Lutheran Disaster Response.

Ladies, when you receive a birthday card from the LWML, included is a note about BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS. Your Birthday Blessings donations sent to LWML are applied to our League Fund. This fund supports kitchen supplies, postage, bank fees, and general operational expenses.

Oktoberfest - We will be celebrating the Reformation on Sunday, October 29th at 10:00 am with special music and both Pastor Utton and Chaplain Prince leading our service that morning. Following the service, we will once again gather for our Oktoberfest Luncheon in Belvedere Hall. Along with some traditional German food we always enjoy the many dishes brought in to share by each of our Trinity families. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Welcome Center to let us know who will be attending and what dish you will be bringing!

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 am. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. We begin with brunch, followed by a devotion and our business meeting. We will hold election of officers and discussion of what ministries to support through our Ways and Means Fund.



Holiday Happenings – Our annual event will be held on November 19th following our church service. Shop for baked goods and craft items for the holidays while supporting Trinity's LWML.

We will again meet to decorate the church for Christmas. Join us after service on December 10th to help decorate the trees and the sanctuary.

Please join us for Trinity's

Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival

Come and join us on Saturday,
October 28th from 2-4 pm!
Watch your Sunday bulletins
for more information.

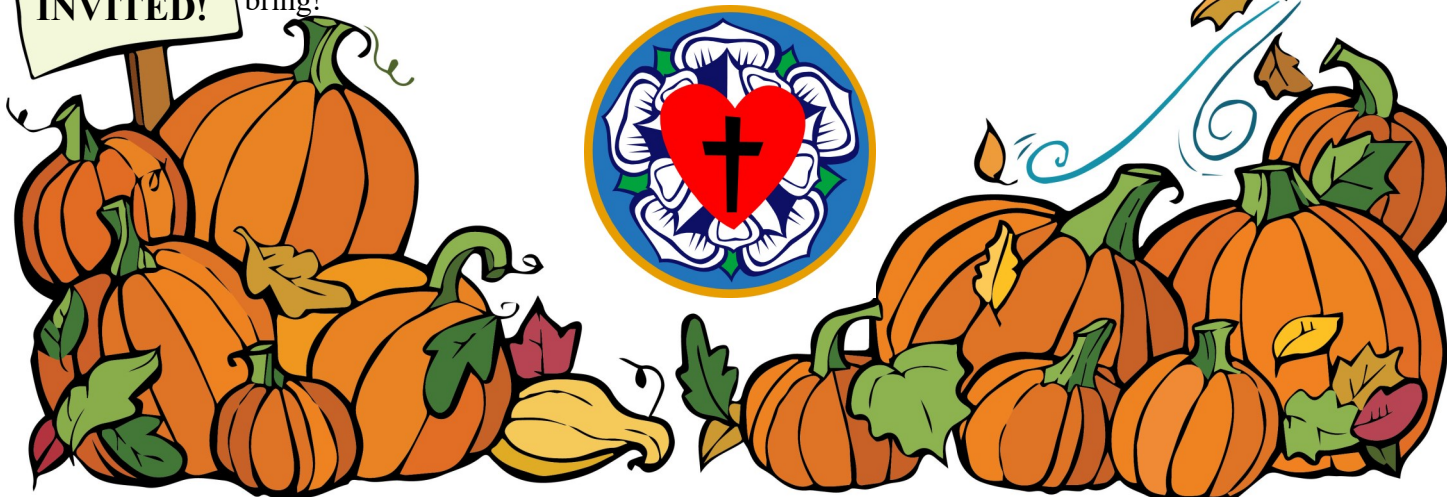


REFORMATION SERVICE AND OKTOBERFEST LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

We look forward to seeing you!!!

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**November 12, 2023
11:30 am**

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Our traditional Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we thank God for all He has given us!



Greening of the Church

Mark your calendars for
Sunday, December 10th,
(The Second Sunday of Advent)
to join us after the Worship Service
to decorate the Church for Christmas.

