

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## November 2015

### Newsletter

#### Worship Services

9:00 AM, Sundays

5:30 PM, Wednesdays

Holy Communion at all services.

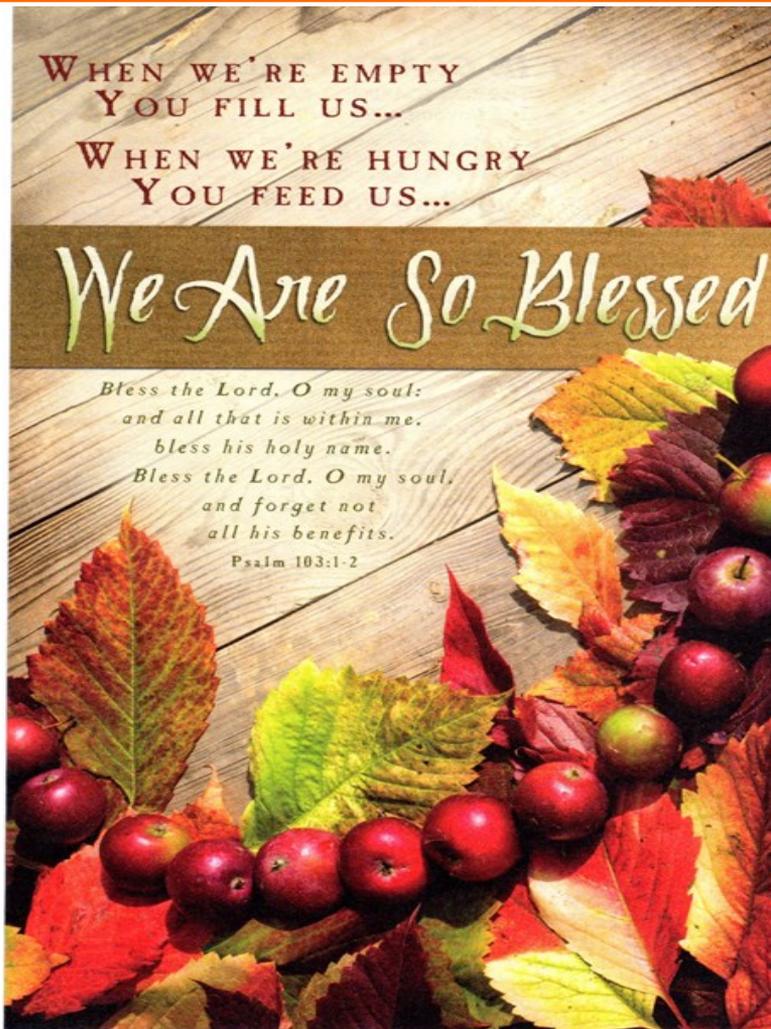
WHEN WE'RE EMPTY  
YOU FILL US...

WHEN WE'RE HUNGRY  
YOU FEED US...

*We Are So Blessed*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul:  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not  
all his benefits.*

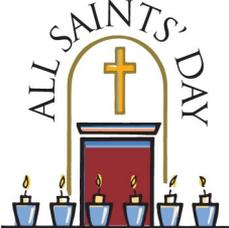
*Psalm 103:1-2*



**DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK** *Sunday  
Nov. 1, 2015*



*Turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night.*



*All Saints Sunday... November 1.*

Our saints who have passed away since last year's All Saints' Sunday, will be remembered with their names read, a bell rung and a candle lit.

**Trinity Fellowship**

Wednesday, November 4 at 12:00 PM  
Trinity Hall

Program: The inspiring story of "Faith into Action" presented by Steve and Kim Zenk. The top producers from Thrivent were the Mission group that went to Paraguay on a Habitat for Humanity service mission.

**Thankoffering Dinner**

Tuesday, November 10th at **12:00 NOON**  
Trinity Hall  
Cost is \$9.00

Menu: Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes with gravy, dressing, green beans, cranberry salad and pumpkin mousse.

Erna Berthelsen and Eleanor Schou will provide a special program about the 125 year history of the Trinity Women's organization and many more memories of the years they have been active in the church. Pastor Gary will be doing the Bible Study and the installation of the new 2016 TLCW officers.

