

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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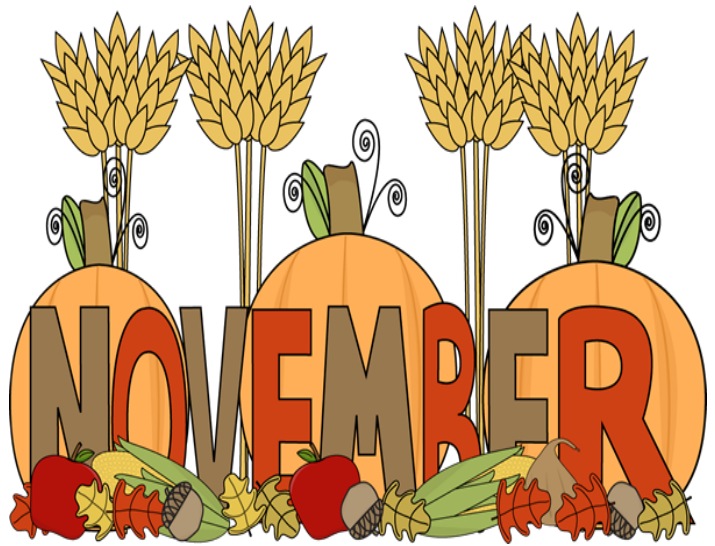
Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

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Dear members and friends,

Very often people ask how I got out here from New York City where I was born and grew up. Although the city was mostly concrete, steel and crowded streets, I could take trips to the country in books. One of my favorite authors was Willa Cather who lived part of her childhood in a prairie town called Red Cloud, Nebraska. Her books are about her young life on the prairie and many of the pioneers she knew and loved. Through her books, I could imagine. I could dream a world away from concrete, tall buildings, tiny rooms, and subways.

After all these years, we visited Red Cloud, Nebraska....just this past week. We visited Ms. Cather's childhood home still very much as it was. We walked the streets she walked. We walked the prairie that captured her imagination. It's hard to describe this prairie. It's one of the last places untouched and unchanged by humans. Red Cloud itself is much the same as it was in 1882 when she lived there. It was like stepping back in time and back into my childhood imagination.

Why do I mention this trip in a letter to the congregation meant for spiritual purposes? One - because **all life is spiritual**. Our birth and our death and everything we do in between is meant to be lived, body **and** soul, in the embrace of God. Life is a grace. There is no time that we are outside the presence and the grace of God. I felt powerfully in the presence of God on the prairie.

Two - because the 600 acre prairie is as it was 200 years; unused by humans - no plowing, no digging, no planting, no furrowing, no seeding. Truth is, much of the prairie could not be tamed. As Ms. Cather quotes in her book O Pioneer "the land fiercely resisted tamingit was stubborn and hard to plow as though it wanted to remain as it was."

I thought back to Genesis and remembered that everything God created, God called good. And God gave us, good people, dominion over it all. The English word dominion does not express the same meaning as the Hebrew word. English associations with the word "dominion" have meant domination and subjugation. But the Hebrew word for dominion *radah* means descend, go down, wander and spread, walk upon and walk with. *Radah* has connotations of shepherding, kinship and community.....gentler sounding meanings.

As I walked and pondered God's instruction in Genesis to have dominion, I wondered have we humans gone too far? Have we used creation for our purposes ... taking from it what we can as much as we can when we can? God's desire was to give all life what was needed for sustenance and support. Have we taken too much for ourselves?

It's just a question dear friends.....not an admonishment.....just a question.

Something to think about.

Let's get together one evening - over supper, when the snow flies and we need each other's company - and talk about it.

