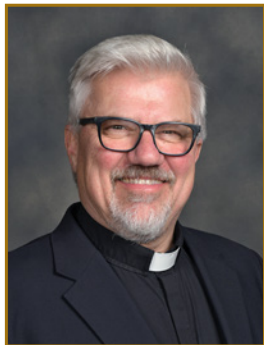




TIDINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



A Joyful Noisy Offering

Last month we collected a “Noisy Offering” each Sunday morning at worship. It worked like this: during the Children’s Moment, we sent our kids up and down the aisles to collect coins in tin buckets. Those coins were NOISY and went CLANK CLANK CLANK with each coin that was dropped in the bucket. At the end of the month, we had

collected over \$460 that we sent to the Watertown-Mayer Elementary School to support the Royals Room in order to provide kids with snacks and supplies. What a great gift!

It was fun to donate that extra offering to the Royals Room, but it was even more fun to collect that offering each week in those noisy buckets. The kids had huge smiles on their faces as they walked around the sanctuary collecting those coins, and the adults had huge smiles on their faces as they tossed in their pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters into those buckets, each time with a loud CLANK!

Psalm 100 says, “Make a joyful NOISE to the Lord all the earth!” That’s exactly what we did last month with our NOISY offering – each CLANK CLANK CLANK was a joyful noise to the Lord! As we move into the days ahead, I hope we can continue to make more joyful noises with our heads, hearts, and hands. Even though the NOISY offering is over, our NOISY voices can continue to sing God’s praises, giving thanks for all that God is doing in our lives.

~ God’s Peace, Pastor Engholm



NOVEMBER 2023

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Worship
Sundays 9:00 am
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What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



All Saints' Sunday Sunday, November 5

All Saints' Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On Sunday, November 5, Trinity Lutheran Church will

celebrate our newest Saints—those baptized in the past year, as well as our departed Saints who have been called to be with the Lord in the past year. Saints are all of us—as Saints are simply forgiven sinners. Thus, we rejoice in the righteousness we all share through faith in Jesus Christ.



Thursday, November 16 | 10:00 am

Trinity's OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group meets on the third Thursday of the month for a variety of activities and events to relax, socialize and enjoy fellowship with one another. Join us in November for a Game Day! Bring along your favorite board or card game to play with friends.



Community Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 22 | 7:00 pm hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church

Before the holiday season becomes a whirl of activity, take time to give thanks to God for your many blessings. Worship with friends and neighbors at the Watertown Community Thanksgiving Service on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. Trinity is hosting the service this year and it will include worship leaders from Trinity, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Watertown Evangelical Free Church, and Peace Lutheran Church.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the refreshment reception following the service, please contact Eileen Nelson at 952-955-1491 or nelsej@gmail.com.



Holden Village in 2024? Interest Meeting on Sunday, November 19 10:00 am | Pioneer Room

We will be holdin' a Holden Village interest meeting for folks interested in going or returning to Holden Village in 2024. Holden Village is a Christian retreat center that offers spiritual renewal, community, learning, and outdoor recreation for adults and families in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. A group from Trinity visited Holden together in 2018 and now there is energy from members of the congregation to go again. There are many options for experiencing Holden Village – from small or large groups to visiting any season of the year. We are open to thoughts and suggestions on what Trinity's next trip to Holden could look like. So, grab a cup of coffee after worship and join this conversation if you have any interest in learning more about a trip to beautiful Holden Village with Trinity next year.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School at Trinity



We spent last month in Sunday School learning all about Moses' story, and now we shift our focus to the New Testament: the birth of Jesus! In November, we will review the Christmas story and practice our Christmas songs, reminding children of the reason for the season!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers for our Sunday School classes. Even if you don't have a child or connection in Sunday School, please contact Hannah Rosholt at hrosholt@trin.org if you'd like to spend a Sunday morning helping out with the kids.

Children's Bible Sunday

Sunday, November 19

We will be presenting illustrated Bibles to all of our Sunday School families during worship on this Sunday. This will allow families to follow along with the Bible Story of the week at home. We hope you can join us for this extra-kid-friendly service!

Advent Craft Event

Sunday, November 26 | 10:00 - 11:00 am

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for some Advent crafts and Christmas music. Per tradition, the Sunday after Thanksgiving we will not have Sunday School and instead will enjoy making Advent-themed crafts as a family. Stations will be set up for you and your family to be creative while connecting with other Trinity families. Feel free to invite friends!



Trinity's High School Youth Group is Going to Feed My Starving Children

Wednesday, November 15

6:00 - 9:15 pm

Join the Trinity High School Youth Group and volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen. This is a fun event for youth and adults, with the terrific added bonus of helping out those in need. We enthusiastically welcome students in grades 9-12 to join us for this event, as well as their family members and adult chaperones. We will carpool from Trinity and we anticipate our departure time will be around 6:15 that evening.

Sign up to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children at www.trin.org under EVENTS.