Please bring non-perishable food items that will given to the Salvation Army food shelf.

Please call your Circle Chairman or the church office at 373-2466 with your reservation.



SO MANY BLESSINGS

*Wednesday, November 25  
5:30 P M*

*Worship Service with  
Holy Communion*



Come  
Decorate for  
Christmas

**Friday, November 27th  
at 5:00 PM**

The Worship & Music committee invites you to come and help decorate for Advent and Christmas.

**Ushers put up the Christmas Tree**

Friday, November 27th at 5:00 p.m.

*Everyone is welcome to come and help*

Chili and Oyster Stew follows for workers



**Advent Fair**

**Sunday, November 29 at 10:30 AM  
Trinity Hall**

*This is a whole family event;  
we ask that the entire family participate*

During the Sunday morning Faith Formation hour on November 29, all student (three-year-olds to grade 9), **PARENTS and/or Grandparents** are invited to attend the Advent Workshop in Trinity Hall.

Advent is a time to "prepare the way of the Lord" for His coming as our King and Savior. By participating in various traditions, such as Advent wreaths, crafts to celebrate the waiting period and learning about home devotional activities children will be able to more fully understand the season of Advent and the anticipation leading up to our Savior's birth. **Mark your calendars!**



## **Recharge Retreat**

### **Confirmation Students 6th & 7th Graders are invited.**

Friday, November 13 to Sunday, November 15

We will leave from the church on Friday at 5:00 PM and return on Sunday at 2:00 PM

No cost to the Confirmation students. The 6th & 7th Grade cost is \$40.00 per student.



Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and we ship these meals to our distribution partners."

**On November 21, Trinity Youth 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade and any other Trinity members who want to volunteer will have an opportunity to pack meals for FMSC in Cannon Falls, MN.**

**These youth should bring a parent or friend to help pack meals.**

***The more, the merrier!***

Sign up begins October 11<sup>th</sup> on the opportunity table. I will leave the sheet out until October 25<sup>th</sup>, since spots are limited and I will need to get our church signed up ASAP. The time slot will depend on how many people we have signed up.

## **Wednesday Night Suppers**

**Serving time:** 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Supper will be served in Trinity Hall.

*No worries about having to go thru the drive thru before coming to "AHA" confirmation class, Worship Service, Choir or Gospel Singers. You and your family can come and have supper at Trinity.*

**Everyone is invited.**

There is a sign-up sheet on the opportunity table if you would like to prepare a meal. If you are not able to prepare a meal, would be willing to sponsor a Wednesday night meal. Any questions, please contact Darcy Nielsen at 402-7886.

## **Mark your Calendar...**

Faith Formation (Sunday) Students

Christmas Program Practice.....Saturday, December 12th

Christmas Program.....Sunday, December 13th

*Watch bulletin for times.*



## **Faith Formation (Sunday) Classes**

Sundays

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

## **"AHA" Confirmation Class**

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

## TLC Book Club

All are welcome at the TLC Book Club. Read some new books, make connections with interesting people and enjoy lively discussions.

We will meet on **November 2, 2015- Monday** from 7-8:30pm at Trinity in Jacobson Fellowship Hall. Please read **The All Girl Filling Station, Last Reunion by Fanny Flagg.**

*The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* is a perfect combination of comedy, mystery, wisdom, and charm. Fabulous, fun-loving, spanning decades, generations, and centered on a little-known aspect of America's twentieth-century story.

The Albert Lea library assures me there are plenty of copies available and when you go to get a copy let them know it is for a book club.

We will also decide on November 2nd, what meeting night/time is preferred.

If you have a good book to recommend, would like to host a meeting or have any questions, please contact Cindy Golbuff at: 970-223-2759 or [scgolbuff@centurylink.net](mailto:scgolbuff@centurylink.net)

I look forward to seeing many of you. If you need transportation, please let me know.

