

Good Morning

Trinity Lutheran Church—Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the ELCA
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Welcome

How is it with your soul? And are you surprised that this is the question that is asked on a day whose focus is on financial management and generosity? It is important to consider because giving is a matter of the heart, and of faith, more than it is a question of finances. And yet, as we know, the management of our possessions—or lack of management—is great cause for angst and stress for many. Today we consider what it means to be mindful and purposeful in our management of the resources which God has entrusted to our care.

Happy Veterans Day!

Today marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice to end World War I. We join in prayers of thanksgiving for veterans and their service. Last November, Trinity was gifted a veterans quilt from the students of DeLong Middle School which is displayed in worship this morning. We invite you to take a look at the quilt squares and the veterans they represent while also remembering the other veterans in your lives.

Adult Forum Today

Trinity Congregational Council is hosting a forum in the Fireside Room following the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. services this morning. You will receive an update on the Lead Pastor Call Process and other work being done by council.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Come and worship at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 21. This festive worship includes the Trinity Brass and all choirs. The Lord's Supper is offered, and many children will make their first communion.

November Friendship Group

Those registered for the November 14 Friendship Group Trip to the Ames Center to view the new Church Basement Ladies play should meet in the church parking lot by 8:45 A.M.; the bus will leave promptly at 9:00 A.M.

Are You a Snow Bird?

If you're moving or heading south for the winter, Trinity can change your address. Let us know when you're leaving and how long you'll be away, and we'll be sure to get Trinity mail to you in a timely fashion. Whenever you change address, please let Trinity know! You can email Becky Ragsdale at becky@trinity-ec.org or by phone at 715.832.6601 ext 202.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Give thanks with a grateful heart! Give thanks to the Holy One! On Thanksgiving Day, November 22, Trinity will host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the community. We'll offer two seatings: 11:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. Are you available and willing to volunteer to serve and/or donate food or funds for this event of service and fellowship? Sign-up sheets to volunteer and lists of needed food items are available in the lobby, as well as on our website under the Quick Links "Thanksgiving."

Luncheon Coordinators Needed

We're looking for people with a heart for hospitality to serve as Luncheon Coordinators for families and friends who have been bereaved and come to Trinity for a service and a lunch or reception afterwards. **Volunteers are needed to continue this ministry.** Training will be provided. Please contact Cindy Beck at 715.832.6601 ext. 201 or cindy@trinity-ec.org for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Trinity will host a Red Cross Blood Drive tomorrow from 12:30 P.M.—6:30 P.M. The challenge to the congregation is for a record donation. Our goal is 45 units! In addition, volunteers are needed to assist with reception and the canteen. You can sign up at Clipboard Central. Register to donate at church or online at redcrossblood.org

October Food Pantry Stats

- There were 19 pantries in October.
- Total visits were 780 families made up 2,429 individuals; 893 were children.
- Trinity purchased 26,149 lbs. of food from Feed My People at a total cost of \$5,322.
- Kwik Trip donated 1,411 lbs. of food.
- Aldi's donated 1,683 lbs. of food.
- Leffel Roots Orchard donated 980 lbs of pumpkins.
- Other food donations were 1,704 lbs.
- In October 68, volunteers donated 344.5 hours.



Praying in Color

Praying in Color does not require artistic ability; just doodling and a desire to pray. Those who have experience are invited to gather together to pray alongside one another. If you have not experienced this before, Pastor Natalie will teach you. All supplies will be supplied. If you have a favorite set of colored pencils, markers, or pens you may wish to bring them. You are invited to join Pastor Natalie in the lobby on Friday, November 16, at 10:30 A.M.; Tuesday, November 27, at 1:30 P.M.; and Tuesday, November 27, at 6:30 P.M.

Hope Advent Devotions

Trinity is creating Advent Devotions on the theme Hope to post on our Facebook page and to turn into a booklet for those who like print materials. Writers are needed from the congregation to write a devotion for one day. For more information, please contact Pastor Natalie at natalie@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 215.



Advent Tea

Trinity's Fifth Annual Advent Tea is on Monday, December 3, in the Trinity Room from 2:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M. There is no cost for this event. We are again looking for people willing to share their Christmas dishes, fancy sandwiches, and holiday cookies. We will also collect items for the Homeless Women Vet's Boutique. A list of needed items will be available when you sign up for the Tea. Sign-up on the board in the lobby by Friday, November 30. Please call Sheila Running at 715.832.9686 or Ann Nelson at 715.836.9495 with questions.

Christmas Wreaths

Trinity youth are taking orders for Christmas Wreaths and Door Swags from Baroka's Wreaths today and Wednesday, November 14. A table, along with wreath samples, is in the lobby. Wreaths and swags will be available for pick-up at Trinity on Sunday, November 25. This fundraiser will assist students in raising money to attend the summer mission trip to the Appalachian Mountains.

Give the Gift of Reading this Christmas

We can help you share the joy of the season through storytelling. The Trinity Library will have books available for purchase that celebrate the season of Christmas to share with the children in your life. The Christmas Book Fair display will be in the lobby today and Sunday, November 18. Samples of the books to be ordered will be available for you look over.

Annual Advent Workshop

It's time for one of our most anticipated events of the year! The Advent Workshop will be held on Sunday, November 25, from 2:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. We are looking for people to lead an activity. This is a great service project for confirmation students and their parents. There is a sign up sheet and display located in the lobby. For more information, please contact Sara Reed at sarar@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 218.

Angel Breakfast

Preschool and kindergarten age children and one adult guest per child are invited to the Annual Angel Breakfast on Saturday, December 1, from 8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Children and adults will participate in activities, have breakfast together, and hear the Christmas Story. The cost is \$10 per couple along with two non-perishable food items for the Wall of Food. Registration forms (reservations are required) will be available outside the Children's Ministries Office.

Caroling Party

Sing noel! Lift your voice to celebrate the coming of Baby Jesus at a Caroling Party on Sunday, December 9. We meet at the church at 4:00 P.M. near the preschool area to car pool and visit several of our shut-in members at area facilities where we share Christmas songs. Participants are invited to enjoy a light meal at the church following caroling.

Faith Lights

The Christmas season is a special time to remember Jesus, the Light of the World. It is also a special time to remember the people who have shared faith in Jesus. This Christmas, the Trinity Endowment Trust Board invites you to honor and memorialize relatives and special friends by dedicating Faith Lights in their name. For a small donation, you can dedicate a white light to memorialize a loved one; or a blue light to honor a living relative or friend, or simply to express the joy of faith this Christmas. Faith Light orders will be accepted through December 9. Forms are available in the Lobby, office, or at trinity-ec.org. All Faith Light gifts will be acknowledged in the Christmas worship bulletins.

Cookie Bake

The annual Cookie Bake is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, from 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M. in the Trinity Room. Youth will decorate bags and bake cookies. The festive bags of cookies will then be delivered to shut-in Trinity members during Pastoral or Parish Nurse visits, as well as included with the Christmas Sharing Project.

No Club 78 or Club 9 Programming

Just a reminder that there will be no programming on Wednesday, November 21. Please consider attending Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 P.M.

Wall of Food Competition

For the month of November, grades 7, 8 and 9 will have a competition of which grade can bring in the most food items for our Wall of Food. Please turn in all food items to Ashley so that she can count them and record them for your grade. The grade that brings in the most food items will receive a GRAND SURPRISE!

Children's Ministries

Winter/Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs

Call in registration for our Winter Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs has begun. You may register by calling Marlee Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601.

Programming includes the following;

- Music & Movement
- Creative Arts
- Readers, Authors, and Artists
- Come & Play
- Thrilling Thursdays