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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



All the Saints!

We usually recite the Apostles' Creed whenever we gather for worship: I believe in God the Father almighty... I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son... I believe in the Holy Spirit...

When we get to that last part about the Holy Spirit, those words are followed by the statement that we believe in "the communion of saints." We often tend to think of the communion of saints

of all those who have gone before us and who are now at rest in God. There is certainly truth in that, but saints are also those of us who have been claimed in our baptism as a child of God. That means that ALL of us are saints, right now!

Of course, sometimes we think that, in order to be a saint right now, we have to live a certain way, believe certain things, act according to the rules we've been given. Yes, it's true that we are called to live a life of love for those around us, but it's also true that we often fall short of that goal. Which means that we often look at ourselves and think we've "failed" as a saint, or we look at others' failures and think that they have "failed" as saints.

But it's not true. There's an old saying that goes, "Every saint has a past. Every sinner has a future." Those who might claim to be "saints" based on their own actions are forgetting all the times they've fallen short. Likewise, those who think they could never be a saint and only think of themselves as sinners are forgetting this truth: Every day is a new beginning for us all.

This November as we celebrate All Saints Sunday, we'll remember all the saints/sinners in the church, including YOU, and remember that God claims us all as part of the "communion of saints," not because of what WE do, but because of what GOD does!

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm



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Sunday Worship
9:00 am
Onsite & Online

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What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am
Onsite & Online

10:00 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:00 am Sunday School

www.trin.org/onlineworship

In light of the growing number of people who are attending both our online and onsite services at 9:00 am, as of the first Sunday in November, we will be bringing the 10:30 am service to a close, at least for the time being. Join us for worship at 9:00 am each Sunday morning.

Monthly Events AT TRINITY

Visit www.trin.org/events for more details on these and all upcoming events at Trinity.

1st Sundays, 10 am | Coffee & Treats in Fellowship Hall
1st Mondays, 6:30 pm | Trinity Book Club
Every Tuesday, 9 am | Quilting
2nd Sundays, 10 am | Sunday Morning Faith Forum
2nd & 4th Mondays, 8:30 am | Apostles
2nd Mondays, 2 pm | Priscilla Circle Women's Bible Study
3rd Sundays, 10 am | Digging Deeper Bible Study
3rd Thursdays, 10 am | OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)
4th Thursdays, 9 am | Heavenly Housekeepers



All Saints' Sunday Sunday, November 6

All Saints' Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On Sunday, November 6, 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.



Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 23 | 7:00 pm
hosted by Watertown Evangelical Free 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 Worship Service on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. The service will take place at Watertown Evangelical Free Church (509 Jefferson Ave SW, Watertown) and will include worship leaders from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Watertown Evangelical Free Church, Peace Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Update

The first couple weeks of November, we'll continue our ROAR series, all about Daniel! As we approach Advent, we'll switch to our Christmas series, City of Angels, where we'll learn: Jesus is God's plan, calms our fears, makes everything new, and is God's love for everyone.

November at a Glance:

Nov. 6	10:00-10:45 am Sunday School (Remember Daylight's Savings Time) 10:45 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
Nov. 13	10:00-10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
Nov. 20	9:00 am - Trinity Children's Choir sings at Worship 10:00-10:45 am Sunday School
Nov. 27	No Sunday School 10:00-11:00 am Advent Craft Event

Advent Craft Event

On the Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 27th), we'll have Advent Crafts for the whole family set up in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of Sunday School, families can grab their coffee and work together to make some crafts that help build anticipation for Jesus' birth. Come anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 am!

Trinity Children's Choir

Trinity Children's Choir is open to children Grades 1-6! We begin rehearsals Wednesday, November 2. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays after school (transportation from WMES to the church is available!) and Sundays after Sunday School. Contact Hannah Rosholt if your child is interested in joining in!

Nursery Care Available

Our updated nursery is staffed by high school students from 8:45 am-10:30 am each Sunday for children 6 months old and up. Take advantage of a stress-free worship and coffee and fellowship with other Trinity members while your child plays!



Holiday Food Basket Donations Needed

The Watertown Friends For Life 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:

- chunky soup, cream soup
- 100% juice
- tomato and pasta sauce (no glass jars please)
- instant rice
- rice side, box or pouch
- pasta – spaghetti, elbow, egg
- small size vegetable and olive oil
- baby wipes and diapers
- turkey/chicken stuffing box mix
- canned yams / canned fruit
- mashed potato box or pouch
- canned cranberry sauce
- gravy packet (no glass jars please)

Financial donations will be used to purchase pies, milk, and/or gift cards from Marketplace (to support meat voucher). 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.



