



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good News

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Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

Can you believe the holiday season is upon us already?! It starts with Halloween you know, and we have just enjoyed a wonderful Trunk or Treat event here at Trinity. Thank you to Denise Kerr for heading it up and everyone who helped make it a success.

As our attention now turns to Thanksgiving and Christmas, it is my hope and desire that everyone will remember their white card, or more specifically, the people on their white card. You remember the folks that I have encouraged you to pray for and spend time with all with a hope to invite them to church. When was the last time you talked with them? Have you been praying for them daily? Now is a great time to reinvest ourselves in them and the process of inviting them to church.

The holiday season is a wonderful time to invite people to church. Everyone understands with Thanksgiving and Christmas that there is a tremendous Christian component to it. People know it's not just about Black Friday sales and ugly sweater parties. They know that Christ is a part of Christmas and Thanksgiving. They are natural to a God as good and gracious as ours. So I want to encourage you as we begin this November to contact the people on your white

card, pray for them, and issue them an invitation to Thanksgiving Eve worship and to our Advent and Christmas services.

The holiday season is an easy time to invite people over and spend time with them. It's such a festive and joyful time for most people, but, for others, it can be a time of struggle and sadness. Please remember those who will be alone this Christmas, maybe for the first time, and reach out to them and include them in your holiday festivities. Let us be a boon to each other in this time by encouraging everyone to make Church a part of their holiday routine. Begin now to contact and pray for those you would love to see in church with you come Thanksgiving and Christmas. May God bless our efforts to share Christ this holiday season with our friends and loved ones, with the people on our white card.

A special thank you to everyone who provided a gift for pastor appreciation month. It is my joy and honor to serve you. Thank you for your many kind words and tokens of appreciation.

In Christ,

Pastor Grenz

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OUR MINISTRY STAFF

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WORSHIP *with us*

Saturdays: Worship at 4:00 p.m.

Bible Study at 3:00 p.m.

Sundays: Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 22, 5:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDIES

~All studies meet in the sanctuary.~

- ♦ **Saturdays**, 3 p.m., "The Wired Word: A Current Events Bible Study" led by Pastor Grenz
- ♦ **Sundays**, 10 a.m., "The Wired Word: A Current Events Bible Study" led by Mendy Grenz
- ♦ **Mondays**, 1 p.m., "1 Chronicles" led by Pastor Grenz
- ♦ **Tuesdays**, 12 p.m., Women's Bible Study, *Be Still & Know* led by Mendy Grenz.
- ♦ **Thursdays**, 10 a.m., "Isaiah" led by Pastor Grenz

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Meets in the church basement, 10:00 a.m., Sundays.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

November 5: turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

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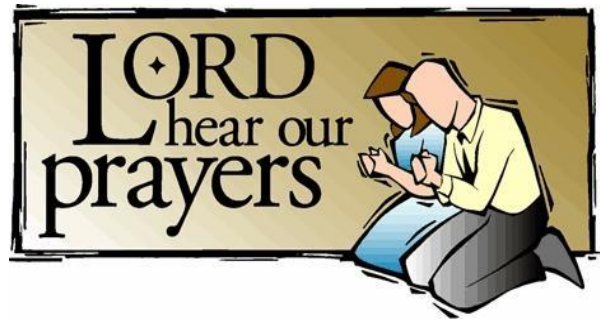
Sunday, November 12, 12:00 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday beginning Wednesday, November 22. We will reopen on Monday the 27th.

THE NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS!

Class meets Sundays through November 12, 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



If you would like to put yourself or someone else on the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request slip from the sign-up bar and hand it to Pastor or place it in the collection plate. You may also call the office.

**The prayer list is not available on the church website version of the newsletter due to privacy concerns. If you would like a copy of the prayer list, then contact the church office.*

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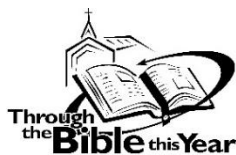
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ALL SAINT'S DAY

Remembering our loved ones lost over the past year: Diane Diguiseppe, Lucille Miller, Anita Bonora, Russ Smith, Loretta Gebhard, Alden Johnson & Gerald Begeman

TRINITY PROGRAMS



CONGREGATION WIDE BIBLE READING PROGRAM

We are halfway through! Keep up the good work!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We would love to have new members! If you like to read, and like to talk about your books, you are a perfect fit! Join us! We usually meet at Mendy's house. If you are interested in joining, let Mendy know and she will add you to the information list. Here are the upcoming books.