Advent Suppers & Worship Services

Wednesdays, November 29, December 6, 13, 20

Light Supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Worship at 7:00 pm

Join us for a light meal served by Trinity youth, followed by a "Holden Evening Prayer" Advent worship service.

The first Sunday of Advent is November 26.

Congregational NEWS

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

Jordan Gohman
Kenzi Gohman
Madison Gohman

*Daughters of
Matt & Nicole Gohman
Baptized on October 29, 2023*

Emery Erickson
Finley Erickson

*Daughters of
Sam & Meaghan Erickson
Baptized on October 29, 2023*

FUNERAL

Gina Will

*8/25/1970 ~ 9/30/2023
Memorial Service on
October 6, 2023*

MEMORIALS

in memory of

Gina Will

A/V Update ~ \$70

The family of Gina Will would like to thank the Trinity congregation for your prayers and cards. Your kindness is appreciated.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 17, 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Fund summary September 2023

Beginning balance 9/1/2023:

-\$ 13,006.54

Operating Fund income: \$ 23,153.53

Operating Fund exps: \$ 27,823.15

Net balance (September): -\$ 4,669.62

Operating Fund balance as of

9/30/2023: -\$ 17,676.16

2023 operating fund EXPENSES exceeded INCOME by \$19,615.37.

Building Fund expenses:

Internal loan payment: \$ 5,000.00

Mortgage loan balance: \$ 85,000.00

Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$74,905.48

*(includes \$1,595.28 for Sept. federal withholding
and \$14,321.96 in hail damage receipts)*

Citizen's Building Fund: \$89,248.19

Comments:

- 6% of operating fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area Synod amounted to \$1,410.10.
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$1,123.06 (up by about \$220.00 from August).
- OWLs collected \$330.00 for Cambodia Missionaries at Dick Erickson's presentation.
- Hannah's hours were reduced, and Chelsea Farniok was added to payroll for 3 hr/week.
- Final payment for dishwasher heater/electrical update totaling \$9,007.00 was made from designated funds.

M/S/C Ryan Ress / Corky Ibeling / carried

PASTOR'S REPORT

Thank you to the Council, Finance Team, Audio/Visual Committee, and Trinity Foundation for their contributions to the A/V Update project. Next steps will be discussed with the various departments. We continue to make adjustments to our Sunday morning activities as the program year unfolds. The Bell Choir made their fall debut in October – and they sounded excellent! Pastor spent September 24-26 at the Bishop's Theological Conference in Alexandria, MN. The Rite of Confirmation was held on October 8 with sixteen young people affirming their faith.

OLD BUSINESS

- A special congregational meeting regarding the approval of updating the sound system was held and the proposal was approved. The Audio/Visual group will be getting together to determine the next steps with Farber Sound.

NEW BUSINESS

- Additional helpers will be needed for the Thanksgiving Service being held on November 22 at 7:00 pm. Will need additional ushers, coffee hosts; lectors will be the various Pastors.
- Additional helpers will be needed for the Christmas Eve service. There will be three services with communion on Christmas Eve. The regular 9:00 am service, 2:00 pm service and 4:00 pm service. More information will be discussed at the November Council Meeting.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

You are living stones being made into
a spiritual house. ~ 1 Peter 2:5

The church is made of living stones, people who make up the Body of Christ. Another name we use for these living stones is "saints".

Who are the saints in your life?

And a follow-up question: How have you let them know how important they are to you?

A Successful Noisy Offering Supports the Watertown-Mayer Royal Room

During worship in the month of October, Trinity collected over \$460 in coins and bills with our Noisy Offering. The donation was given to Watertown-Mayer Elementary School to support the Royals Room, which provides healthy snacks and school supplies to students who need them. Thank you for your noisy generosity!



Holiday Food Basket Donations Needed

The Watertown Food Shelf will distribute food baskets to those in need this holiday season. Please donate any of the items below for general food shelf needs as well as holiday meals:

- Cheerios (plain / honey nut)
- Rice Krispies
- Oatmeal (packets / canister)
- Chili Beans
- Tomato Sauce / Canned Tomatoes
- Pasta / Spaghetti
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Condensed Soup – tomato, chicken noodle, cream of...chicken / mushroom / anything

Seasonal Favorites

- Stuffing / Dressing mix (aka Stove Top)
- Gravy (packets / can / jar)
- Sweet Potatoes / Yams

Financial donations will be used to purchase meat, milk, eggs, cheese, and groceries purchased through local markets and food banks. Donated items can be dropped off at Trinity's Donation Station at the main parking lot entrance. Thanks for your generosity during this holiday season.

Decorating for Christmas

Sunday, November 26 | 10:00 am

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. We will get started right after worship on Sunday, November 26. There are decorating jobs for all ages. Thanks for your help!

