



TRINITY TIDINGS

NOVEMBER, 2017

*Believing in Christ, we are called to grow
and are sent to serve.*

Thinking Out Loud With Pastor Josh.

Facebook loves to ask, “What’s on your mind?”

What’s on my mind, among the many thoughts that clutter it, is our recent YC and Friends field trip to Temple Beth-El in Rockford. It was a fantastic journey full of new insights and relationships.

Trinity took five junior high youth, along with three parents and two clergy. We invited and welcomed another junior high youth, their parent, and the youth director from Freedom Lutheran in Oregon. We hit the road and ate supper together before arriving at Temple Beth-El.

It’s a beautiful worship space, full of light. If we had been there during the day I have no doubt the stained-glass windows would have blazed with color. The synagogue’s worship space is not that much different from ours, with seating and a front area for preaching and reading scripture. Their sacred texts, the Torah (first five books of the Bible), are handwritten on large scrolls and stored in what is called an ark. A quick reminder that the “ark” was not just a boat Noah built, it was the device built by the Israelites to carry the 10 Commandments across the wilderness. Arks carry precious goods for the good of God’s Creation.

Rabbi Wing let us see one of these scrolls! That was a thrill for this geeky Bible reader and it intrigued our youth. Rabbi showed us how it’s written in Hebrew, the careful way it is unrolled, and how it is read aloud with minimal touching to preserve the parchment. Rabbi was incredibly generous with her time, fielding our questions and giving us a thorough tour. By the end, we felt comfortable in the space and safe asking what we might have thought were silly ideas.

And that sense of community and shared ideas was one of the hopes I had for our youth and adult travelers. Jewish people are God’s people as much as we are God’s people. We both worship and fear and love God. Kept separate from each other, it’s much easier to live in our assumptions and keep our questions to ourselves. God keeps sending us out, though, into our community and into our offices and shops and into the lives of strangers in order to be engaged by each other.

Sure, I set up this trip with a phone call and a date on the calendar. It was God who called on our junior high families to take a small risk and surrender a Friday night to worship in a new language with new friends. God sent us to Rabbi Wing and her generous demeanor and willingness to answer our thoughts with openness. God got us beyond what we know and take for granted, so we can witness and give thanks for the infinite ways God moves in our world.

And as our youth would agree, it turns out we’re a lot more similar than different. Ask them, their stories can tell that tale. I am grateful that God gave us this opportunity. I also give thanks for the countless ways that each of us are put in new situations with new faces so that we can listen and watch for God. We humans have much in common and much to celebrate as we step out and follow our Lord into the lives of God’s people around us.

Trust in God’s Grace.
Pastor Josh Ehrler

RESPONDING TO GOD

These are frequently asked questions of the ELCA about Mission Support and how our benevolence from the local congregation supports national and international ministries.

What is Mission Support?

Mission Support is the portion of your congregation's regular financial offering that is shared with your synod and the churchwide organization. These gifts are used where the need is the greatest, and they also make it possible for the ELCA's 65 synods and the churchwide organization to maintain ongoing commitments to ministry partners.

What guides the churchwide organization in its decisions regarding Mission Support?

Voting members from across the ELCA meet as a churchwide assembly every three years to guide and direct the work of the churchwide organization. The ELCA Church Council is the interim legislative authority between assemblies. The churchwide organization's strategic priorities are aligned with the ELCA Future Directions 2025 that will emphasize congregational vitality and leadership development across our church. This includes accompanying the nearly 9,300 ELCA congregations as growing centers for evangelical mission and building the capacity of this church for evangelical witness and service in the world to alleviate poverty and to work for justice and peace.

How does my congregation benefit from Mission Support?

Congregational vitality is enhanced through active participation in our church's mission to share God's love with the world. Stories of Faith in Action is filled with examples of how lives have been changed because of the generosity of ELCA members and congregations through Mission Support. This money funds the work of the synods, and some of the portion of Mission Support that is shared with the churchwide organization comes back to your congregation and synod in the form of services, programs, resources or grants. Typically, more than 90 percent of a congregation's offering remains in the congregation to help pay for ministries, outreach, utilities and the building—supporting your congregation's vital presence in your community.

