

THE MESSENGER

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~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



Dear Family and Friends at Trinity,

I was in a craft store earlier this week and the first thing I saw were large wooden pumpkins, turkeys, sheaves of grain and various plaques and

yard signs proclaiming "Give Thanks". In other stores sandwiched between the Halloween cards and the Christmas cards is a section of cards in the beautiful colors of autumn,- golds, yellows, and reds and browns,- inviting the reader to "Give Thanks". This is an appropriate message for this time of year. The most important holiday of the fall is in the month of November-Thanksgiving, which is on the 25th this year.

Over and over the Psalmist reminds us to "Give Thanks to the Lord". In many places in Scripture we are reminded of the reasons we are to give thanks to God-for His goodness, His protection, His love, His mercy, His creation, for sending Jesus Christ to be our Savior, for pouring out the Holy Spirit upon us, and more. We have many many reasons for which to be thankful-an old hymn says, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." The Psalmist is right, we need to "Give Thanks to the Lord".

However my favorite thanksgiving verses do not come from the Psalms at all but from the Old Testament Prophet Habakkuk 3:17-19

Even though the fig trees have no blossoms
And there are no grapes on the vines.

Even though the olive crop fails,
And the fields lie empty and barren.

Even though the flocks die in the fields,
And the cattle barns are empty,
Yet I will praise the Lord.

I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!
The Sovereign Lord is my strength!

He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

The most powerful thanksgiving story I know comes from Corrie tenBoom. The tenBooms lived in Holland during the rise of Hitler in Germany. Distressed by what was happening, they hid Jews in their home. For that they were arrested; Corrie and her sister were sent to the concentration camp Ravensbruck where her sister died.

Corrie told how they were housed in a filthy building infested with fleas, and the women were badly bitten by them. It was only later Corrie would say, "Thank God for the fleas". Women imprisoned in the camp were often the targets of sexual assaults from the guards. However the women in Corrie's building were never harassed by camp personnel or soldiers. Why? Because as Corrie would learn, everyone in the camp knew about the flea infestation and that the women in that building were covered with fleas and fleas bites and did not want to go anywhere near the building or the women who lived there. The fleas protected the women from terrible experiences. Corrie came to see the fleas as a gift from God for which she should and could be thankful.

That story always makes me stop and think about those times in my life when dreams were shattered, my heart was broken, or disappointments loomed over my plans. My life took different directions because of those situations, and many of those were for the good---far better than I could have imagined them!

Garth Brooks put this same idea to music in his song, "I Thank God for Unanswered Prayers".

This Thanksgiving as you are feasting on turkey and pumpkin pie, and giving thanks for food, family, friends, freedom and football—all of the good things—take a moment to think back over the "fleas" and the "unanswered prayers" and see if there might be reason to say "Thank you God for these as well". **HAPPY THANKSGIVING.**

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Yvonne Noorlun

Vice President: N/A

Secretary: Kathy Wilkening

Treasurer: N/A

Christian Ed: Nikki Smith

Ch Properties: Dallas Wegner

Stewardship: Rhonda Bonk

Lay Ministry: Eloise Miller

Worship: Jan Ringeisen

Youth: Teresa Zaharia



**Trinity Lutheran
Council Meeting
October 13, 2021**

Members Present: Kathy Wilkening Yvonne Noorlun Rhonda Bonk Nikki Smith Eloise Miller Dan Klasson Brenda Hansen

Pastor's Report-Penny Ritter Planned for a member and non-member funerals. Made phone calls to two families. Send sympathy card to member for the passing of his mother. Visitation/ Communion to 2 members. Talked to member about his mother being in the hospital. Secretary Report-was accepted as read..

Treasures Report- was accepted as read.

Stewardship-Rhonda Bonk-

The Pony Express will begin November 7 to 21. There will be 10 Torchbears passing the packets. Hopefully everyone will pass the packets to the next person on the list as soon as they can to ensure the dead line is met on November 21.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism- Eloise Miller- Three new members were welcomed to the church body and presented with corsages. **If anyone has Holiday cards and wish to donate for the major holidays it would be appreciated.**

Church Properties- Yvonne Noorlun- Dallas has the snow removal for the winter lined up. The sound system will be hooked up to the TV's.

Christian Education-Nikki Smith - The first meeting of GIFT was October 6 with 30 children in attendance. Many new faces. The program will continue meeting the first Wednesday of every month. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this program a success. Confirmation classes has 3 students and are meeting with Karen K.