***Thank you!***  
s/Cindy Golbuff



## A Big Thank You...

A ***big*** thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with the Soup and Pie Event. We had quite a few new volunteers this year and we would like to thank them for stepping up and helping. Also, would like to thank all the regulars who have worked for years on this event. Without all the volunteers this project would be impossible. Again, ***Thank You*** to all who helped out.

s/Donna Oliva, Soup and Pie Chair  
& The Soup and Pie Committee

## Cheer Gifts

Cheer gifts will be delivered on Wednesday, December 2 and Thursday, December 3 to our shut-ins and members 80 and older.



These small poinsettias are given each year as a way to show our love and caring.

This is a TLCW project chaired by Marlin & Sharon Herfendal, Barb Larson and Jan Drews.

***Volunteer drivers are needed.*** Please contact Marlin & Sharon at 377-9252 if you are able to help.

## *Quilts donated to Okoboji Bible Camp*

Trinity Lutheran Church Quilting Ladies made three quilts and donated them to the Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp for their yearly Quilt Auction held each year on the first Saturday of August.

These three quilts brought a total of \$305.00 for Okoboji Bible Camp to use in their ministry. The auction was held Saturday, August 1, 2015.

Any questions or anyone wanting to donate, please contact Liz Skov at 373-7379.

## Bible Study's

**Men's Breakfast and Bible Sharing** is on Saturdays at 7:00 AM. Meet at Hardee's for breakfast and then to Trinity for Bible study.

**Sunday morning bible study** is at 10:30 AM in the Fireside Room. Jo Meyer will lead this class.

**Thursday morning bible study** is at 9:00 AM in Jacobsen Fellowship Hall. Pastor Gary will lead this class.



Learn  
&  
Grow

## **Greetings from Pastor Gary...**

*“Loving God...”* Greetings this beautiful Fall day! When I look out at the beauty of a day such as this, this morning I find myself not being able to keep from having questions of purpose and meaning spring up. Questions such as, *“Why am I here? “Why has God placed me here in this beauty of creation?” “What’s my purpose?” “When all is said and done, what will really matter in life...?”* I got to thinking that it can be easy to go through life unconcerned about such things as we assume things will go on as they are forever in the beauty of creation surrounding us... But, when naïve assumptions shatter on the rocks of reality, it’s then we begin to search for deeper meaning, and it’s then that these questions of purpose and meaning spring up...

In the midst of contemplating such this morning the words of Jesus roll through my mind. I marvel at the words of Jesus as he answers questions of purpose and meaning, and this morning for me he does this with the “Great Commandments”... *“To love God with all we are and love our neighbor as ourselves.”* Jesus captures everything that matters in life with a phrase so simple that a child can remember it...

What does it really mean to *“love God”*...? It’s easier to imagine how to apply the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment because *“our neighbor”* is a reality we can see, touch, and love in concrete actions. As for the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment, how do we love the invisible, almighty Creator God...? Early on the first disciples had the historical Jesus they could leave everything for and walk with, set with, and humbly bow before. But, how are we to love the God we cannot touch or see...!

*“Loving God”* with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength can be expressed in anything we do that serves Jesus and the Kingdom of God... in the simple and ordinary, to the extravagant and sublime... as we live our lives every day. But, there is one way that we can express our love to God directly and specifically... that is by *worship*. The beauty and wonder of worship is that it’s the only thing we can give to God that God does not already have. Worship is one thing we can do exclusively to express our love to God...

We use the term worship to mean things, such as, singing, programs, strategies, liturgies, and musical styles. But, *“true worship”* in the spirit of Jesus’ Great Commandment is something much deeper and more profound. God comes to us through God’s Word and offers us such things as love, truth, convictions, grace, forgiveness, comfort, and guidance. When we see God for who God is and experience all that God offers, we respond in humility, gratitude, and faith with acts of confession, repentance, commitment, adoration, thanksgiving, intercession, and celebration.

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“*True worship*” does not begin with us, but it finds its source in God’s initiative. God reveals God’s self to us, and we respond to God in a transforming encounter in which God loves us and we love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength. This kind of Biblical worship moves us far beyond the engaging with liturgy we do during worship experiences to a holistic encounter with God that engages all aspects of experience. Real worship, “*loving God*”, encompasses everything that happens in our weekly gatherings and overflows into everything we do the other six days ...