Thursday, November 17 | 10:00 am

Trinity's own Eileen Nelson will share stories from her trip to Germany's Lutherland and Oberammergau. We'll have the sauerkraut ready! Please bring a snack (German themed if possible) to share with the group. All "older" and/or "wiser" Lutherans and friends are invited to attend.

Congregational NEWS

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

Archer Allen Vogel
Wesley Walter Vogel
sons of Eric & Hannah Vogel
baptized October 9, 2022

MEMORIALS

in memory of

Bernadette Sandquist
To be designated ~ \$395

Carol Hendricks
Youth Ministry ~ \$45

Teddy Bear Ministry

The Teddy Bear Ministry's purpose is to show God's love for those who are hurting through the loving gift of a soft, cuddly teddy bear. Trinity has Teddy Bears available for members to share with those who are going through especially difficult, even traumatic, situations. Bears can be given to all ages — to anyone who might be in need of a special "bear hug" during a difficult time. Request a Teddy Bear to give to someone who needs it today by contacting Cindy Essen at 612-816-3823 or email cessen@citlink.net.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 18, 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund summary Sept. 2022

Beginning balance 9/1/2022:

-\$ 13,344.83

Operating Fund income: \$ 22,777.22

Operating Fund exps: \$ 29,379.58

Net balance (Sept.): -\$ 6,602.36

General Fund balance as of

9/30/2022: -\$ 19,947.19

Year-to date general fund
EXPENSES exceed INCOME by
\$32,979.86.

Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 531.93

Loan principal payment: \$ 1,805.07

Add'l principal payment: \$ 2,663.00

Mortgage loan balance:

\$ 163,507.21

Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$ 33,452.98

*(includes \$1,738.28 for Sept. federal withholding
and \$11,270.78 in hail damage receipts)*

Citizen's Building Fund: \$ 147,051.87

Comments:

- 6% of operating fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area Synod amounted to \$1,366.38
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$1,253.83 (down about \$314.00 from August)
- Expenses were up slightly from August due to nursery expenses and several one-time fall expenses.

M/S/C Corky Ibeling / Nick Neaton / carried

PASTOR'S REPORT

This fall has been full of activity. Confirmation Sunday was October 9, 2022. God's blessing to our twelve confirmands. Work on the new church directory is being completed by Robyn Behrens and Eileen Nelson. Sunday mornings include a Digging Deeper Bibles Study and a Sunday Morning Faith Forum with Pastor Jeff, each held one Sunday a month. The "Community Group Ministry" is off to a strong start. We now have three youth ministry groups that are meeting on Wednesday evenings. Trinity, along with three other area churches, will gather to "trick or treat" for the food shelf on October 23.

OLD BUSINESS

- New dishwasher has been purchased and will be coming soon.
- Property Committee Update: Discussion on the request of a neighbor to build a fence on a section of land belonging to Trinity. Motion made to offer the neighbor allowance of the fence on our property, with our approval of the kind of fence and the understanding that Trinity is responsible for maintaining the fence.

M/S/C Nick Neaton / Nancy Pickering / carried

NEW BUSINESS

- Communion schedule: Council will be assisting at the 1st Sunday of the month, Dave Sloneker will schedule for the 3rd Sunday of the month.
- Request has been made to acquire space for wheelchairs in the Worship Center. Suggestion made to move the short pews from the front and replace with full pew in the back.
- Discussion on future Wednesday night worship services/programming.

Church Photo Directory

Photography Dates: November 8 – 12, 2022

There's still time to be a part of our church directory! Schedule your professional photography session online on Trinity's website, www.trin.org. Simply scroll down on our home page to find the sign up link and use the information below to login to Trinity's account.

Church Code: mn285
Password: photos

If you have questions a, please contact the church office or Eileen Nelson at 952-955-1491 or nelsej@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead to Advent

Advent Suppers & Worship Services

Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, 21

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 27

Last Month in Pictures



Area churches collected 3,774 pounds of food for the Watertown Food Shelf



Thank You Trinity Worship Choir



2022 Confirmation Class



Rejoicing in God's Saints:

A Daily Prayer Calendar for November

In keeping with the spirit of All Saints' Day and of Thanksgiving, below you will find daily prompts for the month of November that you can reflect on as you express gratitude to God for a now-departed saint who has influenced your life.