With all my love,
Pastor Carol



West Jordan

Worship Helpers

November 3rd & 10th Roger Hinrichs & June Purvis
 Lector: June Purvis

November 17th & 24th Trina O'Brien & Meghan O'Brien
 Lector Trina O'Brien
 Circle Hostess: **October** Kathy Hinrichs

In our prayers:

From First:

Irene Burdick, Sandy Bushman,
 Linda and Myron Deets, Anita Gilbert,
 Linda Habben, Milford Habben, Roger Hinrichs,
 Scotty Powell, Jon Ryner, Ramon Woessner

From Trinity:

Jerry Blair, Bill Borth, Cindy Brandt,
 Leland Bryson, Clara Brubaker, Shirley Cheeseman, June
 Franks, Tom Graff, Donna Folkers Johnson,
 Matthew Foltz, Troy Kendall, Lawrence Maxwell,
 Donna Miller, Rick Miller, Vernon Milnes,
 Ronnie Munz, Debbie Oldham, Kristy Peterson Smiley,
 Chris Sanders, Robin Schneider,

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Trinity will have their next council meeting

December 19th @ 7:00pm



November Grace Meals

Will be 19th at 11:30

Trinity Lutheran Church

How to get what you need at Trinity Lutheran/First Lutheran Church's

Emergency Pastoral Care Concern?

*Hospitalizations, Illness,
Family Crisis*

**Call Pr. Carol Soderholm
cell phone 312-771-1145**

Do **NOT** rely on the hospital to
contact the church.

Do **NOT** rely on word of mouth/
The grapevine.

Do **NOT** rely on mindreading
skills. Pastor missed that
class in seminary.

Non—Urgent Pastoral Needs?

*Scheduling a home visit/baptism/
wedding. Confirmation/Christian
Ed, Coffee & Conversation*

Leave a message at Trinity for Pr.
Carol. She will return it as soon as
possible.

**E-mail Pastor Carol
@carol.soderholm@gmail.com**

Questions about Administrative stuff?

*Announcements for the bulletin, ques-
tions about schedules, Financial ques-
tions, hall rental, etc....*

Call the Church and leave a message
for Janet on the Church answering
machine, for her to return during
office hours

**815-225-7410 or E-mail Janet at
telcsecretary@mediacombb.net**

Contact a council member

Church Leaders Directory

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Prayer Group At Trinity Lutheran

The prayer meeting will be around 15 to 20 minutes. We will be meeting November 4th and 18th @ 11:15 a.m.. Everyone is invited to join in.

**Community Thanksgiving Services:
November 20th
7PM at First Lutheran Church Chadwick.**



Community Christmas Services:

**December 8th
6PM at Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville**

Practice's for the Community Christmas services

Trinity Choir Tuesday November 19th @ 6:30

Trinity Choir Tuesday November 26th @ 6:30

Community Choirs Tuesday December 3rd @ 6:30

All practices will be here at Trinity

Trinity's Circle

Thursday November 14th at 2:00pm
Hosted by Janet Barkley
(if the remodeling is done??)

Trinity Council Highlights

Thank you from Lutheran Disaster relief for \$200 donation
New windows will be installed in the social hall soon.

5 year lease on copy machine was up. Will be replaced with new lease on new color copier.

Bible study on Job, had 6 people from each church attend
Christian Ed—Sunday school on 2 & 4th Sundays will be hosting Bible school

Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, November 19th
at 4:30 PM to 5:00

COME ONE COME ALL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MILLEDGEVILLE

November 10th & 24th 9:15-10 A.M.

CORNER OF ROUTE 40 AND STOVER AVE

JOIN US FOR STORYTIME/CRAFTS/SONGS

THE WORLD IS A MUCH BETTER PLACE WHEN WE SHARE GODS LOVE!!!!

JOIN US FOR



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Learning and Sharing Together

November Daily Prayer

Nov. 1st—We sing a song of thanks, O God, for the saints who surround us, in the name of the welcoming Jesus. Amen

Nov. 2nd—Your grace fills us with gratitude, risen Christ. You bless us to be a blessing in your name. Amen.