To say that our attention as a true worshiper is always focused on God, not on self, and stop there is to offer only a partial understanding of worship. While genuine worship is seeking to give to God, we are also recipients of all God is when we genuinely offer ourselves to God. Worship is for us an encounter with God and at the same time for God an encounter with us...

It’s no coincidence when asked about the most important commandment Jesus pointed us to loving God. From the very beginning the Bible tells us this is why we are created... “*to worship*”. When we love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we are the closest we will ever be in this world to life in God’s eternal kingdom... This is why there is nothing that has a bigger impact on the *People of Trinity* than what happens in our weekly worship experiences. Encountering God together in worship will shape and define the rest of the expressions of the body of Christ more than any other experience...

If worship is what we were created for, and is the most explicit expression of our love for God and the most important aspect of our ministry, it becomes clear that authentic Biblical worship will always invite people to encounter God, and respond as Jesus said, with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength, in as many venues, expressions of worship, possible to touch the hearts of all people in a way that speaks to all people and brings about within each a true encounter with God...

*God's peace...*

*Pastor Gary*

## **"Living in Hope"**

Paul said in Philippians 2:14, “*Do all things without complaining.*” Here’s the key: When you complain, you remain. But when you praise, you’ll be raised. When you’re always thinking about God’s goodness, you’ll see more of God’s favor.

*Joel Osteen*

# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

Bev Jackson Cotter and Barb Larson



**“She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.” Proverbs 31:20**

**A special “souper” Thank You to everyone who worked at the annual Soup and Pie Lunch and Supper in October, especially chairman Donna Oliva and coordinators Greg Andersen and Joy Johnson** – before the event: organizing and shopping, making lefse, and cooking – during: cooking, setting tables, serving, selling lefse, and washing dishes, and after: - cleaning and putting things away, evaluating, and thinking about next year, plus all of the minute details that go into each one of these items. You are much appreciated!

**Thanks also to the Confirmation Class for providing the escort service at St. John’s on October 18.**

**The Thankoffering Luncheon this year will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at noon in Trinity Hall.** Erna Berthelsen and Eleanor Schou will provide a special program about the 125 year history of the Trinity Women’s organizations and memories of the many, many years they have been active in the church. It promises to be an informative and fun presentation. Following the Bible Study by Pastor Gary Harris, the 2016 TLCW officers will be installed. Co-presidents: Coreen Johnson and Marlene Wright, Vice-president: Karen Nelson, Secretary: Mary Roozenboom, Treasurer: Nancy Jensen, Mission Community Secretary: Phyllis Tavis, Mission Growth Secretary: Jan Drews, and Mission Action Secretary: Jo Meyer. The menu will include pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberries and pumpkin mousse – all for only \$9. Please call the church office or your Circle chair by November 3 with your reservation.

**Also mark your calendar for the December 2<sup>nd</sup> TLCW meeting and Christmas program** by the Albert Lea High School Chorale. Their beautiful music is a wonderful way to start out the Christmas season.

**Reminder: We are working on the TLCW booklet for 2016.**

If you have any of the following changes to be made, please contact Phyllis Tavis at 373-3069.

- Address
  - Phone/Cell number
  - Change to another Circle
  - To be added or removed from helping serve at funerals
- The correct information is **very** helpful when we are contacting people. Thank you!

**A special Thank You to the Trinity Women who...**

40. Take time from their busy schedules to attend Synod meetings.
41. Graciously respond to opportunities to fellowship with the women in area churches.
42. Open their hearts and purses whenever another needy cause arises.

**Dates to Remember:**

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| Tues. Nov. 3            | Last day to make your reservation for the Thankoffering Luncheon |
| Tues. Nov. 10, noon     | Thankoffering Luncheon   |
| Wed. Nov. 11, 9 a.m.    | Sewing Day   |
| Tues. Dec. 2, 1:30 p.m. | Christmas meeting and program                                    |

**Lutheran World Relief Van and Sewing Day**

The following items were sent on the Lutheran World Relief van on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

Quilts...47	Blankets... 3	Baby Care Kits...29
Personal Care Kits...31	School Kits...80	

At our November 11, Sewing Day, we will be sewing quilts to give to the Salvation Army, both large quilts and baby quilts. Please come and help.

