

Trinity Tidings for November 2018

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“Now Thank We All Our God”

Thirty-six years ago I was a first year teacher, teaching at Pleasant Run Junior High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. I would be lying if I said it was an easy year. I had absolutely no idea how to manage a classroom. There are some things they just don't teach in college. It had been a very rough fall as I had struggled to be accepted by rude adolescents while managing an impossible schedule.

There had been no days off not even in-service days as such a thing was unheard of back then. So when Thanksgiving rolled around I was tired and weary and looking forward to my four days off in a row. Sadly, I had no car of my own, but I was living at home and my parents and I juggled the use of our two cars. So it was that Wednesday evening the day before Thanksgiving, my dad was picking me up on his way home from work.

I stood outside on the grand porch of the school because I was so desperate to leave the building behind. Cold drizzle blew through the darkness whipping around my shoulders and stinging my cheeks. I was imagining myself sitting by a crackling fire smelling the smells of Thanksgiving cooking while listening to the chatter of family. It was a blissful scene. One that was soon to be realized.

Finally, I saw the headlights of the Volkswagen van swing into the school driveway. I was being rescued! Dad pulled up to the curb and I leapt inside—relief at last! I will never forget that day (I even remember what kind of coat I was wearing). It was surely something for which to be grateful.

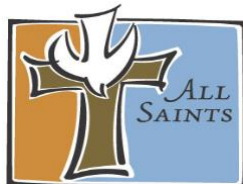
It is that feeling of being rescued and saved—that joy when a dark burden is lifted from you that is a gift of Jesus Christ. It is a feeling that is celebrated in song, poetry, and of course, with a meal—a meal that spreads out as a great feast set before us. It is in that great feast that we are thankful for all God has done in our lives—but most of all we thank God for rescuing us—saving us—and lifting our burdens of sin and brokenness away from us.

It should not be lost on us that a Thanksgiving meal is a small foreshadowing of what it might be like to sit at the Great High Feast when our day has come. May God continue to walk in our lives surrounding us and lifting us from the darkness of despair and hopelessness. Be grateful in heart and mind that the Great Rescuer has saved us and freed us.

Peace be with you on Thanksgiving Day,
Pr. Julie

Dates to Put on your Calendar

All Saints



On November 3rd and 4th we will remember the following persons who entered the Church Triumphant since the last All Saint's Sunday.

Eleanor Zimmerman-12/30/2017

Clarence Coldren-1/13/2018

Jim Putt-1/29/2018

Mary June Yackera-7/9/2018

Clint Garrison-9/10/2018

June Page-9/10/2018

Marlene Ochs-10/5/2018

Dawn Giangiacomo-10/9/2018

Veterans Day



This November 11th marks the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day which became Veteran's Day. Our Saturday & Sunday worship on 11/10 & 10/11 will honor all our Veterans and that day with special music and liturgy. We encourage all our veterans to worship with us that weekend. You are asked to bring or wear a symbol of your service. Even wear your uniform if you are able. Please spread the word.

Mission Possible Presents



Sunday, November 18th, Mission Possible will present pictures and stories of our mission trip to St. Vincent's in David, Kentucky. Come hear about the good work Trinity is doing in other places! *If you attend worship on Saturday night and would like to hear the presentation, we encourage you to come in around 10:50 on Sunday AM and then leave after the presentation.*



Our Wernersville Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Sunday afternoon, November 18th @ 3 PM** @ First Reformed/Calvary on Penn Ave. in Wernersville. A choir made up of members from the Wernersville churches will provide special music and Pastor Julie is preaching. Please plan to attend.



On December 2nd we will have our annual Advent Fun Shop following worship. We will begin with the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath, followed by a light lunch and then proceed to the craft tables to make Christmas items. This is a family event.

A sign up sheet will be appearing soon. If you would be willing to donate food, sign up in the narthex by 11/25. We are also asking you to sign up on if you plan to attend so that we have a general idea of how much food to provide.