Nov. 3rd—Lord Jesus, deepen my discipleship as your servant to others and forgive me when I act as an enemy. In Jesus' name. Amen

Nov. 4th—In Jesus' name, we praise you, O God, for being Lord of our yesterdays, today's, and tomorrows. Amen

Nov. 5th—Jesus our Savior, When we are surrounded by adversity, help us to realize that you are there. Amen

Nov. 6th—Lord Jesus, stand near us and urge us to keep up our courage. In your name we pray. Amen

Nov. 7th—May our songs, Lord Jesus, fill the world with the good news of abundant life in your name.. Amen

Nov. 8th—Lord Jesus, help me to remember that your good is stronger than any evil. Amen

Nov. 9th—God of grace, fill us with gratitude for the people you place in our lives, through Christ. Amen

Nov. 10th—Lord Jesus, warm our hearts and make us bold advocates for people in need. Amen

Nov. 11th—When we cry out to you, O God, from the depths of despair, thank you for always answering, through Christ. Amen

Nov. 12th—Help us, Christ Jesus, when disagreements among church members lead us to forget that we are all one in you. Amen

Nov 13th— Lord Jesus, help us to be merciful to our neighbors, even when they turn away in anger. Amen.

Nov. 14th— Strengthen us to put the whip of exclusion, O God, and join us together at the table of your Son. In Jesus' name. Amen

Nov. 15th—Let us be joyful today, dear God, following the lead of all creation. In Jesus' name. Amen

Nov. 16th—We are one body, Lord. Move us to seek unity and peace in all we do, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Nov. 17th— Speak peace to my heart when fear surrounds, Lord Jesus, that I may know you are near. Amen

Nov. 18th—God of mercy, let me hear your voice of forgiveness that frees me to live, for the sake of Christ, my Lord. Amen

Nov. 19th—You are true when all others fail us, Lord Jesus. Come and lead us. Show us your way. Amen.

Nov. 20th— Lord Jesus, open our hearts to embrace all who suffer exclusion, that they may know your love. Amen.

Nov. 21st—Gather us into your arms and melt away our fears, O God, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. Amen

Nov. 22nd—Lift me into joy that I may praise you, Lord, for all you have done for me, through Christ. Amen

Nov. 23rd—God, stir our imaginations to see Christ working in all things, for the sake of his great love. Amen.

Nov. 24th—Loving Christ, let me feel the paradise of your presence, that I may know I am never alone. Amen.

Nov. 25th—Stir us to live your love, that the world around us may be made new, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Nov. 26th— Give us eyes to see and ears to hear all the ways you come to us, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Nov. 27th—Fill me with love, dear Lord, that I may live in the joy you alone can give. In Jesus' name. Amen

Nov. 28th—Feed my heart with your word, Lord Jesus, that I may know the life you are pleased to give. Amen.

Nov. 29th—God, lighten our darkness with the dawning light of your eternal presence, for Christ's sake. Amen

Nov. 30th— Your love astounds me, Jesus. Draw me into your friendship, that I may live my life in you. Amen



November

Daily Devotions



Nov 1st	Psalm 149
Nov 2nd	Ephesians 1:11-23
Nov 3rd	Luke 6:20-31
Nov 4th	Exodus 3:13-20
Nov 5th	Luke 20:1-8
Nov 6th	Acts 22:22—23:11
Nov 7th	Job 19:23-27a
Nov 8th	Psalm 17:1-9
Nov 9th	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17
Nov 10th	Luke 20:27-38
Nov 11th	Job 20:1-11
Nov 12th	2 John 1-13
Nov 13th	Psalm 123
Nov 14th	Malachi 4:1-2a
Nov 15th	Psalm 98
Nov 16th	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Nov 17th	Luke 21:5-19
Nov 18th	Hebrews 9:23-28
Nov 19th	Zechariah 11:1-17
Nov 20th	1 Peter 1:3-9
Nov 21st	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Nov 22nd	Psalm 24
Nov 23rd	Colossians 1:11-20
Nov 24th	Luke 23:33-43
Nov 25th	Revelation 21:5-27
Nov 26th	Revelation 22:8-21
Nov 27th	Philippians 4:4-9
Nov 28th	John 6:25-35
Nov 29th	Romans 13:11-14
Nov 30th	Romans 10:10-18