*s/ Joan Mattick, Co-Chairman*

## **Notes from the Council President**

Confirmation Class: On Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, I left work late, around 6:30 and went to St. John's Lutheran Community to visit my father. What a nice surprise to find the confirmation class in the main entry! MaChar Kingstrom had the class there to meet with some of the residents of Knutson Place and hear what Confirmation Classes were like when these residents were young. I could not help but feel a sense of pride for our church. This has to be a good experience for the Confirmation Class, as well as the residents who related what Confirmation Classes were like for them when they were young.

Amanda Bergland: Amanda has been researching and checking with youth and families from our congregation about activities for youth and for intergenerational activities for fun and fellowship. Having this younger perspective and energy from Amanda will be very productive for our church. Amanda had related that after one of the first activities, the youth were giving ideas of activities that they wanted to do in the future.

Transition Team: On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, there was a yellow sheet in the bulletin from the Transition Team. The purpose of the yellow informational questionnaire is for the team to get feedback from as many congregational members as are willing to give input. I encourage each of you, if you have not already done so, to complete the yellow sheet and hand it in. I believe the yellow sheet gave instructions of where to turn it in. We as a congregation need to cooperate with the Transition Team so that they can get the things that they need to do to complete their study, so that we can get the Call Committee going on searching for our next pastor. Thank you to our Transition Team members, Darryl Meyer, Julie Jensen, Marlene Wright and Jeff Nelson.

*s/ Allan L. Halvorsen*

## **Finance Committee**

Our building improvement, sound, and audio visual campaign fund is currently at 45% of our \$105,000 goal. At our October council meeting we approved outside sanctuary foundation repair, a new door for the parish house entrance with an automatic opener, as well as an automatic opener for the main door entrance. Work is also progressing in the “WHOLE”.

We would also like to thank our Thrivent members for your continued support of Trinity with your Choice Dollars. A new program for Thrivent members involves the formation of an “Action Team”. Further information can either be found at Thrivent.com, or from Pastor Hall or Ron Petersen. Up to \$250 is available for each approved project.

Thank you also to everyone for your offerings to Trinity. Your giving is making it possible for us to accomplish, as well as plan many exciting programs for the future of Trinity.

Sincerely,  
Trinity Finance Committee

### **Special Congregational Meeting**

**2016 Budget Hearing**

Sunday, November 15, 11:30 AM

Trinity Hall

*All Trinity members are encouraged to attend.*

## **Life and Missions Committee**

The Life and Missions Committee have been busy this past month. We started serving Wednesday night suppers. This has been fun to start. We serve from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Our hope is to increase in numbers. The confirmation kids, parents, and all members and friends are welcome. We are so appreciative of all of our members making bars, main menu items, and helping. Thanks to all. You all come now.

We also had a Brunch on October 18<sup>th</sup> with donations going for our Wednesday night supper fund. We had a Potato Bar, salad, and root beer floats. Your committee had a learning experience as we prepared the baked potatoes. We hope all had as much fun and enjoyment eating the Brunch as we had preparing it. Again, thanks for the donations.

At our October meeting we set up the Welcome Minister Schedule and sending our monthly thank you cards to our deserving members. We are so blessed to have so many willing volunteers.

Our next meeting will be November 3, 2015 at 5:15 pm. Life and Missions Committee

*s/Jean Pestorious*

### **Trinity's Mission Statement**

We are a fellowship of believers in Christ, sustained by God's Word, led by the Holy Spirit and committed to God's vision of caring!

## **Worship and Music**

A very wise man told me once never to pray for patience because God will give you situations that will help you develop patience. Well, I don't recall praying for patience but that is the situation we are all in right now with our new audio/visual project. Each aspect hinges on the project before it, as nothing can happen until the new wiring is done and that has not happened yet, so we are patiently (?) waiting. Once that happens it will go pretty quickly, but until then.....other things are happening.

