

# **Trinity Lutheran Church**

## **November 2024**

### **Worship Services**

**8:45 AM, Sundays**  
**5:30 PM, Wednesdays**  
**Holy Communion at all services.**

### **Newsletter**



**All Saints' Sunday is Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

We will be remembering those from our faith community who have died in the past year and pray for those who are still in mourning. This is a very meaningful worship service. If you are struggling with the loss of a loved one, please see Pastor Eileen for pastoral care.

**All Saints Names for Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Darlene Winship*

*Marlys Jensen*

*Clarence Eggers*

*Marcia Hall*

*Elizabeth Skov*

*Glenda Spiotta*

*Wayne Doppelhammer*

*Gwen Adams*



**The Nominating Committee** (Kim Nelson, Corky Stanley, Carla Johnson, Tonya Telles, and Pastor Eileen) are praying and looking for gifted individuals to serve on council. Please pray for our church leadership

***Our next Mentor Event will be Sunday, November 17th at 12:00 in Trinity Hall. We will be talking about Baptism and especially our own. Please bring something from your baptismal day (candle, picture, baptismal gown, memory, etc.). We will enjoy a sub lunch.***

### **#Novemberthankful**

This November be thankful for all that God has given you. Each day in November write down in a journal, share over dinner, or post on Facebook or Instagram something that you are thankful for. *“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. Psalm 100:4*

### **Lutheran World Relief**

The following items were sent on the Lutheran World Relief Van on Saturday, October 12, 2024 -

- Quilts 42
- Personal Care Kits 37
- School Kits 70

Thank you to everyone who helped make quilts and donated money or items for kits. Also, thank you to everyone who helped assemble the kits.

Our next Sewing Day is Wednesday, November 13th. We will be sewing large and baby quilts for the Salvation Army.

Please come and help.

## **How can you get involved at Trinity?**

Consider these opportunities:

Altar Guild – Ushering – Serving Communion -  
Sunday Worship Reader—Working With Our Youth  
– Wednesday Night Supper – Bible Study Leader—  
Home Communion Visitation – Flower Delivery –  
Monthly Newsletter—Sending Cards - Serving the  
Sunday Coffee Hour – Sunday Service Broadcast-  
Taking care of the church lawn and grounds -  
Serving on Church Council or one of our committees  
– and of course seeing your smiling face at church  
on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights!

By Ron Petersen

## **Trinity Lutheran Church Thank Offering Service**

**“Give Thanks with a  
Grateful Heart”**

**Tuesday, November 5th, 2024  
at 1:30pm.**



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## COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The dry fall weather has sped up the fall harvest, with many farmers already finished. The unusually warm temperatures make it seem like winter weather may not come to Minnesota this year. However, we know that probably is not going to happen. A sign of fall at Trinity is the church council nominating committee is looking for members willing to serve on the council. Please consider this if you are asked, or if you want to have your name placed on the ballot. We will also be working on the 2025 church budget.

Some members have asked about the effect our Sunday morning church broadcast has on worship service attendance. It may have some impact on the number of people who come in person, but overall we reach a larger number of people. This includes people who are not even Trinity members. We are seeing an increase in viewership every month, averaging over 200 plays per service. I appreciated being able to see the service during the week when I was gone one Sunday. It is a great asset for people who may be traveling, are ill or unable to get a ride to church. We can be the church where people are.

The "Shared Ministry" agreement with First Lutheran in Glenville has been in place for a year now. We are seeing many positive things from this, and we will continue with it. The Annual TLCW Soup and Pie was another success! Thank you to everyone who organized, prepared, and served this year. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to be a mentor for the confirmation class. It will be a rewarding experience for everyone. Our Trinity sewing ladies once again sent off a large number of quilts, personal care, and school kits to Lutheran World Relief.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Pastor Todd Walsh. He has been such a special part of our ministry for the past several years. Pastor Todd is retiring from Thorne Crest, and he will be moving back home. Best wishes in the next chapter of your life. We will miss seeing him sitting in his church pew seat on the north side, as well as leading us in worship.

s/ Ron Petersen  
Council President

**PREMISES**  
**November 2024**

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A New water faucet with sprayer has been purchased. This will be installed in the Sacristy sink to replace the existing faucet.

The flusher unit on the toilet near the pastor's office is not operational and needs to be replaced. Christianson Plumbing will do the repairs, along with the faucet replacement install. The water supply to the church building will need to be drained to do the repairs.

The boilers will be started up November 1st. The wall units have been changed over to heat mode. The furnace filters for the furnaces have been changed. All this is completed in preparation for the heating season to come.

Just an update on the South Tower and the courtyard siding project—We are waiting for a plan for the South Tower. The siding work should be done soon.

