



Trinity *Tidings*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) | NOVEMBER 2019

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday is a time to remember and give thanks for those in our congregation who have gone before us. We will be observing All Saints Day at our **Sunday Worship Service on November 3 at 9:30 am.**

As part of the worship service we will read the names of Trinity Lutheran's brothers and sisters who have died in the faith this past year. As each name is read we will light a candle to remember life that was lived with us and also to proclaim the hope we all share in Christ's resurrection.

We will also invite the congregation to come forward in the service to light a candle in remembrance of someone who has died. The lit candles are placed in sandboxes next the baptismal font. This is a strong reminder of the promise we receive in baptism of God's deliverance and entrance into God's eternal family.

Though we celebrate that in Christ God has conquered the power of death, we still live with death and the

many griefs we must bear in life. The loss of a loved one can bring up many different thoughts, emotions and even tears. Sometimes these tears can be ones of sadness such as those times when we miss their presence with us. Other times our tears can be ones of joy when we recall how thankful we are for the impact our loved one had on our life.

As we observe All Saints Day, the significance of our own baptism becomes prominent. We have been called forth from death to life and become part of God's redeeming work for all creation. As we light candles in our worship service we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. In Him we have received grace upon grace to go forth and shine his light in the dark corners of the world.

May this be a time of sharing our griefs, experiencing the comfort of God's presence and celebrating the hope of Christ's resurrection.

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship Service

Come join area churches as we worship and give thanks together.

All are welcome!

**Wednesday, November 27
7:00 pm**

Immanuel Lutheran Church
21 West Timber Drive
Rhineland

Choirs will unite and lead us in song.

*Praise and thanksgiving
be to God our maker,
source of all blessing.*

Greetings From Our Missionaries



Our congregation is a covenant sponsor for Pastor Rachel Eskesen and her husband Pastor Zachary Courter. Pastor Rachel and Pastor Zachary serve as coordinators for the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Program in Hungary and Serbia, guiding young adults as they serve, and cultivating them to be future leaders in the ELCA and the world. They are also strengthening relationships with the Lutheran Church in Hungary, diaconal ministries there, and NGO's working to dismantle Anti-Gypsism in Central Europe. Here is a note from our missionaries this month:

Greetings friends! The week before last, Zach and I helped organize and lead a conference with our colleagues here in Budapest.

Here is a short summary of what happened at the conference: From Sept. 30th to October 4th, Zach and Rachel helped lead a Study

Session on Volunteering as a tool for Roma inclusion in society sponsored by the Council of Europe. The main leader of the study session was our partner organization Phiren Amenca. Phiren Amenca is a network that promotes Roma rights and inclusion in Europe and the world by creating opportunities from Roma and non-Roma young people to get to know one another.

The foundation of the study session was human rights. Focus was given to how racism against Roma people (antigypsyism) violates the human rights



of Roma, and how strengthening the volunteer networks of Roma throughout Europe will lead to less antigypsims as greater exposure and understanding of Roma culture occurs.

It was an amazing week with some incredible participants and leaders. We were grateful to have the opportunity to participate!

*Pastor Rachel Eskesen
ELCA Global Mission
Pastor serving in
Hungary & Serbia*

The Christmas Bazaar

Attend this Trinity Lutheran annual tradition on Saturday, November 9, from 10 am-2 pm

Don't miss the fun, the goodies, the white elephants! Get your Christmas shopping done early! Let us do your holiday baking for you! Come for lunch which starts serving at 10 am!

Luncheon menu:

Beef Vegetable or Chicken Noodle soup
Barbeque and chips
Assorted pies
Coffee, tea and water



Behind the Scenes at Trinity Lutheran

The artistic talents of Judy Nossner keep the bulletin boards at Trinity updated with future events and highlights the different groups and happenings that abound here. Stop by to have a look and learn about new members, our graduates, the bazaar and lots more. Thank you, Judy, for sharing your gifts with us!



Connecting Faith, Family & Friends

Family Faith Night is a new ministry this year to help support faith formation for all generations.

