

Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

November 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

Members of Trinity, God's Thankful People,

The month of November brings us the Day of Thanksgiving, the 4th Thursday of the month, so I guess we better 'give thanks.' The church, for many years, have had a Thanksgiving Day Worship Service or sometimes late Wednesday evening, then Tuesday evening, to finally none. Little by little people did not show up, they were too busy. The last 10 or so years Thanksgiving has come to be known as THREE football games, eating turkey with family, and relaxing...and of course if there is time, to be thankful.

If we wait for Thanksgiving Day, once a year, to give thanks we better think again. After celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, October 29, and celebrating All Saints Day, November 5 we Christians need to give thanks daily. The Church Year gives Christians the opportunity to thank God all along the way as our Savior came to save us: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter/the Resurrection of our Lord, Ascension, and Pentecost. Thank God for His great blessings of faith to each of us, for the church (all the saints), and the all sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Savior, for our salvation. Boy, do we have reasons to give thanks!

Also, it is easy to give thanks when things are going well or to thank God for the roses. It is much harder to give thanks for tough times or for the thorns. We need to give thanks to our God showing our appreciation and gratitude for pain and pleasure, joy and sorrow.

Every Sunday is an opportunity to 'give thanks.' Give thanks for God's Word in our midst, for the Sacraments as they strengthen our faith, and for our fellow members who continually worship around God's throne of grace here on earth. These saints constantly encourage and uplift one another in our walk of faith. Please thank your fellow saints!

COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done marvelous things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion (saints), for great is the Holy One of Israel among you." Isaiah 12:4 – 6

I have this confidence, I will see you every Sunday rejoicing and giving thanks to God! Blessings to the saints in Jesus Christ!

Peace,

Pastor Thur

Elders

The Elders are:

Roland Walter 882-7450

Ralph Wegner 565-3936

Dennis Gard 928-379-2191

Josh Chittick 560-4785

Mark Johnson 570-7639

Please feel free to contact any of them at any time with comments or concerns.

Call Committee

The Call Committee reports they have submitted 3 names to the District office and are waiting for approval from President Anderson. As well,

they have asked District for a new packet. Your continued prayers are welcome.

Social Concerns

Renew always appreciates the hygiene items that you donate. The one thing they do not accept is mouth wash because of the alcohol content. They continue to have a high amount of clients. Don't forget something for the kids as they come with their mother.

Trinity Volunteer Opportunities

John Kelly would like a ride to church from anyone living in the Dolores area. If you can provide him a ride, call Carol at 565-3212. There are others who need rides so they can worship with us as well. Carol can make that connection.

Community Volunteer Needs

The Good Samaritan Center is in need of volunteers to help with several different jobs. If you can volunteer weekly, they could use your help during their food distribution times of 12 noon

to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This involves checking in the clients and helping them collect the groceries that they are eligible for. It's not difficult and it's a way to help those who need a hand up. Call Kristen at 565-6424 to set up a time. If you cannot offer weekly assistance, they could use help collecting groceries from Safeway once a month. This takes about an hour of your time. Call Joyce Johnson at 565-7979 if you would like to find out more on this position.

The Salvation Army is setting up the Christmas bell ringing schedule for the upcoming season which starts Friday, November 24. Bell ringers are stationed at City Market, Walmart, and Walgreens. Shifts are 2 hours and can be shared with another person. The shifts happen Tuesdays through Sundays. If you are interested, call Fran at 560-6263.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 5, 2017 – Elders Meeting @ 10 a.m.
- Nov 8, 2017 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- Nov 12, 2017 – Voters Meeting @ 10 a.m.
- Dec 6, 2017 – Soup Supper @ 6 p.m.
- Dec 6, 2017 – Advent Service @ 7 p.m.

Book of the Month

Catherine Marshall was a Christian writer from several decades ago. She had a number of best sellers including Christie. The Tuesday Small Group is reading another of her classics, The Helper. This is a book that could be used for a personal study or a group

study on the Holy Spirit. Catherine uses Scripture in her writing about the ways and workings of the Holy Spirit and what our relationship could and should be with him. The book is divided into sections with smaller chapters comprising them. Catherine has a warm and simple style that makes the reader comfortable reading about the Holy Spirit, an often misunderstood person of the Trinity. It was written in 1978 and reissued in 2001.

Christian Headlines

While researching for the newsletter, some interesting headlines from Christian sites popped up. Here are a few items that seemed worth the reading:

♥ Scientific evidence supports the theory that babies need their mothers for the first three years of their life in order to develop properly. Babies do not have central nervous systems that are well developed and having the support and care from a mother helps by producing oxytocin. You can read more about it here - <https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/leah-hickman/science-tells-moms-to-prioritize-motherhood-in-the-first-three-years.html>

♥Billy Graham turns 99 November 7, 2017. Franklin Graham has this to say "Nov. 7 will be a big milestone for my father as he turns 99 and enters his 100th year. As a family, we are just so very grateful that he is still with us. His mind is good but he's quieter these days. He can't see or hear well, but his health is stable." You can read more here - <https://www.christianheadlines.com/blog/billy-grahamprepares-to->

[celebrate-99th-birthday-this-month.html](#)

♥Sunday, November 5, 2017 is International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. There is a need "to wake up, speak out, and urge our leaders in government to do what it can to fight atrocities committed against innocent men, women, and children around the world. Above all, we need to pray for them fervently. Lifting them up before God's throne is what persecuted Christians say they need most." You can read more here - <https://www.christianheadlines.com/columnists/breakpoint/international-day-of-prayer-for-the-persecuted-church-wake-up-speak-out-pray.html>

Thanksgiving Prayer

O Heavenly Father:
 We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.
 We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.
 We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.
 We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.
 May these remembrances stir us to service,
 That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.
 - "Dear Abby" Columnist



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