Premise Committee  
Del Johnson  
Leland Johnson  
Jason Taylor

## Finance November 2024

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Thank you for your generous support over the past year! Last year, our shortfall through September 2022 was \$8,047. This year, through September, we have a cushion of \$19,264. An increase of \$27,311. There are unique circumstances to this large increase in money. We have been without a FFF coordinator, a position now filled, income from our shared pastor venture with First Lutheran Church of Glenville and an increase of \$17,150 in donations to our mission. The biggest financial “hurdle” I think we will have in the future is the south tower repair. The first estimate came in very high and other repair options are being explored.

On October 3rd, I again sold tickets for the TLCW annual soup & pie fundraiser (11AM-1PM, not the evening serving). This year I had the pleasure of hanging out with Jan and Coreen as they sold lefse. The lefse sold quickly and I heard the total served at soup and pie was 450 people. Thanks to all who helped in another successful event and anyone looking to pitch in next year stop on in and help away, I assume it will be the first Thursday in October 2025.

September financial overview:	Total Receipts	\$25,639.25
	Total Disbursements	\$23,677.12
	Cushion	1,962.13
YTD financial overview:	Total Receipts	\$218,253.24
	Total Disbursements	\$198,988.91
	Cushion	19,264.33

Please consider setting up for online giving either on our website at [www.tlc-al.org](http://www.tlc-al.org) or at <http://myeoffering.com/>.

s/ Chris Skogheim

## Message from Pastor Eileen

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What is your favorite cookie? Bishop Yehiel Curry from the Metropolitan Chicago Synod posed this question at the Southeast Minnesota Synod's Fall Theological Gathering in October.

So what is your favorite cookie? My favorite cookie...well, I have two. I am a big fan of the Monster Cookie (but they have to be soft) and the Buckeye (also known as a Chocolate Covered Peanut Ball).

Bishop Curry asked people around the room to share their cookie choice. We heard Chocolate Chip. Some said Oreos; and then a debate on do you eat the Oreo in one piece or screw it apart into two. There was the White Chocolate Macadamia Nut from Subway. Many folks yearned for the cookies of their past lovingly made by grandparents, moms, or friends.

### **Did I mention your favorite cookie?**

So, why did Bishop Curry get us talking about cookies? Was it just to give a sometimes boring symposium some energy? Maybe; but there was truth in his questions.

We all had a favorite cookie. Some of us shared favorites. Some of us had unique choices. Some cookies came with memories. A few of us couldn't just pick one and loved all cookies. I don't think there was anyone who didn't like cookies.

Just like we all have a favorite cookie; we all have gifts given to us by God. Some of us are really good at teaching. Others have a unique skill of preaching. Some ministries come with special memories. Still

others want to do everything in the church because they can't choose just one.

If someone's favorite cookie is chocolate chip, they are happiest when they get a chocolate chip. If someone's favorite ministry is sewing quilts, they are happiest when they are sewing. However, they might not be as happy teaching a Sunday school class. And sometimes the person who does and volunteers for everything (likes all cookies) cannot do everything.



## Continue Pastor Eileen

Life is more delicious and the church is more productive when we are all doing the things we are good at and enjoy. We all know our favorite cookie. Now we need to discover our favorite spiritual gift and ministry.

I invite you to consider your spiritual gifts. Don't tell me that you don't have any. You do! Pray to God for discernment and guidance. Try different ministries and activities. Go to a new Bible Study. Try assisting in Worship. What about helping out in the office or cleaning a favorite part of the church building?

Figure out your "cookie" and Love God and Love Others by Serving God and Serving Others. And if you need help finding your "cookie," come talk to me. We can "cook" something up.



## TLCW Board Report November 2024

When our relationship with God is intact, there is always a settled peace. Relationship----that's the key. There is no substitute for the peace that a relationship with Christ offers. And where there is peace, laughter abounds!

Moving to an intimate walk with the Lord through the Holy Spirit helps us find the fun---even after the darkest days. Chonda Pierce

THANK YOU!!! to everyone who helped with Soup 'n Pie. It would not have happened if it wasn't for our great volunteers. It was a very successful Event. Thanks again!!

THANK YOU to our very talented and faithful Quilters. As always the quilts were beautiful and welcomed by those receiving them. Thank you Joan Mattick for your dedication to the Lutheran World Relief Van, organizing the Baby Kits, the Health Kits and the School Kits and to all those gals that help put them together. You are so appreciated!!

Trinity Church Women's Thank Offering Dessert Meeting is Tuesday November 5th at 1:30pm, Eunice Circle is Hosting. Our meeting will consist of hearing the proposed 2025 TLCW Budget and Pastor Eileen will lead the November Bible Study.

Ascension Church Women's WELCA has invited us to their "Time and Talent" bazaar on Saturday November 2nd, 8-11am.