Nine years ago the Wednesday evening programming underwent some significant changes. We expanded from just Confirmation Class on Wednesday night to including a worship service. Our original goal was to offer a worship experience for those who could not attend on Sunday morning or who were looking for a different worship format. What happened is that families responded to this worship opportunity. The day and time just seems to fit with families' busy schedules. The Wednesday worship service has grown from 30-40 when we started to now 80-90 attending each week. Thanks be to God.

One of the things that parents expressed is the struggle to find time to get their kids fed while coming from work, attending worship and going to faith formation opportunities on Wednesday night. This struggle was creating an obstacle for many families to fully participate. The summertime was used to re-envision what Wednesday night could look like and meet the need parents were expressing. Through deliberate prayer and dreaming Family Faith Night emerged.

Family Faith Night is not a new concept. Many other churches have been using this approach for years. It

starts by offering a meal followed by some kind of evening programming. This fall we took a step of faith and began offering an open meal time. The way it works is that we take turns preparing and serving the meal and cleaning up. Right now we have been asking the team to cover the cost of the meal. One way we make this happen is by having several people provide different parts of the meal, someone brings the desert, someone the salad, someone the main course. This approach is an expansion of what has been happening on Wednesday nights for years. We will continue to monitor how it is working and look to make adjustments along the way.

While we are targeting families at Family Faith Night it is crucial to point out that this night is for ANYONE in our community that wants to connect with others and grow in faith together. With this in mind, the meal time is an integral part of what we are hoping to accomplish on Wednesday nights. We want to support and connect people to their faith, their family and friends. We are blessed by the help of many different groups in our congregation to help make this engaging ministry happen.



Growing Through Our Gratitude

We discover the joyful and faithful response to God's gift of grace in Christ.

During the month of October we began year two of our stewardship initiative First We Give Of Ourselves. The theme for this year is "Giving in Gratitude." Through devotions, faith talks, Bible Studies, sermons and worship we have been exploring God's blessings, what it means to respond to them and how we can be a blessing to others.

One of the top goals of this stewardship initiative is to reframe the discussion about stewardship, from one that understands stewardship simply as a fund raising activity to fulfill a budget, to one that is centered in and through God's abundant grace in Christ.

Through our faith talks we

heard a few members express gratitude for what is happening in our ministry here at Trinity Lutheran.

A new member, Jennifer Thomas said, "I am grateful for the doors God opened and conversations that took place to find Trinity." Josh Pudlowski shared his journey to becoming involved. One of the motivators is his kids excitement who say, "Are we going to church this week? We want to go!", something that he never said as a kid.

We are thankful for these stories and many others that speak about the impact of the vibrant ministry we are blessed with at Trinity Lutheran. Let's continue to grow.

Sharing Our Gifts

Offer annual gifts to Lutheran World Relief

On Saturday, October 5, many, many boxes were packed into trailers and delivered to the Lutheran World Relief distribution site in Wausau.

Chaired by Connie Griesbach, the WELCA quilters made 581 quilts; chaired by Mary Gross, 71 school kits were collected; chaired by Sue Swanson, 223 Baby Kits were created; and chaired by Virginia

Randolph, 22 health kits were assembled.

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and gifts to help those in need in over 80 countries world wide.

Thank you to Rick Molinski and Dave Brinkman for driving these gifts to the initial destination of their journey.

Celebrate First Communion



On Sunday, October 13, six young people received their First Holy Communion at the 9:30 am worship service. We welcomed to the Lords' Table: **Henry Schmitz, Taylor McKinney, Tatiana Vadis, Clara Pudlowski, Reese Retallick and Aden Thomas.** Please contact Pastor Kari if you would like more information about First Communion or have questions about it.

The Giving Tree

Make a difference for someone in our community who might not receive a gift this holiday season by sharing your blessings and picking a gift tag from the Giving Tree which will be going up November 20th in the Gathering Area.

Tags will hang from the tree with gift suggestions from those in need this year.

Gifts need to be returned by December 8th for sorting and delivery on December 16th.