*Blessed are those
who hear the word
of God and obey it.*



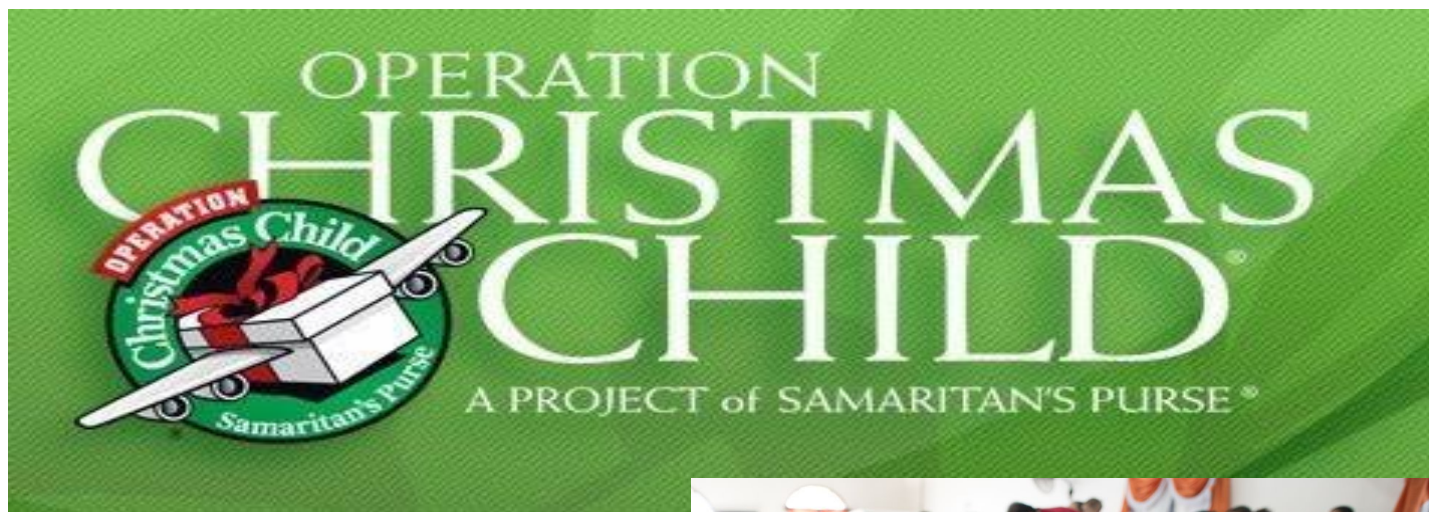
Luke 11:28



**All
Saints'
Day**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day Birthday: Randy Landis	2 Anniversary: Mark & Laurie Byvick Birthday: Amy Landheer Birthday: Patty Hiher
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	4 11a-3p Sewers Meet	5 Election Day Birthday: Lori Oncken	6 Birthday: LaVerne Woessner Birthday: Ronda Imel	7	8	9
10 Birthday: Mark Baron Birthday: Kevin Judas Birthday: Randy Kleckler 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	11 Veterans' Day Veterans Day 11a-3p Sewers Meet 	12	13 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	14 2p-4p Dorcas Circle Meeting	15	16
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24 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	25 Birthday: Lois Nye 11a-3p Sewers Meet	26	27 Anniversary: Dana & Kyla Eastabrooks	28 Thanksgiving Day Anniversary: Kim & Michael Stewart Birthday: Connor Eubanks 	29	30 Birthday: Adien Barkley Birthday: Christian Barkley Birthday: Harlen Meinsma



- 1.) Get a shoe box.
- 2.) Select a "WOW" item. Toy, doll, soccer ball with pump, stuffed animal
- 3.) other gifts hygiene items, tooth brush, wash cloth school supplies, socks, tee shirt,
- 4.) label the box boy or girls 2-4 years 5-9 years or 10-14
- 5.) place \$9.00 in each shoebox for shipping and handling
- 6.) BRING THE CHURCH ON NOVEMBER 10TH SO IT CAN BE TAKEN TO THE COLLECTION SITE



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

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JAMES
PHILIPPIANS
GALATIANS
MATTHEW
ACTS
PHILEMON

ROMANS
CORINTHIANS
MARK
JUDE
LUKE
JOHN

EPHESIANS
COLOSSIANS
HEBREWS
REVELATION
THESSALONIANS
TIMOTHY

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