

Trinity Tiding

November 2018



"Let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter." Hebrews 12:1-2, Common English Bible.

What a beautiful time of year we are in here at the church! We are still in the season of Pentecost and we've learned all summer about the life, teachings and miracles of Jesus. Now is the time when *our* worship is turning toward our specific faith actions: **witnessing and remembering.**

We **witness** our confirmands standing as a 'great cloud of witnesses' affirming their baptisms, saying 'yes' I believe in Jesus. What a tremendous act of faith at a time in their lives that is so full of changes and questions! They believe in God's grace and love and mercy. This year we are slated to witness 30 (yes 30!) young people affirm their baptisms! This will happen on Reformation Sunday during Sunday morning worship services. (They've split themselves between the services!) What a gift for the whole congregation to **witness!**

We also **remember** the 'great cloud of witnesses' who've gone before us in faith, teaching us, loving us, and urging us on in our own faith journey. Some are gone from this life now—think of grandparents and Sunday School teachers of our youth. Some we never knew—think of Martin Luther himself. During our worship for All Saints (November 1 and 4), we will remember by name all the people who have died this past year and have been buried from Trinity. We will read their names in worship and light a candle all to signify that person's place in our lives and hearts. We **remember.**

This is a special part of the church year as we head toward Advent. A time for witnessing and remembering, a time for **being** the great cloud of witnesses ourselves and for the world.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Amy

COMING SOON TO YOUR MAILBOX: **STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM!**

In the beginning of November, you will receive this year's Stewardship Letter. New this year...we will be having a prayer of Dedication of these pledges to honor our commitment of giving what we first receive.

Bring your pledge form to worship on November 15 or 18 for a specific offering and dedication. If you cannot make it those dates, drop it off at the church office or mail it in! Thank you!!



THANKSGIVING PIE FEST IS BACK!!

Please join us for pies and other goodies after the 7 p.m. Thanksgiving worship service on **Tuesday, November 20.**

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the Hearth Room. Please let us know what you will be bringing!!



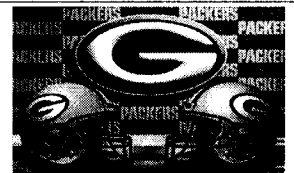
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WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...Ken and Kay Falk as they mourn the death of Ken's mother, Evelyn Falk; to Al Kempema and his family as they mourn the death of his mother, Arta Kempema; and to Marlene Leith and her family as they mourn the death of her daughter, Lisa Rockstroh. May all be comforted by God's promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR...Debbie Pierce, Rhonda Cook, Linda Gallman, Ruth Smithback, Marsha Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Wanda Olson, Mary Weston, Shelley Weber Schaitel, Cortlyn Almquist, Pat Sullivan, Zachary Vurva, Dean Hanke, Kim Hannan, Karen Weber, Donna Weeks, Vern Borchardt, Betty Gill, Linda Doerr, and Andrew Campbell.

GO PACK GO!!!
TRINITY PACKER TAILGATE PARTY!!
Thursday, November 15



We will start serving at 5:30 p.m. *Worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. this night!!*

Our tailgate menu will include brats, hot dogs and condiments. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the Hearth Room to bring your favorite tailgate dish to share!!!

Dear Friends, My heart is full of gratitude! Thank you for the prayers, cards, meals, flowers, and support during my surgery and recovery. I am truly overwhelmed by your support. My surgery was more involved than anticipated, but my healing is on track. Although I'm not at full speed, I am back at work and resuming my regular duties. Thank you: Deacon Bonnie for attending to all pastoral care needs in my absence; Kitty for teaching Wednesday confirmation; and Lisa, Julie and church council for making sure I could have this surgery. Thank you one and all!

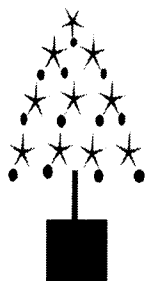
With love and gratitude,
 Pastor Amy

Youth and Families - November 2018

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 25th
4-6pm

It's time to put up the Christmas tree and get ready for the Advent Season.



There will be sign up sheets on the bulletin boards or you can sign up via email.

We will put up the Big tree, the children's tree, decorate the church, have a potluck supper, children's crafts, a Christmas movie, grown up crafts and more! This will be a wonderful kick off to the season!

Please plan on joining us!

LIFT

Wednesday—Nov. 14th 7-8:30pm

Confirmation Schedule

Confirmation Class—Wed. Nov. 7th

7th grade 6-7pm

Confirmation Class—Sunday Nov. 11th

Both grades 9:30-10:30am

Worship and Tailgate

Thursday, Nov. 15th 5:30pm

Come join us for Worship in

Fellowship Hall!

The tailgate dinner starts at 5:30.

The guys are grilling brats!

There will also be cake!

It's Pastor Amy's birthday!

And, we'll be home for the Packer Game!

Join us!

Feed Your Soul

Thursday, November 15th
4-6:30pm

It is our turn to host Feed Your Soul at the Methodist Church! You will help prepare, serve and cleanup the weekly community meal.

Please contact Lisa if you can help with this wonderful ministry.

Devotional Bible Study

Thursday, Nov. 8th 6-7pm

Are you between the ages of 18 & 25? Come join Kitty for a devotional bible study. We will dig deeper in our faith together. Please contact Kitty so that I can order enough books.

GIFT CARDS

Gift card order forms and vendor lists will be out on Tuesday, Nov. 20th.

Gift card orders will be placed on Mondays, Nov. 26th, Dec 2nd, Dec. 9th and Dec. 17th.

It's a great way to support the youth and do some shopping!

For more info, contact Kitty.

Christmas Neighbors

The Giving tree will be set up in the front hallway on Tuesday, Nov 20th.



