

THE MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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



Grace to you and peace,

We are entering a two month holiday season in the church - All Saints Sunday,

Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas.

I especially want to invite you to join us for the four Sundays of Advent (starting November 30th) as we prepare for Christmas. We will be following the theme "A Grand Miracle" which points to the saving, life-changing aspects of Christ's birth using quotes from C. S. Lewis, author of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. We will have special litanies and music on Sundays and a devotion book for you to take home so you can continue learning about the four topics of Advent - The Incarnation, Immanuel (God with us), The Christ-figure of Narnia,

and Jesus' mission to make us his new creation. Although not necessary, you might want to read or re-read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

There will be worship on Thanksgiving Eve at 6 pm with pie served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

The Christmas Eve worship service will also be at 6 pm.

Holy Communion will be served each Sunday in Advent and on Christmas Eve.

Although this can be a busy time of year, I encourage you to take time to attend worship and re-visit the Christian themes of the season.

Peace in Christ

Pastor Eunice

COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President:: Nikki Smith
Vice President: N/A
Secretary: Kathy Wilkening
Financial Admin: Nikki Smith
Christian Ed: Ashley Parish
Ch Properties: Mark Durkee
Stewardship: Margaret Durkee
Lay Ministry: Donna Kotewa
Worship: Yvonne Noorlun
Youth: Ashley Parish



Member Present: Kathy Wilkening Nikki Smith Ashley Parish Mark Durkee Margaret Durkee Donna Kotewa

Secretary - Kathy Wilkening - Donna motioned to accept as read and Margaret second.

Treasure - Nikki Smith - The offering for September was down \$894 than the bills. Total short fall for the year is \$8,006. The \$25,000 CD interest for 6 months was \$542.26. Donation to the building fund brings the total to \$21,720.48 The Organ Fund is up to \$8,421. Mark motioned to accept and Margaret second.

Stewardship - Margaret Durkee - Committee met at the church and Brenda printed out

the papers needed for the Pony Express packets. Packets will be circulated around the congregation in November.

Lay/Ministry - Donna Kotewa - Mailing cards and committee of 3 are administering communion to the shut-ins.

Church Properties - Mark Durkee - Trimming bushes and spraying the parking lot for weeds. Asked Wayne Wiederhoeft to again remove the snow this winter. Mark will get a bid to replace all the light fixtures with LED lighting.

Christian Ed/GIFT - Ashley Parish - GIFT was October 1 and 15 with a Family Friendly Halloween Party October 31 at the church. There will be prizes, crafts, games, snacks and trick or treating. Hot chocolate will be served.

Worship - October 12 and 19 Pastor Eunice will preach. On Sunday October 19, the 2nd and 3rd graders will be presented with their bibles. October 26 will be Pastor Rebecca on Reformation Sunday. November 2 will be All Saints Sunday. November 9 will be Thankoffering Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Motioned approved for facility use agreement for Linda Meyer to use the kitchen on November 8 to make lefse.

Thanksgiving evening service will take place, pie will be served after the service by WELCA.

Submitted by Secretary
Kathy Wilkening



Treasurer's Summary Report As of September 30, 2025

Checking Account Bal.	\$43,872
Savings Account Bal.	\$66,053

SEPTEMBER:	
General Fund Income	\$ 4170
General Fund Expenses	\$ 4727
Net short	\$ - 557

OCTOBER:	
Cash Available	\$ 43,872
Bills to pay	\$ 6,431
Cash long	\$37,441

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READINGS – NOVEMBER

DATE	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Nov 2-All Saints	Dan 7:1-3, 15-18	149	Eph 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Nov 9-Pentecost 22	Job 19:23-27a	17:1-9	2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Nov 16-Pentecost 23	Mal 4:1-2a	98	2 Thess 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Nov 23-Christ the King	Jer 23:1-6	46	Col 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov 26-Thanksgiving Eve Worship	Deut. 26:1-11	100	Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
Nov 30-1st Advent	Isa 2:1-5	122	Rom 13:11-14	Matt 24:36-44



Youth Director Newsletter for November 2025

Every year around this time I reflect on the things that I am thankful for. This year I have a long list! I am grateful for my family, my friends, my students, the GIFT kids, GIFT volunteers, the youth group and this congregation. I will forever be grateful to the congregation for the support that you have given to me and also my family. Thank you!

Events:

November 5th 2:15pm-5:30pm GIFT

November 19th 2:15pm-5:30pm GIFT

(We will be taking half of the GIFT kids to Dollar General to buy presents for the kids and families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. We will plan to finish shopping on December 3rd.

The Cookie Walk is coming up soon and I think it would be nice if the Youth Group helped bake cookies for it! I will plan on contacting the youth group with details.