- November 1:** Mentored you in your profession.
- November 2:** Helped you grow in faith.
- November 3:** Gave tangible help during a difficult time.
- November 4:** Founded an institution or movement that is important to you.
- November 5:** Showed tough love.
- November 6:** Coached you as you grew in skills and confidence.
- November 7:** Led a group that was significant in your formation.
- November 8:** Treated you like a sibling.
- November 9:** Introduced you to grief by their loss.
- November 10:** Wrote something that deeply moved you.
- November 11:** Died before you could reconcile or reconnect with them.
- November 12:** Introduced you to a group/community.
- November 13:** Reminded you how to see the world like a child.
- November 14:** Advocated for you.
- November 15:** Showed you something key about yourself/your values by being your adversary.
- November 16:** Gave you a tangible object that continues to inspire you.
- November 17:** Parented or grandparented you.
- November 18:** Governed in a way that fostered trust and cooperation.
- November 19:** Took you somewhere life-changing.
- November 20:** Made you feel seen in a time/place that you felt invisible.
- November 21:** Trusted you with difficult but important knowledge.
- November 22:** Created art that speaks to your soul.
- November 23:** Let you ask your questions.
- November 24:** Pointed out your gifts.
- November 25:** Introduced you to a hobby.
- November 26:** Prayed for you.
- November 27:** Embodied the values you aspire to.
- November 28:** Disagreed with you but still loved you.
- November 29:** Supported you emotionally through a low point.
- November 30:** Did something for others in death that they couldn't have done in life.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Quilters 9 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Liam Hembroff Pam Olson Gail Singsank Gail Sommerfeld	2 Blood Drive 10 am 6-8 Confirm. 6:30 pm Praise Band 7:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Jim Hendricks	3 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Courtnie Forcier Curt Nelson	4 	5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Cody Brabec
6 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am Sunday School 10 am	7 Book Club 6:30 pm AA Meeting 8 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Chloe Matson Jacob Matson	8 Quilters 9 am 	9 6-8 Confirm. 6:30 pm Praise Band 7:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Allyson Thomson	10 Finance Committee 6:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Maggie Mueller	11 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Bill McCain	12 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Deb Anderson
Church Directory Photography Sessions November 8 - 12						
13 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am Faith Forum 10 am Sunday School 10 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Joy Bolea Robin Durkin Jean Whittaker	14 Apostles 8:30 am Priscilla Circle 2 pm AA Meeting 8 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Bruce Wingert	15 Quilters 9 am Church Council Mtg. 6:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Kari Brueggemeier Shirley Hirsch	16 6-8 Confirm. 6:30 pm Praise Band 7:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Lori Sieling	17 OWLS 10:00 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Milo Rosholt Kasen Schmidt	18 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Robyn Behrens Rodney Domjahn	19
20 Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am Dig Deeper 10 am Sunday School 10 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Reese Otto	21 AA Meeting 8 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Cate Drahos Caleb Fails Casey Fails Todd Leaf	22 Quilters 9 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Susan Jerde	23 <i>No Confirmation Class</i> Community Thanksgiving Service 7 pm (Evangelical Free Church, Watertown)	24 THANKSGIVING <i>Church Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Happy Birthday</i> Mike Empting Jackson Hastings Maxwell Hastings	26 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Jeff Larson Chad Semeja Evan Singsank Dana Vraspir
27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Worship 9 am (Onsite & Online) Fellowship 10 am <i>No Sunday School</i> Family Advent Craft Event 10 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Penny Koets	28 Apostles 8:30 am AA Meeting 8 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Nikki Hunkins Avery Olson	29 Quilters 9 am <i>Happy Birthday</i> Emily Roy	30 Advent Meal 5:30 pm Worship 7 pm Worship Choir 7:30 pm Praise Band 8:30 pm			

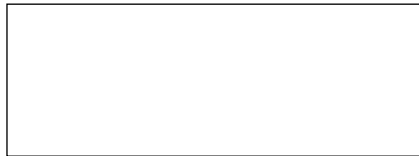


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If you've ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they're fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list:

"I will thank God ... for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. ... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love ... for the leaves on the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!

And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for his loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think, and of my heart ever since it first began to love."