From the Council President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As I write, we at Trinity are in the middle of the second year a three-year stewardship drive, and the emphasis is "Giving in Gratitude" for this phase.

Last year Charlotte and I responded to how richly God has blessed our lives by making a significant increase in our giving. We chose to use the SIMPLY GIVING electronic option as that would help with a consistent cash flow to Trinity and help hold us accountable.

In January of this year Charlotte learned that she would be losing her job as Drs. Foster and Smith would be closing. Over the next few months of prayer, job searching, interviews and many discussions over our health insurance options, God blessed Charlotte with an amazing opportunity. A new job with better pay, great insurance, and the ability to work from home! Praise God!

Looking back on those few months of uncertainty, we realized that not once did we look at our financial commitment to God and feel we should cut back. God has blessed our lives in so many ways that how could we NOT respond and continue to support and help grow this congregation's ministries and be vibrant in the proclamation of Christ and God's grace.

My hope would be that we are ALL able to see the many blessings and opportunities provided by God in our lives and to respond with passion and generosity to help people of all ages become active and engaged followers of Christ.

Blessings, Kevin Eggers
Congregation President



Simply Giving is an easy cost effective way to give. This program is managed by Thrivent Financial Services and is set-up through our office. Giving options allow you to give weekly, bi-weekly or monthly and amounts are automatically deducted from your checking or savings account.



Stewardship Principles

Our giving is done first, as a joyful and faithful response to God's gift of grace in Christ.

And, our gifts are joyfully given that the ministries of one's congregation can grow and be vibrant in the proclamation of Christ and God's grace.

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Year-to-Date Through September 30, 2019

Actual Giving: \$30,221

(Actual Giving represents the contributions we have received thus far)

Projected Needs: \$30,629

(Projected Needs represents the contributions we need to support our ministry plan)

Thank You

A huge Thank You to everyone who donated to the projector upgrade project. The work will be completed soon and we are excited for these new changes!!

Gift and Memorial

All in memory of Gary LeMoine designated for the Pastoral Discretionary Gift and Memorial Fund.

Shelba Schilling
Minerva Bauer
James & Theresa Kuchenbecker
Lee & Julianne Monroe
Karol & Dave Dewerff
Lyle & Ella Mae LeMoine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thanksgiving Eve**

We won't have our regular Family Faith Night on Wednesday, November 27. We will join together at an Ecumenical Service at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please see page 1 for more information.

- **Altar Prep Opportunity**

Preparing the altar for Sunday worship is a perfect way for a family to teach sharing their time and talents. The time commitment is about 45 minutes on a weekend you choose. Training is provided. For more information, stop by the sacristy on Sunday or contact Sue Underberg at 262-719-7898 or Karen Scholtes at 715-369-0668.

- **Christmas Poinsettias**

Please check the IOC Table for Christmas Poinsettia order forms.

- **LiveStream of Church Service**

We are Livestreaming our worship service on the first and third Sundays of the month. If you are interested, please email the church office at tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com to request the [link](#) that we will send you to connect to the service. The link is available for 21 days.

- **Staffed Nursery**

A staffed nursery is available from 9 AM-10:30AM downstairs for children during the worship service. While children are ALWAYS welcome to be in worship this option is available if needed. We want to help families have a good worship experience.

- **Join Us in Fellowship**

Immediately following the 9:30 am Sunday worship, you are invited to join us in the gathering space and enjoy a cup of coffee, a variety of refreshments and fellowship.

- **RAFP**

Every second Monday of the month from 3-6 pm volunteers are needed at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry to distribute, weigh, and carry food. If you would like to help, please sign up at the IOC table.

- **RAFP — Senior Distribution**

On the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm. Help seniors choose food items. For information contact Georgia Mielke.

- **RAFP — Home Delivery Packing**

Every other Friday from 9:30 am to 11 am. For information contact Nancy Eisele.

- **RAFP Milk Collection**

On **Sunday, November 10** we will be collecting milk for the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. Needed are 1/2 gallon and gallons of skim or 2% milk. Please leave your donations in the milk crates by/in the refrigerator in the kitchen at church.

