

Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

November 2016

Voters Meeting

November 20, 2016 is the date for the Voters Meeting. The annual Budget will be presented and discussion will follow that. Also, the 2017 Elections for officers on the Church Council will be held. Plan to attend! And please note the event happening after the Meeting – Operation Christmas Child packing party.

Elders

The Elders are:

Kelly McCabe	565-7269
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Joe Stevens	565-3679
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Ralph Wegner	565-3936
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Please feel free to contact any of them at any time with comments or concerns.

Hopes Kitchen

It is very difficult to believe that we are into November already. With temperatures dropping, especially at night, both the kitchen and the Bridge will be experiencing increased visits. We all have our favorite charities but if you are thinking of these two, remember that both can use canned goods with Hopes likes the larger sizes but both will take smaller cans or boxes of most anything. The Bridge is attempting to do more of their meals this winter so stocking up on basics is something they are doing. It was wonderful to see the great response from Trinity members in their giving to winter clothing and blankets to the Bridge. Trust me, those items will be most appreciated.

Outside of any donations you can make, please remember to always keep both facilities in your prayers. Without those both entities would face more problems than they do. Thank you.
Larry Gessner

Mission Committee

As one of our local mission projects, we will be making sleeping mats for the homeless throughout the winter months. Please save your plastic grocery bags or any plastic bags from department stores, dry cleaners and the like. Just inside the door of the fellowship hall is a large black trash can where bags can be deposited. There will be demonstrations on how to cut the bags, and how to crochet the cut bags into mats. It's a perfect project for those cold winter days. We can work together to make this project a benefit for those who do not have beds to sleep in.

We will be cooking and serving a Thanksgiving dinner at the Bridge Shelter Thanksgiving evening – see Lisa Wegner or Jackie Snow for more information. Singing

Operation Christmas Child

It's Operation Christmas Child time! We would like to hold a packing party on November 20th after the voter's meeting. Grab some coffee and a snack and pack a shoebox. There will be a soup lunch following the packing party. Soup will be provided, and people should bring side dishes and desserts. I have gone through the items that have been collected so far and have a list of needed items:

- Bars of soap,
- washcloths,
- combs,
- brushes,
- School supplies,
- socks and underwear,
- small toys.
- bags of hard candy
- gift items for older kids (10-12)

We do not need girl's hair clips or ponytail bands, gloves, hats or stuffed animals. We will deliver the boxes to the First Baptist Church that afternoon.

Christmas Carols to shut-ins is also on the docket. Christmas Carol practice will be during the week and also on Sunday. Watch for day and time announcements!

Thanks to all who gave coats and blankets for the Bridge. Several Trinity members have been volunteering in various capacities to help this operation run smoothly. Lisa and Jackie

Sew 'n' Sews

The Sew 'n' Sews are creating quilts for the next year and these will be sent to Orphan Grain Train in Nebraska. The quilts we make are simple and quick to make and it doesn't require any sewing skills. If you would like to join us, come to the Ruth Guild room in the basement of the Church at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9 and 23, 2016.

Book Suggestion

The book for this month is **The Screwtape Letters** by C.S. Lewis. It's a very thoughtful look at how the employees of Satan work to get a Christian to fall away from their journey to follow Christ. There is humor and irony involved. The book first appeared in London's Guardian newspaper during the dark days of World War II. In 1942, the Letters were published in book form in England — dedicated to Lewis' friend J.R.R. Tolkien. The following year, the book appeared in America to great acclaim.

You can download it from http://www.truechristianity.info/en/the_screwtape_letters_download.php for free. Also, check out the church library.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 30, 2016 – Fellowship Brunch & Games @ 10:15 a.m.
- Nov 9, 2016 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- Nov 20, 2016 – Voters Meeting @ 10:15 a.m.
- Nov 23, 2016 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- Nov 24, 2016 – Thanksgiving Service @ 9 a.m.
- Nov 24, 2016 – Thanksgiving Dinner @ the Bridge

Membership Info

Thank you to John Sperling for sharing his wonderful organ playing while Penny was gone. He will be playing for other services in the future.

Thanksgiving

We all learned early on in school that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated at Plymouth Rock in 1621. That first meal likely offered the following; wild duck, wild turkey, wild goose, venison, flint corn, fish and shellfish along with local fruits and vegetables. The festival continued for 3 days and included the Wampanoag Indians and the Pilgrims after the Indians helped the Pilgrims survive the first winter in the new country.

Our present day festivities generally include turkey and many traditional side dishes to go along with it. And now in many households, football is an addition.

Some churches have services to thank God for the many blessings we have, but for the most part the holiday is not religious. Thanksgiving for a Christian should be a daily part of personal worship. Check out the Trinity website for a Thanksgiving devotion series from Concordia Publishing Company.

Story of the Month

Turkey Hunters' Tale

Tommy and Billy were discussing their latest turkey shoot. Tommy says emphatically, 'I am never going to take my wife Laura shooting with me ever again, Billy!'

'That bad, eh?' enquires Billy smiling.

'Yeah, Laura did everything wrong, got nothing right. She chattered too much, constantly disturbed the undergrowth, loaded the wrong gauge shot in the gun, used the wrong luring whistles and worst of all,' bellows Tommy, 'she shot more turkeys than me!'

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