Please let me know if you have any questions 507-829-9741.

Ashley Parish-Youth Director



Nov 2-23rd
Remember
Your Pledge
Stewardship
Campaign



December 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	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 Worship Service at 10:00 am Live streamed on our FB page	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Mon-8-11 Wed-8-11, 1-4 Fri-8-11	Acolytes for November Nov 2– Gabby Greier Nov 9– please volunteer Nov 16-Callie Parish Nov 23-Sydney B & Alex Ebert Nov 30– Taelynn & Gage Moon				1
2 Communion 	3	4 Open Bible Study—9:45 Trinity Youth Hosts Election Nite Soup Supper 5:30-7 pm	5 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30	6	7	8
9 Communion	10	11 	12 4-5:15 Conf class 7 pm Church Council mtg	13	14	15
16 Communion	17 Newsletter 	18	19 GIFT Class 2:15-5:30	20	21	22
23 	24	25	26 	27 Happy Thanksgiving 	28 	29
30 Communion 				November Ushers Ross Ringeisen & Please volunteer	Nov Comm Servers 2-Linda M 9-Margaret 16-Mark D 30-volunteer	Nov Lay Readers 2-Dave S 9-Brenda H 16-Margaret 23-Laurie W 26-volunteer 30-volunteer



WELCA News

Bible study will be after coffee on Tuesday, November 7. Everyone is welcome to attend.



ThankOffering Sunday

Thankoffering Sunday will be the second Sunday in

November on the 9th.. We are asking for donations for the Truman School food shelf. Also a Sunday or two before that you will have an envelope in your mailbox at church for your thankoffering that goes to the national headquarters of the WELCA to benefit many less fortunate people.

Since people seem to enjoy the pie and coffee after the Thanksgiving Eve service, it will happen again this year..

Start thinking about what kind of goodies you will make for the annual cookie walk which will be the first Saturday in December on the 6th.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and remember to be thankful for all your blessings.

Barb Shoen

Dig out your favorite cookie and candy recipes. The annual Cookie Walk is on December 6th.



Join us for
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 26th, 2025
at 6:00 pm.

*Pie will be served afterwards
by WELCA*

UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:



Fareway-\$107,584.20

Hy-Vee-\$95,048.13

Keep those receipts coming!!

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Our deepest
Sympathy to
the family of
Crue Crosby
(Blake & Amy
Crosby-parents)
and Ross & Jan

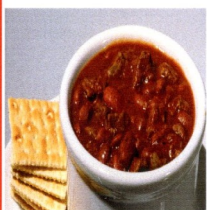
Ringeisen – grandparents) who
passed away on September 30th .
His funeral was held at Trinity on
October 6th with Pastor Eunice
Woodberry officiating.



We had our Bible Presentation for our 2nd & 3rd grade students during church services on Sunday, October 19th. Pictured below (L-R) is Grayson Urban, Reese Ebert, Peyton Brudellie, Pastor Eunice Woodberry, Norah Rolling and in front, below pastor is Charlotte Foster.

ELECTION NITE SOUP SUPPER

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
5:30-7:00 PM



The Trinity Youth Group is
hosting a Soup Supper
which includes Chili and a Baked
Potato with all the fixings,
a beverage will also be included

Free will offering



On All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2nd., we will be recognizing those of our loved ones who have passed away.

We would like you to bring pictures of your loved ones who have passed away to put up on our cross. *You can take your pictures back with you after the service.*



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

**Jerry Teig, Norman & Marilyn Anderson,
Linnea Huss, Dan Strausser and
Marlene Breitbarth.**

Remember to...

**Give
Online**



NOVEMBER

birthdays & anniversaries



We love our church!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Gabby Greier
2 	3	4 Ross Ringeisen	5 Amber Nickerson Vern Quade	6	7 Wayne Maloney Susan Michalke	8
9	10 Jake Ebert Doug Schwanz	11 Collyn Vogel 	12	13	14 Nicole Ebert	15
16	17 Cathy Sorenson Ove & Deb Oren (52 years)	18	19	20	21 Mitch Scheff	22 Dale & Cindy Wiederhoeft (50 years)
23	24 Josh Tonkin	25	26 Reese Ebert Gary Wessling	27 	28	29 Karen Kneeland
30 Robin Miller						

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - 5:30-7 PM
Free will offering - hosted by Trinity Youth Group



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Scan code to Give!



BALANCE
\$8,421.00 as
of Oct. 8th

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November 2025

Gathered

in gratitude,

lifting our hearts in

Thanksgiving

to the Lord.

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov. 26th at 6 pm.

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