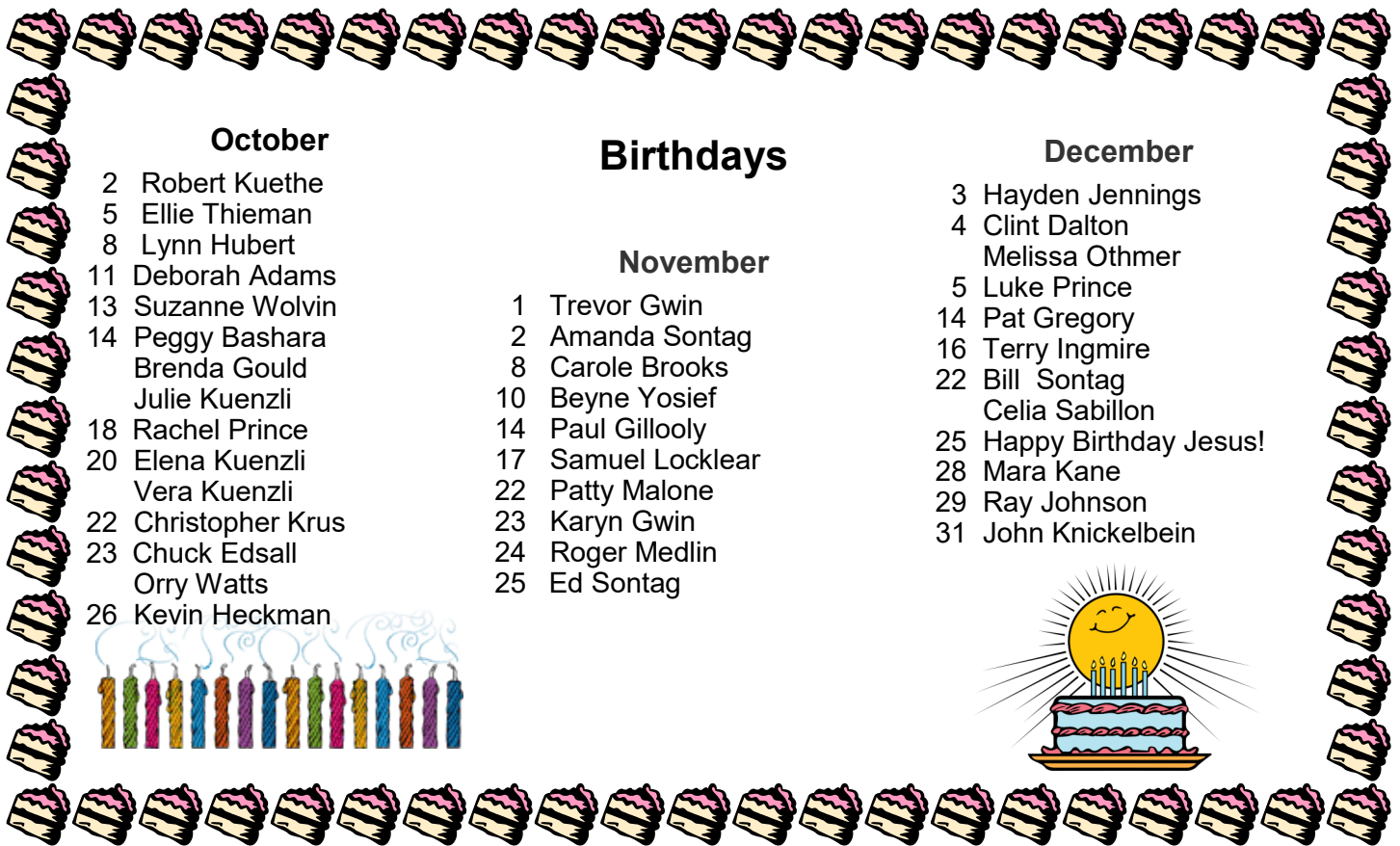


Our tradition is to place handmade Chrismons on the two large Christmas trees that stand on either side of the altar. **ALL** are invited to participate in this fellowship event.



This year at Trinity
we will be celebrating Advent with
Worship Services
at 7:00 pm on
Wednesday evenings.
We hope that you will be able to join us
for our special Advent services as you
prepare for Christmas this year!