In Nov. we start on the 1<sup>st</sup> with All Saints Sunday which is always a very special time when we remember those who have left us and gone home. Then on the 8<sup>th</sup> we will be highlighting Lutheran Campus Ministry, which is another special ELCA project and we here at Trinity have been involved in Mankato where Pastor Tammy Dalvang is. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we will be highlighting Lutheran Social Services and we will have a representative from that organization here. Then we will have our special Thanksgiving Eve service at 5:30PM and the day after Thanksgiving we will be decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas. That Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> we will start at 5:00PM and all are welcome to come and help with the decorating. This is a large Church so many hands are needed and appreciated! So as you can tell November is a busy month around here with a lot going on. We hope you will join in one or all of these happenings.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tues. the 27<sup>th</sup> of Oct. at 5:30.

God's Peace,  
*s/Andrea Jensen, Chair*

*From Pastor Gary and Lynda...*

*Greetings...!* During the past two months, since my knee replacement surgery on August 5<sup>th</sup>, we have been hearing, and encountering, concerns about my being away from Trinity for 3 weeks. This past Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, I did share with each in worship what I bring to you here...

Knee replacement was not something I came to the community of Trinity Lutheran anticipating. However, in consulting with an orthopedic surgeon on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, I was not given a choice if I were going to maintain the integrity of my right knee and leg. At his advice surgery was scheduled at the first available date, which was the following Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

My original plan put together was to return back to leading worship after taking two weeks away. However Trinity leadership invited me to take the third week also, which I did, and returned following that. Please know that I did not "...leave you all alone" during this time, as I hear coming from in and among you. Pulpit supply was arranged for as I was away... I did not put a message on my phone that I was not available for the time period. I did continue to accept and handle all calls coming my way... kept in constant contact with the office as per need... planned worship for each week... planned for worship for weeks beyond, including the worship experience for Quilt Sunday and the Blessing of Pets and Animals & fruits of Harvest... planned for confirmation... planned for Advent worship coming up... and handled any correspondence.

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod, who I work out of as Trinity's transitional pastor, considered/considers this time away as a necessary medical leave.

With all this being said, Lynda and I will be considering this time as time against vacation time. The agreement as I came here became to accrue one week of vacation per each 10 weeks I am here. As of this past Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, I have been here 25 weeks which would equal 2.5 weeks of vacation time. With this in place, until the next the next 5 weeks are completed we will not be accruing vacation time, and will resume accruing that in the weeks following...

Please know that if you would like to visit about this, or anything that is on your minds at any time, mine is an open door policy... and that includes contact by cell phone, email, or text!

*Together in God's mission to the world...!*

*Pastor Gary*

## Books on Wheels



We are so thankful for all the beautiful fall days we've experienced. There have been many fun hours for young and old to enjoy the great outdoors.

Soon there will be days that are cold, windy and the colorful leaves will be gone. This is a great time to get a few good books for the children to read or for adults to share with young ones.

Check out the holiday books and related subjects. Thanksgiving and Christmas are a time to read about being thankful and sharing.

Please stop by and choose some books. Enjoy them and return when done.

Happy Reading!  
Katie Jacobsen

*The book cart is located  
by the church office.*

### **Trinity Choir**

Adults of all ages  
Wednesdays  
6:30-7:30 PM  
Sing in Worship 1-2 times/mo.

### **Chime Choir**

High School to Adults  
Thursdays  
5:10-6:00 PM  
Play in worship once/mo.

### **Gospel Singers**

High school age to adult  
Lead worship singing  
& prepare special music  
for occasional performance

### **Youth Chime Choir**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & up

## **Music at Trinity**

For more information  
contact  
Nancy Halvorsen

*Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...*

**Sound System**

*Lorraine Erickson*  
by Lois Circle

*Cody Baseman*

by Barb Larson  
by Steve & Linda Olson

*Terrie Sager*

by Mike & Andrea Jensen

**Stained Glass Windows  
in Jacobsen Hall**

*Bob Berthelsen*  
by Erna Berthelsen

**Sunday School**

*Cody Baseman*  
by Friends & Family

**Improvements in "The Whole"**

*Cody Baseman*  
by Marlene Wright

**Improvements**

In Honor of ...  
*Berniece Thompson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday*  
by Marlene Wright