STUDY SMALL CATECHISM WITH COUNCIL

This month the Council is studying the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Commandments. You are invited to read through the 10 Commandments on your own as we Grow together in faith.

5th Commandment: You shall not murder. Luther writes, "We are to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life's needs."

6th Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. Luther writes, "We are to fear and love God, so that we lead pure and decent lives in word and deed, and each of us loves and honors his or her spouse."

7th Commandment: You shall not steal. Luther writes, "We are to fear and love God, so that we neither take our neighbors' money or property nor acquire them by using shoddy merchandise or crooked deals, but instead help them to improve and protect their property and income."



DEEP DIGS

(ADULT LEARNING)

TOPIC: LEARNING LANGUAGES FOR FORGIVENESS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

We still know we are forgiven. At least, it's what we hear a lot, it must be true.

We know we are called to live out this forgiveness by seeing God's mercy upon others. A little tougher but we're working on it.

This month we're going to learn about a few organizations that are striving for reconciliation (forgiveness lived out) within our culture as fellow humans. These are names and groups that come up a lot in conversation, in the news, and sometimes by friends who may not know why the organizations exist. Can we work toward reconciliation across races, creeds, and even

between men and women?

It'll be another good one, you won't want to miss this conversation . 2



**HONORING OUR
LOVED ONES
ALL SAINTS
WEEKEND**



November 4 & 5, 2017

During our worship, we will be honoring our loved ones whom have died and gone home with God during the past year. (From All Saints weekend, Nov 5 & 6, 2016 to current.) Please notify the church office with names by 4 pm on **Thursday, November 2nd**.

There is time in worship to come forward and light a candle for any need you may have, and for anyone in your life, current or many years in the past.

**ANNUAL MT MORRIS
COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**



**Sunday, Nov 19
4:00 pm at**

Disciples United Methodist Church

One of our great traditions in Mt Morris is bringing together the Lutherans, Brethren and Methodists for a joint service before Thanksgiving. This year we're at the corner of Highway 64 and Maple Street, on the far West side of town, to sing our praises and remember our local food pantry, Loaves and Fish.

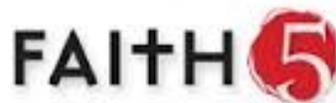
If you haven't attended our Community Thanksgiving service, this is your year to start. Meet the neighbors, share in fellowship, check out another worship house in town. Put it on the calendar and we'll see you there.

**JOIN THE COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE CHOIR**

Sunday, Nov 19th, 3:15 pm

If you would like to sing at the Community Thanksgiving service, at the Mt. Morris Disciples United Methodist Church (corner of Hwy 64 & Maple St) please be at the Methodist church at 3:15 to practice and have a break prior to the 4:00 pm service. If you have questions, please contact Karen Larson, 815-734-6358.

**FAITH5 –
“EVERY NIGHT IN EVERY HOME”**



- Share** (highs and lows).
- Read** (a Bible verse or story).
- Talk** (about the Bible reading).
- Pray** (for each other).
- Bless** (one another).

5 formative steps that may take 5 minutes or much longer before supper or getting into bed. Look for the book marks in the pews and take one home for your own use. Use the verse of the week found at the top of every Refrigerator Reminders as a way to open the Bible together. Take 5 to Faith 5 as a family, with friends, on your own.

**WORSHIP ROLES
AT TRINITY**



*Worship
Leaders*

Worship is of God and from God for the people God loves. You can be part of our ever-growing leadership team.

We're looking for ushers/greeters. We'd love to have more Bible readers, and everyone enjoys hearing a diversity of musical gifts.

Come, sing, read, pray, dance (yeah, dancing would be wonderful), give a testimony, play an instrument, distribute communion, hold the doors open for guests. There is a place for you in worship; your gifts will help everyone grow in faith.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir is not just for adults. Singers from junior High age and older are invited to sing. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday. Trinity's adult choir helps to lead worship on the 1st, 2nd or 5th Sundays of each month and special services, September through May. We sing beautiful and challenging music, old songs and new songs, all to praise God with our voices.