If you would like to do a craft table, talk to Kathy Bashore or Carol Koch. Remember they have to be easy enough for our kids to do with a little adult help.



And finally, remember to save the date of December 16th @ 3 PM for the Christmas Concert-Silent Night. The Bell choirs, Chime Choir, and Senior Choir will participate. There will be a time to some of our favorite carols, accompanied by the bells and organ, as well. This will be followed by a light supper organized by the Fellowship Committee.

Other Information

- Poinsettia, Christmas trees, and Wreaths sponsorship will begin shortly. Watch for the sign-up table in the narthex. We will also put a reminder in the bulletin and send out an e-mail shortly after the next Worship and Music Committee meeting on 11/1 with dates and prices.
- The 2019 Flower and Bulletin charts are now available in the Narthex. They are under the current charts.
- Diane Klinger is now in Room 129 in the Phoebe Health Care Center, receiving rehab.

How are We Doing?

After each third Tuesday of the month Council Meeting, we will print the financial information for the previous month. We will be presenting this information on a weekly basis in the bulletin and on a monthly basis in the newsletter. Here are some helpful facts to go with the numbers:

Our shortfall is money we owe to ourselves, it is borrowed from reserves that have already been committed to something else, but do not need to be spent yet - but it will have to be paid eventually.

Our benevolence (Mission Support) commitment is our Congregation's share of the work of the Church in our Synod, in our Country (the ELCA) and Worldwide. It is the equivalent on a larger scale of our own personal giving to God's work.

Our debt is money we borrowed to put on a new roof, refurbish the organ, air condition the building, pave the parking lot, and purchase the house at the end of the block. We borrowed nearly a half million dollars, and we have done a great job paying that loan down ahead of schedule.

Trinity's Financial Summary for September

Average Attendance: **68**

Average Weekly Giving: **\$2653.40**

Total income year to date: **\$116,430**

Total expenses year to date: **\$132,276**

Shortfall, year to date (income minus expenses): **-\$15,845**

Total income last month: **\$12,085**

Total expenses last month: **\$14,562**

What we owe ourselves after borrowing from other reserves:

Last month: **\$2477**

YTD: **\$11,944**

Percentage of Mission Support made year to date: **39%**

(should be about 84%)

Debt Retirement

Debt reduction last month: **\$2115**

Debt reduction year to date: **\$18,080**

Outstanding debt at 9/30/18: **\$15,005**

Church Council Highlights for October

- Scheduled Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 9th @ 11:30 AM
- Changed the date of the November church council meeting to November 13th @ 7:30 PM
- Parking lot signs are being finalized.
- Formed a nominating committee to select church council members.



Oct. 14, 2018

To Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church:

We want to thank Pastor Julie and the family of Trinity for the celebration service for Marlene for the going home to be with Leon and her Lord on the 12th of Oct.

Trinity meant so much to both Leon and Marlene and we were so glad that her service could be held in her second home surrounded by her church family.

Thank you for your kindness and love shown to all of us during this difficult time.

Love in Christ, David and Christopher Ochs and family

*Thank you for expressing God's love
in such a thoughtful way.*

*Thanks for caring
Dave*

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord,
are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.
II CORINTHIANS 3:18 KJV

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Ron & Diane Harman, Joan Kava, Diane Klinger, Suzanne Kreider, Forrest Lamm, Sr., Buzz Lockwood, Barbara Pennypacker, Emma Renzo, Phil Schaffer, Matthew Schwartz, Pat Sickles, baby Charlie Stout, Donna Youtz.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Ardelle Heffner, Kay Weatherholtz, and Jane Wilkinson.

The Military: Eric Alderman, Bryce Dawson, Kiley Ann Gring, Natalie Ketner, Allison Rosati Martin, Justin Klinger, Eric Ochs, Nick Taatjes, and Jeffrey Troutman, Jr.