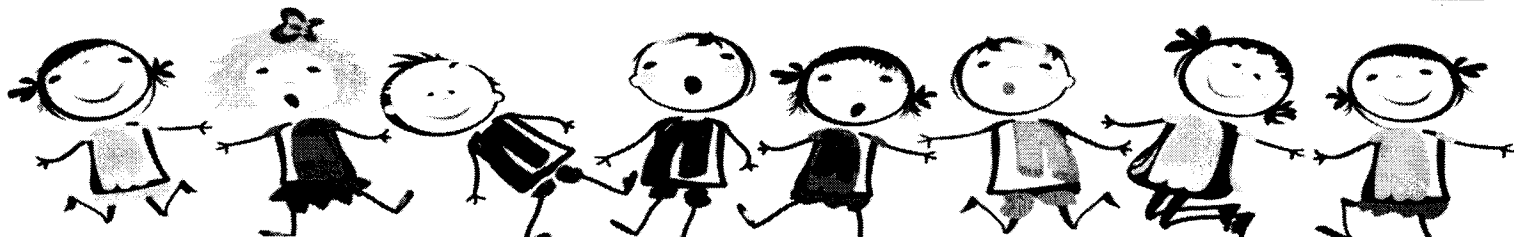
We will have over 10 families that we will be supporting this Christmas. All you have to do is take a tag or tags from the tree. Each tag will have suggestions for you. There will also be tags for monetary donations that will go towards Christmas dinner and additional food items.

There will be some tags that are for personal care items such as toothpaste and laundry soap.

Please bring your UNWRAPPED gifts back to church by Sunday, December 16th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING—JOIN US!!!

Students in Grades 4K—6th will gather each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for our Opening. Parents are encouraged to stay for this time of praise, song and prayers. When adults show up, it sends a powerful message that worshipping God is important. At 9:45 the students go to their classrooms. The adults can head to the Hearth Room for coffee and conversation or to the former preschool rooms for adult Bible Study. Sunday School and Bible Study wrap up at 10:30. See you there!



FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Families with 4th grade students will be able to choose which time of year works best for them to participate in communion instruction. *Each student will need to have at least one adult attend with them.* If you have a younger child who you feel is ready for communion instruction, please attend either workshop.

The first opportunity is Sunday, November 11, beginning with a luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 service. Students attending this workshop are scheduled to celebrate their First Communion on Tuesday evening, November 20 at 7 p.m. (Trinity's Thanksgiving service).

The second opportunity is Sunday, April 7 beginning with a luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 service. Students attending this workshop are scheduled to celebrate their First communion on Maundy Thursday, April 18 at the 7 p.m. service.

Please RSVP to Pastor Amy (pastoramyw@gmail.com) or Julie Vurva (julievtlc@yahoo.com).

DATES FOR YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR...

November 4—Children in grades 4K-6 will be singing at the worship services. Students with last names beginning A-M will sing at the 8:15 service; students with last names beginning N-Z will sing at the 10:45 service. Students...please sit with your family. If you are unable to attend your assigned service, please attend the service that works best for your family.

November 4—**Food Pantry Collection.** Grocery carts will be in the front of the Sanctuary. Please help us fill up the carts! Suggested items: canned foods, boxed foods, toilet paper, Kleenex and diapers.

November 11—**First Communion Workshop** (details explained above).

November 20—**First Communion** for students who attended the communion workshop. This is the Tuesday evening Thanksgiving service beginning at 7 p.m.

November 25—**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

December 9—Rehearsal for the Christmas program in the Sanctuary for grades 4K—4. 9:30—10:30 a.m.

December 16—Sunday School Christmas program at the 10:45 service.

GOOD FOR YOU, TRINITY LUTHERAN!

As you are aware, we are moving forward in the transition process. We are going to begin our transition work on **Monday, November 5, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** We'll continue each Monday until we feel we have completed that project. You will receive updates, occasional questions, and summaries of our work together, so stay tuned. We'll be completely transparent about this process. We want everyone to be part of it, at least in Spirit. If you have questions, bring them to us! And THANK YOU to those who agreed to be part of this vital, important process in the life of the church. Those agreeing to serve (so far) are:

Scott Albrecht

Candy Behselich

Stephanie Beran

Aurelia Callope

Wendy Chady

Jill Fuller

Toni Hrobsky

Kathy Mech

Marla Michaelis

Carolyn Nord

Julie Recob

Kitty Sawyer

Vickie Steinke

Betty Strese

Rich Vurva

Laura Alwin

Warin Behselich

Sue Bradley

Diana Callope

Kris England

Lorrie Godfrey

Eric Lonsdale

Maggie Messler

Candy Milan

Sheryl Phillipson

Sarah Rocco

Sharon Stade

Jeanne Stark

Julie Vurva

Pat Zabel

If you would like to join in, please let me know. If you signed up and are "missing" from this list. . . call the office and correct that oversight. See you November 5th.

Deacon Bonnie

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:15 AM Worship w/Affirmation of Baptism 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Adult Education 9:45 AM Bells 10:45 AM Worship w/Affirmation of Baptism	29	30 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AA/AIAnon	31 6:30 PM LIFT 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	1 9:00 AM Respite 7:00 PM Worship	2 OFFICE CLOSED! 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	3 Weed/Schuette Wedding
4 FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Adult Education 9:45 AM Bells 10:45 AM Worship 11:45 AM Special Congregational Meeting	5 6:00 PM Transition Team Meeting	6 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AA/AIAnon	7 6:00 PM 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	8 9:00 AM Respite 6:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Worship	9 OFFICE CLOSED!	10 8:00 AM Band Rehearsal
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