- 6:45 pm Men's Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Full Chancel Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Women's Rehearsal



MINISTRY CAFÉ
NOV 5, 2017
(1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

Please join the Outreach & Social Ministries Committees for our Ministry Café. The Café is a regular monthly fund raiser that we are coordinating with our regular ministries the Noisy Offering collects for during Saturday & Sunday services. Our first café was held October 1st.

We are offering treats such as home baked goods, breakfast casseroles and coffee to enjoy while socializing with fellow members and guests **starting at 8:30 AM and serving until the 9:30 worship service starts.**

This is a “Free Will Offering.” Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Interested in donating a baked treat or a breakfast casserole to help raise money for the current ministry? Please see the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the Chapel. Thank you for your support!

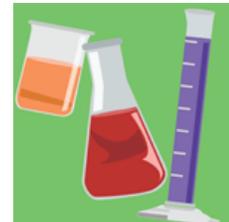
COMMITMENT CARDS REMINDER
November 26, 2017

During the month of November we invite our friends and families to make a stewardship commitment to the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. It is because of your generosity of time, finances and prayer that we are able to serve free lunches in the summer, develop partnerships with area organizations for the sake of our community, distribute pajamas before Christmas, along with offer weekly worship and learning opportunities throughout the year. The list is remarkable and all because of your gifts.

When you receive a commitment card, please consider putting it by your checkbook or on your fridge. Talk about it, pray about it, think of what you may have given and how you might be able to grow in your gifts. Then, fill it out, mail it to the church or drop it in the offering plate and give thanks that you are part of a strong congregation committed to Grow and Serve our neighbors in Mt Morris and throughout the world. (If you do not receive a letter and card, please notify the church office and we will make sure you receive one.)



DEEP DIGS
(ADULT LEARNING)
SCRIPTURE AND SCIENCE:
PUTTING A FACE ON GOD



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 11:00 AM

I have always been fascinated with exploring the world around me. I wanted to understand how things worked. Why do the leaves fall? Where did this snow come from? Why is there a crack in the sidewalk? I wanted to understand the world around me. If I asked a science teacher about what I had observed, he or she would explain the science behind the falling of the leaves or the production of snow. If I asked a pastor or other person at church they would explain these events as God’s work and God’s creation. Which is correct?,,,science, theology, both, neither? Join me for a discussion about God and science. How do the two relate and what does this mean for us as children of God and followers of Christ?

Bring your questions and thoughts. Bring a friend. Bring your coffee. See you there!
 Vicar Karyn

MONTHLY THIRD FRIDAY
FREE MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, November 17, 7:00 pm

This is for Everyone of Any Age!
 We meet in basement Fellowship Hall.



Free Popcorn & Kool-Aid or Juice!

Doors Open at 6:45 pm and Close promptly at 9:00 pm

Watch the weekly reminders for this month’s movie title!

Please note, unless the movie is rated **G**, if your child is under the age of 18 and will be attending without a parent, he/she must have a completed Permission Form **when they come that evening.** Children who come without a form will need to go home to have one filled out. Thank you.

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?



There is always an invitation for piano, clarinet, trumpet, ukulele, guitar, flute, recorder or any other instrument to play offering, prelude or communion music.

You are encouraged to use your gifts and talents in our worship.



USHER/GREETER PLAN

Our Council President, Al Ulferts, has devised a plan to ensure we have ushers and greeters each and every week of the year. We'd love for you to be part of it.

His schedule will work if we can have **20 people to commit to usher during the year.**

There would be four (4) permanent teams of 5 ushers each, and each of those teams would usher three (3) months of the year - not 3 months in a row. (See proposed Schedule below)

With 5 members on each team, that would allow members to trade Sundays off and allow for 5 members to usher on the special days when communion is held at the rail

- Team 1 would usher: Jan, May & Sep
- Team 2 would usher: Feb, Jun & Oct
- Team 3 would usher: Mar, Jul & Nov
- Team 4 would usher: Apr, Aug & Dec

Want to join one of our Usher Teams? A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office, or, call the church office (815-734-6354) and we'll get you connected.