Youth- Nikki Smith- Seven youth met and went to the Escape Room in Mankato and

treats afterwards.

Worship- Brenda Hansen- Two new banners were purchased from the Gift and Memorial Fund.

OLD BUSINESS: Synod Convention is coming up and need someone to attend the meeting. The site profile for our new pastor calling was approved by the Synod and Bishop. The Call Committee is going forward in looking for a new pastor on the web site. NEW BUSINESS: Youth Election Night Soup and Supper will be on Tuesday November 2 from 5:30 to 7 PM. A Texting plan for \$225 per year was approved.

Submitted by Secretary
Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of September 30, 2021

Checking Account Bal.	\$28,203
Savings Account Bal.	\$53,077

SEPTEMBER:

General Fund Income	\$ 7,913
General Fund Expenses	\$ 5,259
Net Long	\$ 2,654

OCTOBER:

Cash Available	\$ 28,203
Bills to pay	\$ 5,975
Cash long	\$22,228

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/ CALENDAR YEAR	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	Gospel
November 7-All Saints	Isaiah 25:6-9	Rev 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
November 14-Pent 24 (Thankoffering)	1 Kings 17:8-16	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Nov. 21-Christ the King	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Rev 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
Nov 28-First Advent	Jer 33:14-16	1 Thes 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

four WAYS to GIVE at

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for more information.



Mobile Giving

Use our Church App to give on your mobile device. Search "Vanco Mobile" and our church Name in your APP store. Can be a one time or recurring giving option.



Online Giving

Visit online at www.trinity-truman.org to use our giving website directly. It is very safe to use.



Directly through your Bank Account

Contact the church office for options to easily set this up right to your bank account.



Drop Off In-Person

Drop in the Mail, visit our church office, or use the offering basket which is right outside our sanctuary doors.

November 7th is Stewardship Sunday

Our Stewardship
Drive will begin
We will
Continue with
The Torchbearers
Handing out the
Packets.

Once you receive
Your packet, be
Sure to fill out your
Information in
Your assigned
Envelope
And then send it
along to the next
Person listed on the
packet.

We do appreciate
your generous gifts
and talents!



WELCA News

Thank Offering



SUNDAY

**November 14th
will be our
annual
Thankoffering
Sunday**

The envelopes will be in your church mailbox. If you are unable to be in church that Sunday you may put your donation in Barb Shoen's mailbox. Another important part of that Sunday is your contribution of food which is donated to Heaven's Table. Please be generous because there are many needy people in the area. There will be no processional offering again this year. Please put your items for Heaven's Table on the counter by the back door.

Because of COVID we will not be doing the annual Christmas Cookie Walk again this year. Instead, we will be having a "Bakeless Bake Sale".

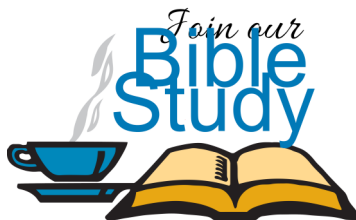
Bakeless Bake Sale



It worked well last year because of the generous gifts of money we received. You will be getting more information soon.

At our last auxiliary meeting for Living Meadows in Madelia it was decided to not have the postponed luncheon this fall. Our treasury is doing okay due to the fact that they have not had much entertainment for the residents because of COVID. Ordinarily the auxiliary budgets \$2,500 to pay the entertainers.

The funeral for Donna Leonard was held at Trinity. Thanks to members of the funeral committee for serving lunch.



**Remember our
monthly Bible
Study will be at
church Thursday, November 4 at
9 o'clock All our welcome.**

**UPDATE ON THE
GROCERY
RECEIPTS:**



Fareway-\$52,955.45

Hy-Vee-\$75,276.73

Keep those receipts coming!!

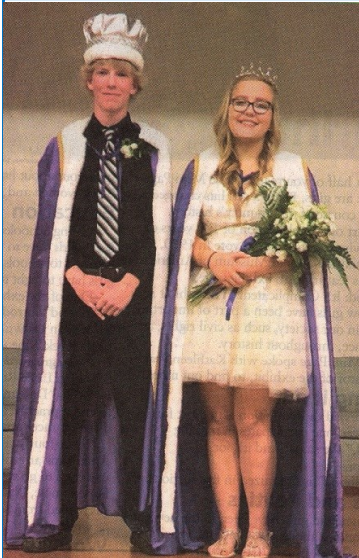
***Please make sure the receipts are not getting cut off -- this makes them useless.*