*All Saints Sunday, November 1,  
the following will be remembered:*

- Patricia Ferguson ..... November 30, 2014  
JoAnn Golbuff ..... December 3, 2014  
Gladys Sigurdson ..... December 19, 2014  
Holger (Buzz) Knudsen ..... January 24, 2015  
Harriet Anderson..... January 30, 2015  
Evelyn Cornick ..... February 9, 2015  
Marjorie Neve ..... February 17, 2015  
Wilma (Jane) Carlson ..... April 12, 2015  
Gary Tavis..... April 22, 2015  
Betty Knudson ..... April 22, 2015  
Maurine Levisen ..... May 23, 2015  
Lorraine Erickson..... July 3, 2015  
Cody Baseman ..... September 24, 2015

## Preparing for Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Nov. 1	Deuteronomy 6: 1-9	Psalm 119: 1-8	Hebrews 9: 11-14	Mark 12: 28-34
Nov. 8	1 Kings 17: 8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9: 24-28	Mark 12: 38-44
Nov. 15	Daniel 12: 1-3	Psalm 16: 9-16	Hebrews 10: 11-14 [15-18] 19-25	Mark 13: 1-8
Nov. 22	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1: 4b-8	John 18: 33-37
Nov. 29	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	Psalm 25: 1-10	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13	Luke 21: 25-36

## *Records from October 2015*

### *Average Attendance*

Sundays: 150                      Wednesdays: 27

### *Baptisms*

**Gracy Glenda Lowan**, born October 7, 2014 daughter of Terry and Terry Lowman. Godparents are Yban Schuhmacher, Gilbert Schuhmacher, Danny Lowman and Mindy Kaiser.

**Emmalynn Hanna Sundve Johnson** born on June 14, 2015 to Lucas Johnson and Stacy Sundve. Godparents are Shannon Sundve and Caleb Johnson.

### *Funeral*

Cody Baseman

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Pastor Gary Harris, Transitional Interim Pastor

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# NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p>  <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends  <b>9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>            10:00 AM Coffee Hour            10:30 AM Adult Bible Study            10:30 AM Faith Formation Sunday Classes</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>5:00 PM Family Faith Formation Committee Meeting            7:00 PM Monthly Book Club</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5:00 PM TOPS            5:15 PM Life &amp; Missions Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting            12:00 PM Trinity Fellowship            5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Everyone is Invited  <b>5:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>            6:30 PM Confirmation "AHA" Class            6:30 PM Trinity Choir            7:30 PM Gospel Singers</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study            9:45 AM Communion at Thornecrest            5:10 PM Chime Choir            6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Sharing Time for all Trinity men (all ages) and friends            2:00 PM Open House Baby Shower for Jen (Bartholmey) Kahler</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Campus Ministry Sunday  <b>9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>            10:00 AM Coffee Hour            10:30 AM Adult Bible Study            10:30 AM Faith Formation Sunday Classes            3:00 PM Dartball Practice            7:00 PM REACT</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Thankoffering Dinner            4:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting            5:00 PM TOPS</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sewing Day            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            5:00 PM Counters Party            5:00 PM Potluck before Worship Service            5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Everyone is Invited  <b>5:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>            6:30 PM Confirmation "AHA" Class            6:30 PM Trinity Choir            7:30 PM Gospel Singers</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study            5:10 PM Chime Choir            7:00 PM Council</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Confirmation Recharge Retreat at Okoboji</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Confirmation Recharge Retreat at Okoboji            7:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Sharing Time for all Trinity men (all ages) and friends</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Confirmation Recharge Retreat at Okoboji  <b>9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion and Lutheran Services Presentation</b>            10:00 AM Coffee Hour            10:30 AM Adult Bible Study            10:30 AM Faith Formation Sunday Classes            11:30 AM Special Congregational Meeting 2016 Budget Hearing            3:00 PM Dartball Practice</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Clean the Altar</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>1:30 PM Mary Circle Bible Study            5:00 PM TOPS            7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study Circles            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            2:00 PM Bible Study Circles            5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Everyone is Invited  <b>5:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>            6:30 PM Confirmation "AHA" Class            6:30 PM Trinity Choir            7:30 PM Gospel Singers</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Adult Bible Study            5:10 PM Chime Choir            6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Feed my Starving Children            7:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Sharing Time for all Trinity men (all ages) and friends</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00 AM <b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>            10:00 AM Coffee Hour            10:30 AM Adult Bible Study            10:30 AM Altar Guild Meeting            10:30 AM Faith Formation Sunday Classes            3:00 PM Dartball Practice</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>5:00 PM TOPS</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Meeting            5:30 PM <b>Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>  <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>5:00 PM Decorate for Advent and Christmas            5:00 PM Help the Ushers put up the Christmas Tree</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p>  <p>9:00 AM <b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>            10:00 AM Coffee Hour            10:30 AM Adult Bible Study            10:30 AM Faith Formation Advent Fair            3:00 PM Dartball Practice</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>4:00 PM Bible Study for Leaders            5:00 PM TOPS</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Cheer Gifts Delivered            9:30 AM Staff Meeting            1:30 PM TLCW Meeting            2:30 PM Albert Lea High School Chorale Perform            5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Everyone is Invited  <b>5:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>            6:30 PM Confirmation "AHA" Class            6:30 PM Trinity Choir            7:30 PM Gospel Singers</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Cheer Gifts Delivered            9:00 AM Adult Bible Study            9:45 AM Communion at Thornecrest            5:10 PM Chime Choir            6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Sharing Time for all Trinity men (all ages) and friends</p>