PAJAMA PROJECT 2017



Since 2013, Trinity has been committed to providing pajamas to community children through our Pajama Project. We would like to provide a Christian book with each pair of pajamas as we have been able to do the past two years.

A warm pair of pajamas and a good book is a tangible expression of a community expressing God's love. We will be collecting money for the purchase of pajamas and the books throughout November and into December.

\$25 will sponsor a new pair of pajamas and a new book. Please make checks payable to Trinity, and note "for pajama project" on the check. There are also envelopes available for cash donations. You may place them in the offering plate or leave in the office.

If you know of a child, through age 18, who would be in need of a warm pair of pajamas and a Christian book, please complete, or have parent(s) complete the form below, or, call the Church Office (815-734-6354) with the contact information **by NOV 17th**

Pajamas will be wrapped & delivered Saturday, Dec 16th. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Melody Dula at 815-994-8837 or the church office at the number above.



2017 Pajama Project For children infant through 18 years old. Must live in the Mt. Morris or Leaf River.

Parents Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Size: _____ Age: _____ Boy ___ Girl ___

Child's Name: _____ Size: _____ Age: _____ Boy ___ Girl ___

Child's Name: _____ Size: _____ Age: _____ Boy ___ Girl ___

Child's Name: _____ Size: _____ Age: _____ Boy ___ Girl ___

Please return this form to Trinity Lutheran Church , 308 E Brayton Rd, Mt. Morris by FRI. NOV 17th

Questions: 815-734-6354; email: trinitymm@frontier.com

YC & YOUTH FIELD TRIP TO TEMPLE BETH-EL SYNAGOGUE

On October 13th, 6 youth and 7 adults attended an evening Shabbat service at Temple Beth-El Synagogue in Rockford. After participating in Shabbat at 7:30 pm, everyone was invited into fellowship for snacks. Rabbi Binah Wing sat with our group, answered our questions, then led us on a tour of the worship space. She brought out a sacred Torah scroll, hand written on parchment, for everyone to look upon.



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING DEADLINE November 5, 2017

If you're reading this, its probably because you are curious about the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX June 27-July 1. Pastor Josh has all the details if you need information.

Time is getting short in order to register before the cost goes up on November 15th.

The first round of information needs to get turned in ASAP, along with the \$150 deposit. Once we have names registered, we'll start organizing. It should be an incredible trip for any youth in 8th-12th grade.



YOUTH GROUP – SET YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, November 18, 4pm @ Trinity

Saturday, December 16, 4pm @ Trinity

Our gathering December 16 will be a white elephant party. What in the world is that? Google it! It's a party in which we each bring an object of minimal value that we unload on a friend. The challenge is to see how ridiculous the gifts can be. Bring a friend, they can bring a bad gift, too. We'll have holiday food, you can even wear an ugly sweater (unless it's a real sweater, then we promise we won't call it ugly).

TWELCA

T.W.E.L.C.A. stands for Trinity Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. TWELCA's Mission statement is: **to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.**



Dorcas group meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am. at the church. They are studying A Stand-up Comic Sits Down with Jesus, a devotional booklet.

Naomi group meets the 4th Monday at 1:00 pm from April through November at the church. Their studies are taken from *Gather* magazine (publish. by ELCA.)

Both groups invite all women to join them!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

Saturday, Nov 18, 9:00 am

Mark your calendars Now! All ladies are invited to join the Dorcas and Naomi Groups for a Thanksgiving breakfast at **Sunrise Restaurant, in Oregon, IL.** We'll order individually from the menu (each person responsible for the cost of her meal) and enjoy fellowship time reminiscing with shared stories of past Thanksgivings. Please plan to join us for a fun and relaxing morning!

Reservations due by Thursday, November 16

Please call the church office at 815-734-6354 or Carol Reckmeyer at 815-734-6572. We hope to see **YOU** there.