December 6th
December 13th
December 20th

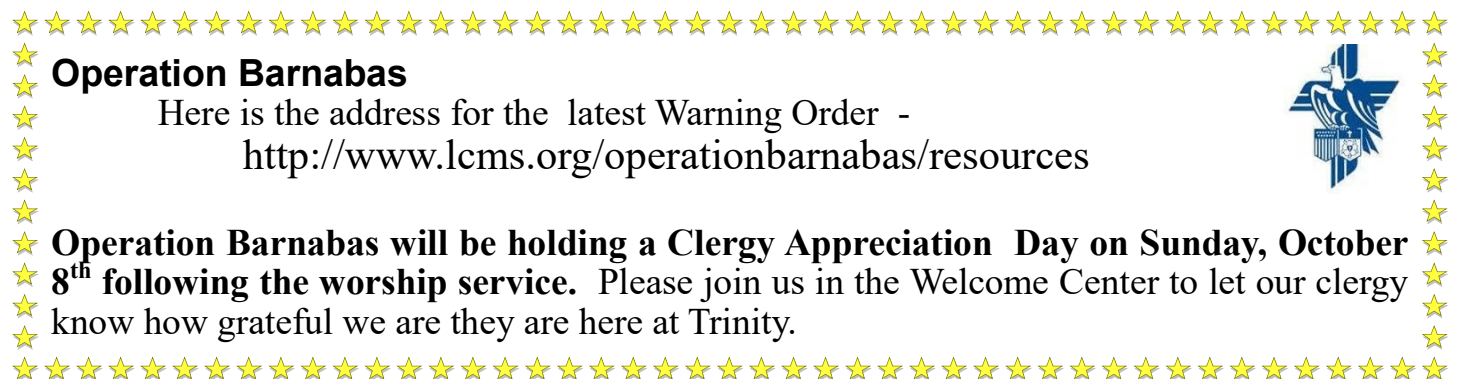




October	Birthdays	December
2 Robert Kuethe		3 Hayden Jennings
5 Ellie Thieman		4 Clint Dalton
8 Lynn Hubert		Melissa Othmer
11 Deborah Adams		5 Luke Prince
13 Suzanne Wolvin		14 Pat Gregory
14 Peggy Bashara		16 Terry Ingmire
Brenda Gould		22 Bill Sontag
Julie Kuenzli		Celia Sabillon
18 Rachel Prince		25 Happy Birthday Jesus!
20 Elena Kuenzli		28 Mara Kane
Vera Kuenzli		29 Ray Johnson
22 Christopher Krus		31 John Knickelbein
23 Chuck Edsall		
Orry Watts		
26 Kevin Heckman		






October	HAPPY Anniversary	November
1 Ralph ♥ Sharon Knorr		9 Paul ♥ Jean Diehl
2 Trevor ♥ Karyn Gwin		
10 Timothy ♥ Brenda Gould		
21 Walter ♥ Tresea Staley		

Operation Barnabas

Here is the address for the latest Warning Order -
<http://www.lcms.org/operationbarnabas/resources>



Operation Barnabas will be holding a Clergy Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 8th following the worship service. Please join us in the Welcome Center to let our clergy know how grateful we are they are here at Trinity.





OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service <i>Sandwich Packing following Worship</i> LWML SUNDAY	2 6:30pm Bowling League	3	4	5 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	6	7 Clean Out Day 10:00 am
8 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service OB Clergy Appreciation	9 Columbus Day - Office Closed 6:30pm Bowling League	10	11	12 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 9am LWML Tidewater Zone Workshop @ Trinity
15 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	16 6:30pm Bowling League	17	18	19 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	20	21
22 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	23 6:30pm Bowling League	24	25	26 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28 2pm Trunk or Treat/ Fall Festival 
29 Reformation Sunday 9am Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service Oktoberfest lunch	30 6:30pm Bowling League	31 Reformation Halloween 				

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Ushers	Anne Starke Candy Sontag	Ted Smith Scott Thieman	Errol Jennings Anne Starke	Doug Sulak Scott Thieman	Anne Starke Ted Smith
Lector	Anna Carter	Boyd Sylvester	Cathy George	Ken Leiding	Pastors
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag	Pastors

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 2 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's	3	4
5 All Saints' Sunday 9am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Church Council Meeting Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 6:30pm Bowling League	7 Election Day 6:30pm Belvedere Civic League Meeting	8	9 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10 <i>Veteran's Day</i> Observed Office Closed	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> 10am LWML Meeting
12 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Voters Assembly	13 6:30pm Bowling League	14	15	16 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's	17	18
19 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> Holiday Happenings	20 6:30pm Bowling League	21	22 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	23 Office Closed 	24 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	25
26 The Last Sunday of the Church Year 9am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	27 6:30pm Bowling League	28	29	30 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal		

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Ushers	Errol Jennings Anne Starke	Doug Sulak Scott Thieman	Errol Jennings Anne Starke	Ted Smith Doug Sulak
Lector	Judy Sykes	Scott Thieman	Cathy George	Boyd Sylvester
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 First Sunday in Advent 9am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	4 6:30pm Bowling League	5	6 7pm Midweek Advent Service	7 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	8	9
10 Second Sunday in Advent 9am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service Decorating Church	11 6:30pm Bowling League	12	13 7pm Midweek Advent Service	14 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	15 Trinitarian Deadline Jan/Feb/Mar	16
17 Third Sunday in Advent 9am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service Lighting of the Christmas Trees Caroling to the homebound	18 6:30pm Bowling League	19	20 7pm Midweek Advent Service	21 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	22 Office Closed at noon	23
24 Fourth Sunday in Advent 9am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 7pm Christmas Eve Communion Service	25 Christmas Day The Nativity of our Lord Office Closed 10 am Christmas Day Worship Service	26 Office Closed	27	28 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30
31 First Sunday after Christmas New Years Eve 9am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service						

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Ushers	Doug Sulak Ted Smith	Errol Jennings Anne Starke	Ted Smith Errol Jennings	Doug Sulak Scott Thieman	Errol Jennings Ted Smith
Lector	Anna Carter	Scott Thieman	Sharyn Leiding	Ken Leiding	Judy Sykes
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag	Bill Sontag

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If your mailing information or
email address has changed,
please notify the Church Office.

Thank you!

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Service - Sunday, December 24th

7:00 pm Family Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day Service - Monday, December 25th

10:00 am A Service of Lessons and Carols
with Communion Celebration