# November



## Service Ministers

### Ushers

Tyler Habana  
Chris Hansen  
Ethan Peek

Jerry Schwemmler  
Corky Stanley  
Bob Yaw

### Altar Guild *To help, call Carla Johnson, 383-7635.*

Erna Berthelsen

Verlaine Williams

### Flower Committee *To help, call Donna Oliva, 377-1368, or Joyce Hoium 373-4196.*

November 1 Loren & Elaine Porter  
November 8 Bev Jackson-Cotter  
November 15 Mike & Andrea Jensen  
November 22 Marcia Petersen  
November 29 Chuck & Jan Cooper

### Communion Assistants *To help, call Gloria Fitzgerald, 373-3580.*

November 1 Allan Halvorsen, Andrea Jensen, Darcy Nielsen, Cheryl Enderson  
November 8 Lyle Hinz, Jan Drews, Trish Stanley  
November 15 Lowell Nielsen, Darcy Nielsen, Myron Jensen  
November 22 Lyle Hinz, Jan Drews, Cheryl Enderson  
November 25 – *Thanksgiving Eve Service, 5:30 PM* Mike Jensen, Andrea Jensen, Gloria Fitzgerald  
November 29 Lyle Hinz, Jan Drews, Cheryl Enderson

### Greeters *To help, call Shirley Kallberg, 373-1250.*

November 1 Ken & MaChar Kingstrom, Darryl & Jo Meyer  
November 8 Darryl & Jo Meyer, Richard & Karen Nelson  
November 15 Bill & Mary Bartholmey, Jeff & Kim Nelson, Adam & Sydney  
November 22 Verlaine Williams, Mike & Andrea Jensen  
November 29 Steve & Linda Olson, Mike & Andrea Jensen

### Acolytes *To help, call Kelly Gleason, 369-3467.*

November 1 Evan Kallberg, Brandon Colby, Nic Johnson  
November 8 Jacob Wyatt, Anthony Cully, Tristin Stetina  
November 15 Jaiden Venem, Jaxon Venem, Jaeger Venem  
November 22 Sydney Nelson, Alexi Heavner  
November 25 — *Thanksgiving Eve Service, 5:30 PM* Aliyah Verness, Bailey Vinge, Lily Vinge  
November 29 Carissa Nelson, Katilyn Hansen

### Nursery *To help, call Mary Roozenboom, 377-1374, or Laurie Hovendick, 256-7649.*

November 1 Lily Vinge, Bailey Vinge  
November 8 Heather Johnson, Kolter Johnson & Korbyn Johnson  
November 15 Sheila Jensen, Sarah Jensen  
November 22 Lily Vinge, Bailey Vinge  
November 25 — *Thanksgiving Eve Service, 5:30 PM* Laurie Hovendick  
November 29 Heather Johnson, Kolter Johnson & Korbyn Johnson