- **November 14, 4pm** The Water Keeper by Charles Martin
- December book TBD

Contact Mendy with any questions!



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Christians Hyped About Our Savior

Youth Schedule:

November 5: Friendsgiving hosted by CTK

November 12: Youth group 1:30-3:30pm

**November 19-Nov 26: NO YOUTH GROUP,
GRENZES TRAVELING**

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Hey Trinity ladies! We have begun our new series called Be Still & Know by Deb Burma. You can still join us! We meet at Noon in the Sanctuary. We would love for you to join us!



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RECAP OF VOLUNTEER DEBRIEF

Our summer program volunteers met and talked about our summer programs and brainstormed for future ideas and events. We will continue our reading and basketball programs, but we are going to pivot away from children's programs in the summer and start doing more adult events. Ideas we had were a

walking club, card parties, holiday events, day trips, dining club, and more.



What are some things you would like to see Trinity do that you could invite your friends to?? Chat with Mendy or send her an email with your ideas! mgrenz@wyan.org

CONGREGATION WIDE EVENTS!

SAVE THE DATE

We enjoy getting together as a congregation and we have some events planned in November and December to do just that! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Friday, Nov. 17: Advent Tea @ Community (Ladies only)
- Sunday, Dec. 3: Grenz Holiday Open House 12:30-3pm
- Saturday, Dec. 9: Christmas Movie Night 5:30pm
- Sunday, Dec. 17: Christmas potluck and Trivia Event- Noon – Invite your friends!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Preparations are underway for the Christmas Basket Giveaway on Saturday, December 16. Below is a list of the items needed for one box. If you are able to donate all of the items, it will be greatly appreciated, but whatever you give will be a tremendous help. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Please place groceries in the two marked back pews in the sanctuary, beginning November 4 through December 13. Thank you in advance and God Bless You for your generosity. Please call Helen if you have any questions, or the church office at 734-282-5877.

- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can mushroom soup
- Fried onions
- Box potatoes
- 2 mac & cheese
- 2 cookie mixes
- 1 container frosting
- ANY kind of Christmas candy
- Box of hot chocolate



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

MOVIE NIGHT!

Please join us, **Saturday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m.** for another oldie, but goodie, starring Gene Wilder in: *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*.

We meet in the Community Building Youth Room. Pizza, popcorn & lemonade will be provided!

Movie suggestions are always welcome. Just keep in mind that the movies must be covered by our license in order for us to show them. Please submit suggestions to the church office. Thank you for joining us!

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Join us on **Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m.** to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Many hands make light work! A sign up will be in the narthex the beginning of November. Thank you!

PORTALS OF PRAYER & DAILY BREAD

Trinity provides large print and pocket Portals of Prayer and Daily Bread devotionals for anyone who would like one. They are available on the welcome center in the narthex along with a donation box to help with the cost of the publications.

CLC KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP

The first Saturday of each month 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Community Room at Community Lutheran Church, please join us for a knitting and crochet gathering that will leave you inspired and thrilled.

COMMUNITY'S HOLIDAY MARKET CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

December 9th, 10-5pm & 10th, 11-4pm

23984 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock

Madison
BEARS CENTER

MADISON CENTER--NAME STAMPS!

Thank you so much for your help! We are almost there. Currently, we have enough for 28 stamps.

TRINITY GROUPS & NOTES



Trinity
Women's
Ministry

November 2023

Women's Ministry News

Upcoming Events:

Trinity Women's Christmas Luncheon on **Tuesday, December 5th, 12:00 p.m. at Sibley Gardens (916 West Jefferson, Trenton).** Come join in the fun and have a great meal! All Trinity ladies and guests are invited to attend. We will be ordering off the menu with separate checks and a minimum gratuity of 20%. A reservation sign-up sheet will be located on the church sign-up bar. **The deadline to sign-up for the Christmas Luncheon is Monday, November 27.** You may check out the menu and prices at www.sibleygardens.com.

Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book the group has selected (all kinds of fiction). Our November book is: *The Water Keeper* by Charles Martin. Watch the bulletin and monthly newsletter for Book Club meeting dates and times or contact Mendy Grenz for more information.

Women's Bible Class meets Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We are finishing the 8-week study, *Be Still & Know: A Study of Rest & Refuge* by Deb Burman.

LWML Dearborn-Downriver Zone: The Fall Rally was held Saturday, October 14, 2023, at Christ the King Lutheran – Southgate. Rickie Rickman from CHRISTNET Services was our speaker. For information on volunteer opportunities and orientation contact Rickie Rickman at 734-281-1353 or email info@christnetservices.org. There are information materials located on the table in the church entrance area.

Our **Spring Zone Rally will be held in April 2024.** We need to fill the following Zone positions: Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions contact Trinity's Zone Representative, Christie Wilczynski. She can provide you with more

information on each position's duties. There are two Zone Representative/Board meetings and two Zone Rallies per year (Spring & Fall).

Trinity's LWML Sunday will take place in early 2024.

Christie Wilczynski, Trinity LWML Zone Rep.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10: 24-25a, c (ESV)



Your LWML Mites in

Action...November 2023

2023-2025 LWML National Mission Grant No. 1...ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SERVANT CENTER

Orphan Grain Train | \$100,000

Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk, Nebraska, is the recipient of a \$100,000 LWML mission grant. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other needed items to the U.S. and seventy other countries. The Gospel is shared as gifts are distributed. The grant will help fund the update and expansion of the warehouse facility in Norfolk. To learn more, visit www.ogt.org or ask an LWML member.

Mite Box Donations

Please continue to support LWML Mission Grants by saving those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars in your little purple/blue mite box bank. You may return your mite bank at any time or use a zip lock bag and place it in the large mite box located on the table in the back of the church. Mites may also be placed in the offering plate by using an envelope or zip lock bag and marking it "LWML Mites." Checks may be made out to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and marked as "LWML Mites. Grab a mite box if you don't already have one at home! Our mites support mission grants for the Michigan District LWML and National LWML.

Look for Trinity's LWML Sunday in early 2024!



"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
Psalm 139:13-14a

3	Logan Willis	22	Rick LaCroix
5	Robert Yack	24	Simon Medlin
15	Anna Montayne	26	Jean Stull
16	Tom Trimble		Nolan O'Brien
17	Lori Hodges	29	Diane Sedliar
	Mendy Grenz		Devin Hodges
19	MaryAnn Johnson	30	Carole Belletini



Jesus said, "Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."
Matthew 19:6

11 Rick & Rachel Young

Fund:

Boiler

Christmas Baskets

General

Name Stamps

Trunk or Treat

Welfare

Given by:

Ruth Speer
Joyce Kubley
John & Barb Kowalczak
Judy Jarvis
Paul & Brenda Ivity
Diane Sedliar
Denise Kerr
Matt & Carissa Schafer
John & Marilyn Engfehr
Ruth Schmidt
Denise Kerr
Jean Ryski
John Roehrig
Christie Wilczynski
Joyce Kubley
Jean Ryski
John Roehrig
Matt & Carissa Schafer
MaryAnn Johnson

In Memory or Honor of:

Memory of Clinton & Barb Schwartz

Memory of sister, Betty Smith

Memory of husband, Gene

Memory of father, Rick Bacon
Memory of Alden Johnson

Parochial Report September 2023				
Baptisms – 0				
Confirmands – 0				
Weddings – 0		<u>Average Attendance</u>		
Funerals – 0		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Released – 0	Worship:	51	53	59
Transferred in – 0	Weekend Bible Class:	11	6	10
Transferred out – 0	Sunday School:	5	6	6
Reinstated – 0				

The Endowment Fund has 2 cemetery lots for sale.

Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park:

Section 1662, Graves 1 & 2, Block 20 – Garden of Holy Trinity, \$780.00 each or 2 lots for \$1,500
(Current value \$1,300 each)

If an individual would prefer a different lot or location at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park than those listed above, they could purchase the above lot/lots for the price indicated and Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park will apply the current lot value of either \$1,300 or \$1,500 towards the purchase of any other available lot within the Park. For additional information on this purchase and transfer procedure you may contact Floyd Schafer or call a Service Representative at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park at 1-248-477-4460.