1:00 pm Monday, Nov 27, - Naomi Group meets in the Chapel

9:00 am Tuesday, Nov 28 —Dorcas Group meeting in The Chapel

LOOKING AHEAD:

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE

MON DECEMBER 11th,

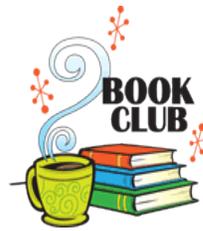
10:00 am

All women are invited to join the Dorcas & Naomi Groups for a "breakfast" coffee in the Chapel (gathering space)

Please RSVP to Carol Reckmeyer or the church office by noon on **December 8th.**



LADY'S BOOK CLUB NEWS



Due to the busy holiday season, the book club will **not** meet in November and December.

We will resume in January, so please watch for details as we re-organize for the new year.

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB



Meet for Breakfast

The next meeting of the Breakfast Club will be **Saturday, Nov 11**, at **8:00 am.** We will meet at **Fiesta Palace Restaurant** in Mt. Morris.

We will order from the menu. Each person is responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

Everyone is welcome!

QUILT GROUP



The fall session of the Quilt Group is busy every **Wednesday**, from **9 - 11 am** in the Fellowship Hall through **November 15th.**

Men and women can cut squares, design quilts, put quilts together, tie quilts and visit. Donations of fabric and sheets for backing are always appreciated.

Come help us quilt for Lutheran World Relief. Or, bring your own project to work on in the company of others.



DID YOU "USED TO" PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

Our Chime Choir is a great place to make music. Under the direction of Dr. Matthew Guschl, the Chime Choir continues to grow musically and delight the congregation on the 4th Sunday of each month, September through May. Rehearsals are held at 6 pm on Wednesday evenings. Basic music reading is helpful, on the job training is available. We have a lot of fun, come and join in the song.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

A summary of the October 9, 2017 Church Council Meeting:



- Devotions were from the Small Catechism, focusing on the Ten Commandments, highlighting the Fourth Commandment—Honor thy Mother and thy Father.
- Pastor Scott Ralston, Forreston, committee member for ELCA Synod Social Ministry, was present to thank Trinity for the work we do in our community and present a video on how the Synod utilizes our benevolence funds.
- Property committee requested immediate vote to accept two year contract for Electricity. Motion passed.
- Youth/Education committee reported Christmas Program is set for December 17, 2017.
- Outreach/Social Ministry/Stewardship Committee reported first Movie Night will be Friday, Oct 20. They plan to have a movie the third Friday of each month at 7:00 pm. Current youth policy regarding showing movies requires grade school aged children view only G rated films. Junior High age may view only G or PG rated films. High School age may view PG13 Rated or less. Motion passed to show movies with a PG rating with a signed permission slip or parent present, and to discuss reviewing the current youth policy to make possible changes.
- Motion approved, beginning now, for raising Pastor's current housing allowance. This raise does not affect his current salary.
- Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

NOISY OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER TO SUPPORT LOAVES & FISH FOOD PANTRY

The purpose of our Noisy Offering is to teach the joy of giving to God.

Our local food pantry has been helping meet the emergency food needs of Mt. Morris and Leaf River residents every month of the year since July 2008. The pantry is led by a Board consisting of the four Mt. Morris churches, Pinecrest Community, Mt. Morris Senior Center and St. James Lutheran Church. Please see page 9 of this Tidings for more information on the pantry. Your generous support of this vital service to our communities is greatly appreciated!

Results of October Collection for VBS Fund
\$151.77 (Through October 22nd)

FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2017

Total Monthly Budget Income \$ 19,870.27
 Total Monthly Budget Expense \$ 21,539.82
 Year-to-date Budget Income \$170,352.81
 Year-to-date Budget Expense \$169,420.77
 Year-to-date Surplus (Deficit) \$ 932.04

Many of us find it much easier to make online transactions than to use cash or checks. If you use direct deposit or electronic bill pay on a regular basis, please know that Trinity

offers that option for regular giving as well. Talk with the church office for details and to receive the form needed to get started.