Family and Friends: Michael Barber, Wanda Barnett, Tracy Benson, Larry Brossman, Carolyn Bryant, Joanne Debiec, Fred DeLong, Marge Dietrich, Peggy Guido, Samuel Guido, Glenn Helbert, Karl Himmelmann, Jessey Homan, Hannah Kramer, Jake Powers, Patricia Prutzman, Tom Reppert, Christine Rhoads, Kenneth Searfoss, Judy Steffie, Beverly Wentzel, Jerry Zachousk, and Ann Zimmerman

Special Ministries: Our missionaries in Tanzania-Dr. Stephen Friberg and his family.

Please let us know when our prayers are answered so we can keep our prayer list current.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is **\$38.00**. If you are sponsoring the flowers, please note that there are flower envelopes in the narthex beside the sign up list for altar flowers. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is **\$15.00**. We also want to remind you that the week you are an altar flower sponsor, please call the office, Nancy Moyer, or contact the altar guild person listed in the bulletin if you want to keep the flowers. Otherwise, the flowers will be given to the sick, shut-ins, or others in need. Thanks.

Altar Flower Sponsors for November: 11/4-Cindy Hassler-Schappell in memory of Heath Hassler (14 years), 11/11-Anne Marie Rinehimer in memory of her husband & her brother, 11/18-Pastor Sue & Dave Fox in thankfulness for the people of Trinity, 11/25-Kelly & Joe Perrone in honor of their 1st wedding anniversary.

Bulletin Sponsors for November: 11/4-Terry & Connie Fritz in memory of Connie's mother, Gladys Price, 11/11--Cindy Hassler-Schappell in memory of Heath Hassler (14 years), 11/18-Pastor Sue & Dave Fox in thankfulness for the people of Trinity, 11/25-Kelly & Joe Perrone in honor of their 1st wedding anniversary.

Helpers for November

Council Devotions and Snack: Jerry Jarsocrak

Communion Assistant: Diane Brown

Greeters: 11/4-Kurtzes, 11/11-Helen & Dick Hummel, 11/18-Connie & Terry Fritz, 11/25-Cindy Hassler-Schappell & Bob Schappell.

Acolytes: 11/4-Emily Kaiser, 11/11-Tacy Grippon, 11/18-Barbara Debiec, and 11/25-Aislin Given.

Lay Readers: 11/4-Diane Brown, 11/11-Wendell Byler, 11/18-Ron Rush, 11/25-Dan Nace.

Ushers: 11/4-Lawry's, 11/11-Bashore's, 11/18-Kurtzes, 11/25-Berkenstocks,.

Sound System: 11/4-Scott Franzen, 11/11-Patrick Berkenstock, 11/18-Stephanie Kurtz, 11/25-Wendell Byler.

Counters: 11/4-Hummels, 11/11-Franzens, 11/18-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 11/25-Debiec/Rinehimer.

Bulletin Assemblers: 11/1-June Rapley, 11/8-Diane Brown, 11/15-Connie Fritz, 11/20-Linda Weiss, 11/29-Ann Sentz.

Children's Sunday School Teachers: 11/4-Sandy Shadel, 11/11-Mary Nace, 11/18-Diane Brown, 11/25-Beth Byler.

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Our sincere sympathy to the families of Marlene Ochs and Dawn Giangiacomo. Marlene entered the Church Triumphant on Friday, October 5th and Dawn entered the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, October 9th. Please remember their families in your thoughts and prayers. A memorial service for Marlene was held on Friday, October 12th and a funeral service for Dawn was held on Saturday, October 13th. May the Lord bring comfort to all those who mourn.

Memorial Money has been received in memory of Marlene and Dawn. If you are interested in giving a donation in memory of either or both of these people, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and in the memo area indicate memorial for Marlene and/or Dawn. You can mail to the church or put in the offering plate as long as you mark it as memorial money.