- **Calendar Is Online**

The church calendar is now available on our website, www.ComeToTrinity.com. Go to the tab "Calendar" tab on the top menu bar. The public calendar is in Outlook. A "pop out" button gets you to the page.

Double clicking on individual events will bring up additional information including a brief description of the event, room, and contact person.

If you see any corrections needed or your group is **not** meeting on a certain day, please notify the office so the calendar is current.

- **From the Office**

Trinity Lutheran is a busy church! To help us keep track of our space, please contact the church office to get your meeting, practice or set-up information on the calendar so you or your group can use the space without any conflicts.

The calendar, serving schedule and birthdays and anniversaries can be found posted in the church gathering area or at the IOC table.

If you would like copies sent to you, please contact the church office Monday-Friday from 8 am to 12 pm by calling Pam at 715-362-4258 or emailing her at tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com.

- **Newsletter Deadline**

The Newsletter deadline is the **15th of each month**. Please email submissions to the office email tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com or drop them off in the church office Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-noon.

- **Office Hours**

Monday-Friday, 8 am to noon

- **Office Contacts**

Pastor Tim: 715-437-0774
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- **Change of Address Request**

If your address, email or phone number has changed, please complete the form in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate or in the church office. You can also email Pam in the church office at tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com or call 715-362-4258. Keeping our records current ensures you stay informed of the activities and programs here at Trinity.

- **Soup For Shelter**

Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual Rhinelander Soup for Shelter on **Saturday, November 9** being held this year at Nativity of our Lord Church on King St. Proceeds will go to Frederick Place, the temporary emergency shelter operated by NATH.

Doors will open at 5 pm to purchase basket raffle tickets. Admission is by free will donation. Area restaurants will be donating a variety of delicious soups.

Frederick Place offers emergency shelter for families and individuals from Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas Counties. The annual operating costs for the shelter in 2019 are just over \$285,484 which include 24-hour staff salaries, case management, food, utilities, supplies, insurance, equipment, and maintenance. We have housed over 721 unduplicated individuals since opening the doors on Jan. 31, 2011.

Come enjoy a wonderful soup supper and have fun as you support those who are experiencing homelessness in our Northwoods area.

Questions? Please contact assistant.nathnorthwoods@gmail.com.

Trinity Lutheran's Cross+Gen Christmas Program Wednesday, December 11 @ 6:00pm



Practice Schedule Beginning Nov. 6:

Children's Choir (4K-3rd Grade): **Sundays @ 8:30am &/or
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm**

God's Team (K & up): **Wednesdays @ 3:30pm**

God's Team (4th grade & up): **Wednesdays @ 4:15pm**

(God's Team is a movement group)

Puppets (4th grade & up): **Wednesdays @ 6:30pm**

Readers & Characters: **Wednesdays, November 20**

(Character/Reader parts are given out on October 23) **& December 4th @ 6:30 pm**

Requests/Questions? Contact Pastor Kari @ 715.437.0770

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Christmas Program Practice Begins November 6 (schedule above)
- Christmas Bazaar, November 9, from 10 am—2 pm in Fellowship Hall
- RAFP Milk Collection, November 10—drop off milk donations at kitchen

A LOOK AHEAD

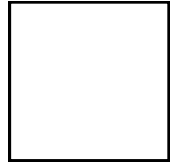
December

- The Giving Tree—set up on November 20, in Gathering Area
- Christmas Program, Wednesday December 11 at 6 pm

January

- ELCA Good Gifts—purchase a gift that provides economic support

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***Our Mission is to help
people of all ages become
active and engaged
followers of Christ.***

We are a Lutheran congregation with a variety of ages, backgrounds and passions. We are a community striving to grow in our walk of faith with Jesus Christ to love and serve the world. We are a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (often referred to as the ELCA) in the Northern Great Lakes Synod. These relationships help us to share the saving message of the gospel in our congregation, in the Rhineland community, in our country and throughout the world. We welcome you to be part of our community and join us in the mission we share in Christ. For more information about Trinity Lutheran, to get involved in our ministries, or to learn more about becoming a member, please contact us.

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