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR of EVENTS

November 5th	TLCW Board Meeting 9:30am	Confirmation Center
5th	Thank Offering Dessert Meeting	Trinity Hall
13th	Sewing Day 9:00am	Trinity Hall

### NOVEMBER COFFEE HOUR SERVER

November 3rd	Elizabeth
10th	Eunice
17th	Lois
24th	Mary

TLCW Board Members; LeAnn Juveland, Linda Olson, Mary Roozenboom, Sheila Jensen. Donna Oliva & Jody Nygaard.

We Thank you for your support!!

**Monday Bible Study is at 6:30 p.m.** We are studying the book "*Messy People: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes*" by Jennifer Cowart. "*God can turn your messy life into a masterpiece!* - Every life gets messy at times. Whether it's a messy house or a messy situation, God can restore and use you. In this 6-week study of some messy biblical people, you will learn that God uses broken people, restores broken hearts, and helps us deal with the hard moments of life. Each session focuses on a different character."

**Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30am** is studying "Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire" by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale. This is a study of this interesting Lutheran theologian of the 1930's-1940s. What lessons can he share with us today? Bible study is Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

**Meridian Behavioral Health in St Paul needs Bibles!**

Cheyenne Severtson, daughter of Trinity, works at Meridian Behavioral Health in St Paul and has reached out that their clients need bibles. Meridian has patients from all sorts of backgrounds: Mental Health, Criminal Justice and Homelessness.

Meridian is a co-occurring treatment facility. Cheyenne is a drug 'alcohol addiction counselor.

Do you have "used" **Bibles** that we can gift Meridian? Bring them to the church. Pastor Eileen and Cheyenne will make sure they get to people who can use them. Spanish bibles are also needed. Any monetary donations will be used to purchase Spanish Bibles.

***We will collect Bibles and/or money until Sunday, November 17th.***



## *Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...*

### **Undesignated**

Honor of Mike Jensen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
By Mike and Andrea Jensen

Wayne Dopplehammer  
By Dorothy Larkin  
By Joan Mattick

Clarence Eggers  
By Tom and Jody Nygaard

### **Liz Skov Campership Fund**

David Weber  
By Ron Petersen

### **Mission Trip**

David Weber  
By Glen and LeAnn Juveland

### **Youth**

David Weber  
By Marlene Wright

### **Wednesday night supper**

Arlene Matson  
By Phylis Tavis

Wayne Doppelhammer  
By Glen and LeAnn Juveland

### **Parking Lot**

Honor of Pastor Todd's retirement  
By Glen and LeAnn Juveland

## Confirmation Students

We have 21 students in Confirmation this year. Please pray for our youth and their mentors: Kennedy and Darcy, Jackson and Lowell, Wally and Bob, Lilly and MaChar, Damian and Donna, Jared and Chip, Lily and Linda, Korbyn and Patti, Kolter and Ron, Bentley and Corky, Bailey and Andrea, Bode and Connie, Alex and Christian, Tommy and Christian, Paisley and Becky, Andrew and Andrea, Eli and Bob, Weston and Jason, Ian and LeAnn, Kaylee and MaChar, Reagan and Kristi

### 2025 Youth Mission Trip to Brooklyn

There will be a meeting to finalize plans for the 2025 Mission Trip to Brooklyn on Wednesday November 7th at 7:30. If you want to go on the Mission Trip or have questions about the trip, please attend this meeting.



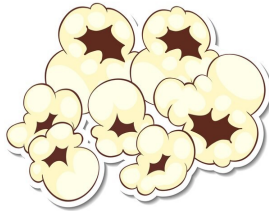
**Our Confirmation Students will be having fun at the Fall Recharge at Ingham Okiboji Lutheran Camp November 8-10.** The theme is “Set Apart”. The word “Holy” gets used often in Christian language - Holy Bible, Holy Spirit, Holy God, be holy, live holy lives. But do we really understand what that word means? Too often we think that holiness is achieved through our actions and our decisions. At the “Set Apart” Recharge, campers will discover that we are made holy by God, set apart from the world by faith for His purposes.

# Movie's are back!

November 12th at 1:00pm

## *Forgotten Love*

A once-respected surgeon who lost his family and his memory gets a chance at redemption when he reconnects with someone from his forgotten past who can help him find the answers he needs.



**All the popcorn you can eat!  
Bring your own drink.**

### ***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!

**Thanksgiving is on  
November 28th  
this year.**

**Have a Blessed  
Day.**



*The date for decorating  
the Church for Christmas  
is Monday,  
November 25th.  
More details to come in  
the Happenings.*

**November Ushers**

Corky Stanley

Larry Weigel

Bob and Patti Yaw

Chris and Annette Hansen

Mark Jensen

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