TRINITY'S DONATIONS DISPERSED FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

From the Operating Budget

Northern Ill. Synod Benevolence	\$ 5,004.00
Pinecrest Manor	250.00

From the Offering Envelope Donations

Northern Ill. Synod World Hunger	\$ 255.00
Loaves & Fish Food Pantry	335.00
Lifeline	105.00
Family Assistance Fund	398.00
Vacation Bible School	183.00
LWR School Kits	25.00

From Other Resources

Hiteman Scholarship Awards	\$ 1,500.00
Village of Progress-Flood Damage (from Memorial Funds)	315.00
Vacation Bible School (Noisy Offering)	111.04
Compassion International (Noisy Offer.)	175.86
TWELCA Quilt Project (Noisy Offering)	177.01

THRIVENT CHOICE DONATIONS RECEIVED QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Thank you to the following individuals who designated Thrivent Choice Dollars to Trinity during the previous quarter:

Daniel Dilbeck Louise Suttman

LOAVES & FISH FOOD PANTRY SERVING MT. MORRIS AND LEAF RIVER

The Pantry is located on the lower level of the Church of the Brethren:
409 W Brayton Rd, Mt. Morris.
Hours are:

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month: 4:30 – 7 pm
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month: 2:00 – 4:30 pm
For September, the pantry served 119 households, comprised of 337 individuals. Ten new families were served, representing 30 individuals.

Loaves & Fish could use volunteers to help unload food deliveries and help in the pantry.
The dates are listed on our monthly calendar.

If you are able to help, please call Trinity's Pantry Representatives: Barb Diehl 815-734-4011 or Marilyn Pazera 815-734-7268

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THANKSGIVING MEALS THRU LOAVES & FISH

The pantry is seeking donations to provide meal boxes to local families in need. In partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, they contain a turkey, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, canned fruit & vegetables, coffee and dessert—enough to feed a family of eight.

A \$16 donation will allow the pantry to provide a local family with the above to enjoy a traditional holiday meal with their loved ones this holiday season.

To sponsor one, two or more families, send a gift to:
Loaves and Fish Food Pantry,
Attn: Nelson Miller, Treasurer,
PO Box 202
Mt. Morris, IL 61054

The pantry hopes to raise \$2,400 above its regular donations to purchase 150 boxes. Any donations received above the amount needed will be used to purchase food for the pantry. The pantry provides food to an average of more than 350 individuals each month.



LIFELINE FOOD PANTRY NEWS

LIFELINE is located in Conover Square at 203 N 3rd St, Suite 6, Oregon, IL. (old piano factory) Hours are:

Tues 9:30—Noon*; Thurs 1:30—4:30 pm
Fri 1:30—4:30 pm*; Sat 10:30—1:30 pm.

*Food is available on Tuesday & Friday.

We would like to THANK all our VOLUNTEERS, we couldn't do it without YOU! We sincerely appreciate everything and everyone who helps in donating food, money and their time. A big THANK YOU! We would like to thank the Ogle County Fair Grounds for the use of their building when Northern Illinois Food Bank delivers the food for Ogle County food pantries.

One of our volunteers, Ellen Mason, has retired and we wish to say a Big Thank You, for all she did for Lifeline.

Lifeline served 251 clients during September. We are in need of pudding, kidney beans, baked beans, hamburger/tuna helper, cake mix, soda crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cereal: hot and cold, paper towels and toilet tissue.

Questions? call 815-222-6712.

13TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 3, 2017
3:00 pm

Here at Trinity in Sanctuary
(Handicap Accessible)



Under the direction of Christy Lewis, *Christmas Cantata* singers and musicians of high school age and up from all over Ogle County have been rehearsing on Tuesday evenings.

Spend an afternoon enjoying beautiful vocal and instrumental music from "Invitation to a Miracle" as we prepare for Jesus' birth. Refreshments in basement fellowship hall following the Cantata.

Free Admission, Free Will Offering. After Cantata expenses, donations will benefit Loaves & Fish Food Pantry and Lifeline Food Pantry.

COOKIES & HELPERS NEEDED for CANTATA

If you would enjoy providing 3 dozen cookies (store bought or homemade) and/or helping set up, serve and clean-up for the annual Cantata on December 3rd, a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office, or, you can call the office at 815-734-6354 or email us at trinitymm@frontier.com and we will put your name down. Thank you!