December 2021						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP SCHEDULE In-person Service at 10:30 am on Sunday's & live on FB	1	2 TRINITY YOUTH ELECTION DAY SOUP SUPPER 5:30-7 PM	3 GIFT PROGRAM 2:15-5:15	4 9 am Open Bible Study at the church	5	6
7 <u>Communion</u> All Saints Sunday STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY	8	9	10 Confirmation Class 4:30-6 7 pm Church Council mtg.	11 Veterans Day: Thank You for Your Service	12	13
14 <i>Thank Offering</i> SUNDAY Also bring non-perishable food	15	16	17	18	19 Newsletter DEADLINE!	20
21 <u>Communion</u> CHRIST the King SUNDAY	22	23	24 Conf class 4:30-6 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 pm	25 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	26	27
28 FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT	29	30 			<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u> Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	Bakeless Bake Sale Begins

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Congratulations to Trinity member, Karsan Davis on being crowned Homecoming King

He is a senior at Truman HS

Karsan's parents are Rick & Teresa Davis

(Homecoming queen is Teanna Meyer, this photo is from the Truman Tribune)

Starting in 2022, Lay Ministry will be sending Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas cards to all Trinity members. If any Trinity members have



extra cards of these holidays, would you consider donating some of them to Lay Ministry.

This would help to cut the cost of the committee buying these cards. There will be a box on the table in the narthex for your donations.



Our heartfelt sympathy to the Louis Hinton family on the death of his mother, Bonnie Zoellmer who passed away on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Trinity's President Report



1. Work is in progress on getting the organ speakers in the back of choir loft repaired.

2. The T.V.'s have been hooked up to the speaker system. And the mic's repaired

3. We have a new texting plan. We will be able to notify you right away for bad weather, etc. Let the office know if you want to be included on the texting list .

4. HELP IS NEEDED...If anyone is planning a trip to Rochester in the next couple of weeks; would they be able to drop off the breakfast bags to The Ronald McDonald House. Contact Yvonne or the church office for more information.



Prayers

We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:

Ardene Miller, Larry Miller, Rosalie Heckman, Doris Fedder, Linnea Huss, Crue Crosby, Tim Bramneier, and the Louis Hinton family.

Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.



NOVEMBER



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Gabby Greier	2 	3	4 Ross Ringeisen	5 Amber Nickerson Vern Quade	6 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 
7 Dan Klassen Wayne Maloney Sue Michalke	8	9	10 Jake Ebert Doug Schwanz	11 	12	13
14 Nicole Maloney-Ebert	15	16 Shawn Wiederhoeft	17 Cathy Sorenson Ove & Deb Oren (48 years) 	18	19	20
21 Carson Peters	22	23 Dale & Cindy Wiederhoeft (46 years)	24 Josh Tonkin	25 	26 Reese Ebert	27
28	29 Karen Kneeland	30 Robin Miller	 Prepare for Advent			



Caroline Quinn Werner was baptized at Trinity on October 17 by Pastor Rebecca Sullivan. Her parents are Melissa & Logan Werner. She was born on June 10, 2021. Her sponsors is Mackenzie Schneider. She has three big brothers—Carter (11 yrs), Liam (7 yrs) and Grayson (5 yrs).



Oaklynn Sage Beebe was baptized on October 31 By Pastor Gerry Giese. Her parents are Miriah Mosloski and Taylor Beebe. She was born on May 7, 2021. Her sponsors are Emilee Mosloski, Michael Grove and Lori Putney. Oaklynn's Grandparents from Trinity are Sadie & Chris Mosloski.



Crue Blake Crosby was baptized on October 31 by Pastor Gerry Giese. His parents are Blake and Amy Crosby. He was born on November 27, 2020 in Sioux Falls, SD. His sponsors are Krista Payne, Katie Briard, Payten Crosby and Tyson Crosby. Grandparents from Trinity are Ross & Jan Ringeisen.

Congratulation's to those students who had their Rite of First Holy Communion on October 31st during the worship service.

Those students are: **Marriel Parish, Dominic Klassen, Carter Werner, and Landon Schneider.**

Lay Minister, Karen Koeder lead the classes and Kathy Wilkening help



ELECTION DAY



SOUP SUPPER

Trinity Youth Group
Hosting at Trinity Church
5:30-7:00 pm

*Serving—chili and chicken noodle soup,
Egg salad and Peanut butter sandwiches
and a beverage*

*(A free will offering will go towards
the Youth Gathering Trip in 2022)*

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