▶▶▶▶ Last Month in Pictures

Last month, Trinity members were shining God's light in all kinds of ways with worship choir, coffee group, confirmation and a chilly night at Trunk-or-Treat.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Happy Birthday Liam Hembroff Pam Olson Gail Singsank Gail Sommerfeld	1 Blood Drive 10 am Prayer 12:30 pm 6-8 Confirm. 6:30 pm HS Youth 6:30 pm Worship Choir 6:30 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm	2 Happy Birthday Jim Hendricks	3 Happy Birthday Curt Nelson	4
5 ALL SAINTS' DAY Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am Bake Walk 10 am Sunday School 10 am Happy Birthday Cody Brabec Graham Stutsman	6 AA Meeting 8 pm	7 Quilters 9 am AV Team Mtg 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Claire Herman Chloe Matson Jacob Matson	8 Prayer 12:30 pm 6-8 Confirm. 6:30 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Worship Choir 6:30 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm	9 Happy Birthday Allyson Thomson	10 Happy Birthday Maggie Mueller	11 Happy Birthday Bill McCain
12 Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am Sunday School 10 am Happy Birthday Deb Anderson	13 Apostles 8:30 am Priscilla Circle 2 pm AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Joy Bolea Robin Durkin Jean Whittaker	14 Quilters 9 am Happy Birthday Bruce Wingert	15 FCA Breakfast 7 am Prayer 12:30 pm 6-8 Confirm. 6:30 pm HS Youth FMSC 6 pm Worship Choir 6:30 pm Worship Band 7:30 pm Happy Birthday Kari Brueggemeier Shirley Hirsch	16 OWLS 10 am Finance Committee 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Lori Sieling	17 Happy Birthday Milo Rosholt Kasen Schmidt	18 Happy Birthday Robyn Behrens Rodney Domjahn
19 Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am Sunday School 10 am Holden Mtg. 10 am	20 AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Reese Otto	21 Quilters 9 am Housekeepers 9 am Church Council Mtg. 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Cate Drahos Caleb Fails Casey Fails Todd Leaf	22 Prayer 12:30 pm <i>No Confirmation Class</i> Community Thanksgiving Service 7 pm (hosted at Trinity) Happy Birthday Susan Jerde	23 THANKSGIVING <i>Church Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	25 Happy Birthday Mike Empting Jackson Hastings Maxwell Hastings
26 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am <i>No Sunday School</i> Advent Crafts 10 am Happy Birthday Jeff Larson Chad Semeja Evan Singsank Dana Vraspir	27 Apostles 8:30 am AA Meeting 8 pm Happy Birthday Penny Koets	28 Quilters 9 am Happy Birthday Nikki Hunkins Avery Olson	29 Prayer 12:30 pm Advent Meal 5:30 pm Advent Worship 7 pm Worship Choir 7:30 pm Worship Band 8:30 pm Happy Birthday Adrian Eliason	30 Tidings 9:30 am Happy Birthday Josh Oak		

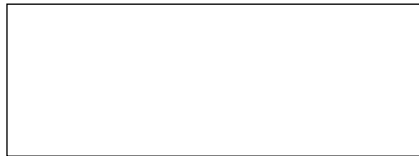


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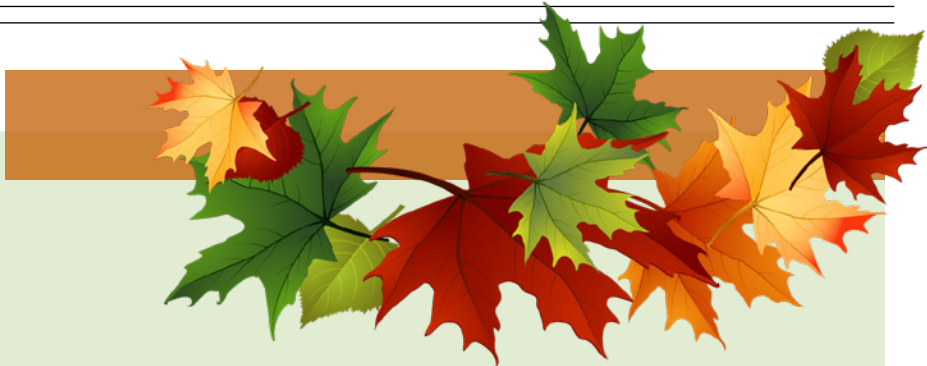


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A Gratitude Game

Years ago, ads for a toy-store chain featured an animated kangaroo jumping on a frown to turn it upside down. That reminds me of family life, which can feel like a nonstop attempt to keep everyone happy. Busy schedules, grumpy kids and tired parents can be a bad combination.

When our family needs to turn frowns upside down, we play the thankful game. The rules are simple: We take turns sharing one thing we're thankful for. Everyone plays. No one can pass. No repeats are allowed. Our kids, now teens, still chime in.

As we share gratitude for football, Grandma, hugs, warm brownies, coffee and more, kids tend to stop bickering, and adults get a mental reset. Try playing — and bring on the smiles!