Cookies need to be at the church kitchen by 10:30 am on Sunday morning, Dec. 3rd to be assembled on serving plates. Helpers are needed that morning and again in the afternoon starting at 3:45 pm .



LWR QUILTS and SCHOOL KITS

Twenty nine quilts were lovingly sewn, the school kit items were generously donated & packed with care. All were blessed and sent on their way to be physical expressions of Trinity's love and care for all God's people. On Wed., Sept. 20th TWELCA members, Trinity's Youth Confirmation class and youth from Freedom Lutheran Church, Oregon, all gathered at Trinity to sort and fill the school bags for LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Between Trinity and Freedom, 116 school kits were assembled!

Thank you to each and every person who donated items , helped sew quilts and assembled school kits and delivered them to Rockford to start their journey to those in need.

19 heavy, filled to the top boxes were delivered to Zion Lutheran Church.



TRINITY'S SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

Altar Guild

All month: Joan Sundvall

Acolytes

4 5 Lena Heather
11 12 Ashton Persinger
18 19 Ashton Persinger
25 26 Laura Wright

Ushers/ Greeters

4 Kevin Nelson 5 Ricks Family
11 Kevin Nelson 12 Ricks Family
17 Kevin Nelson 18 Ricks Family
24 Kevin Nelson 25 Ricks Family

Song Leaders & Cantors

5 Steve Pearson
12 Lily Welp
19 Linda Borneman
26 Mary Jo Dilbeck

Assisting Ministers:

4 Arika Black 5 Carolyn Dilbeck
11 Arika Black 12 Kendra Ehrler
18 Arika Black 19 Kendra Ehrler
25 Arika Black 26 Kendra Ehrler

Coffee Hour Hosts

5
12 Reckmeyer Family
19
26

Blood Pressure Checks

(Normally Last Sunday of Month)

26 Crete LeFevre & Robin Keene

Pinecrest Video Ministry

13 Steve Pearson
27 Steve Pearson

Lector Schedule*

5
12
19
26

*Scripture Readings

5 Revelation 7.9-17
Matthew 5.1-12
12 Jeremiah 31.31-34
Psalm 46; John 8.31-36
19 Judges 4.1-9
Psalm 123, Matthew 25.14-30
26 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Matthew 25:31-46

Altar Flowers

4/5 Monte & Linda Duffy
11/12 The Reckmeyer Family
18/19 Sharon Wallace
25/26 Steve & Georgia Pearson &
Family

Home Communion

(Normally 1st Sunday of Month)

Melody Dula
Dave & Cindy Link
Sandra Stengel

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Website: www.trinitymm.net

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Instagram: trinitymtmorris

**Believing in Christ,
we are called to grow,
and are sent to serve.**

Ministers: All Members of Trinity

Pastor: Josh Ehrler

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NOVEMBER 2017

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (*DETAILS INSIDE)

SATURDAY evening worship service at 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 9:30 am Worship Service
Fellowship Time following Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:45 am (4 yrs — 6th grade)*

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS

Chime Choir: 6:00 pm*

Full Chancel Choir: 7:00 pm* (Men rehearse at 6:45 pm; Women rehearse at 7:30 pm)

Choristers: Sundays at 11:30 as an extension of Sunday School

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE (*DETAILS INSIDE)

- Nov 4 & 5 “All Saints Weekend” *
- Nov 5 Ministry Café*
- Nov 18 9:00 am Lady’s Thanksgiving Breakfast*
- Nov 19 11:00 am Deep Digs - Adult Learning*
- Nov 19 4:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Disciples United Methodist Church*
- Sun Nov 26, Goal to have 2018 Commitment letters returned
- Sun Dec 3, 11:00 am Deep Digs -Adult Learning*
- Sun Dec 3, 3:00 pm Community Cantata*
- Sat Dec 16, wrapping & delivering pajamas*
- Sun, Dec. 17 Sunday School Christmas Program
Watch for more details in December Tidings.