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Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sundays at Trinity

9:15 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Fellowship - *select weeks*

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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2021 Confirmands

Pictured left to right, Kerri Jahnke (CYF Director), Maria Albrecht, Elijah Solum, Jaxon Strinmoen, Ellie Halverson, Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier

Holy God, strengthen these children as they stand before you proclaiming their love for you and their commitment to live the baptismal vows that were spoken for them years ago. Fill their souls with the power of your Holy Spirit, so that through faith, you will live within their hearts forever. Amen

Coming in December.....

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY — “Songs of Prayer and Praise”

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

November 28 • Luke 1:67-79 (Zechariah)

December 5 • Luke 2:29-32 (Simeon)

December 12 • Luke 1:28-33 (Mary)

December 19 • Luke 1:46-55 (Mary)

GUEST PREACHER — Bishop Regina Hassanally

Sunday, December 12

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Friday, December 24 • 3:00 pm • 5:00 pm • 8:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Saturday, December 25 • 10:00 am

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39

Dear people of God,

This Sunday marks the 504th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. It is also the day on which our 10th graders affirm their baptism, that is, their confirmation of faith. Each of these wonderful young people has completed three years of faith formation in which they studied the Bible, Luther’s Small Catechism, and finally the Lutheran tradition of vocation.

These four remarkable young people (a small but mighty class) volunteered as acolytes and lectors; they wrote up numerous sermon notes; and they most recently completed projects: Our belfry is free of pigeons (and what pigeons leave behind) because of them. Two other thoughtful projects will be displayed on the altar on Sunday. It is a tribute to them that the COVID pandemic necessitated fully half of their education time be done via Zoom! It is also a tribute to their mentor, Karen Gray, that she guided them faithfully during these three years.

On Sunday, you will see their stoles, decorated by them to represent their faith and life. You’ll hear the scripture they’ve chosen. And together with their family, friends and baptismal sponsors, you’ll bless them and pray for them.

The text from Romans, above, was my confirmation verse. I’ve always loved Paul’s letter to the churches in Rome. It’s a long polemical on faith and grace, and of course, Martin Luther’s reading of Romans is what helped incite the Protestant Reformation.

But I think these verses resonate with us more now than ever, as we are well into our second year of pandemic. It is hard, sometimes, to feel God’s presence in the midst of turmoil. (See also Psalm 46!) But we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God. And conversely, nothing can separate the love of God from us.

God’s peace to you, *Pr. Elizabeth*

Maple grandeur has been on display for most of the fall. The colors have been great this fall and have lasted longer than usual it seems to me. But I am biased. Besides the syrup, the inner bark and seeds are edible. But don’t just eat the syrup. It has lots of minerals and some good health benefits. When you bake, try using maple syrup instead of white sugar. $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of maple syrup is equal to a cup of white sugar. You will need to add about $\frac{1}{3}$ to a $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of flour to make up for the added liquid. But the taste is amazing!

We have made a lot of significant changes to the syrup shack this year. Lee Hoekstra has done most of the work, with Kyle Flatin and my brother-in-law helping as well. We added a new wall so we could get more wood under the roof. We changed some shelving. And are in the process of upgrading the fireboxes and evaporator pans. Gary Wilhemson is helping a lot, with Lee and myself, to get a 1,000 gallon bulk tank out to the shack. This will more than double our storage of sap. Thanks to Donna and Junior Van Gundy of Houston for the magnificent gift!

I hope we can have another Woodcutting Bee November 16 starting at 9:00 a.m. Many thanks to those who have come out for the other Bees — Dr. Jim Gray, Lee Hoekstra, Gerald Oakes, Jeff Ellingson (who also goes out other times) Roxy and Bob Finnesgard, Gary Wilhelmson and Red Longmire.

The syrup is for sale at the church office, church basement and Bluff Country Artist Gallery. We have quite a bit of syrup to sell before next spring. It makes excellent gifts and is healthy to boot! All the profits raised from the sale of the syrup goes to help fund Youth and Family Ministry at Trinity. Try some today and if you can’t be at the next Woodcutting Bee, remember us in prayer so we stay healthy!

Pr. Lane

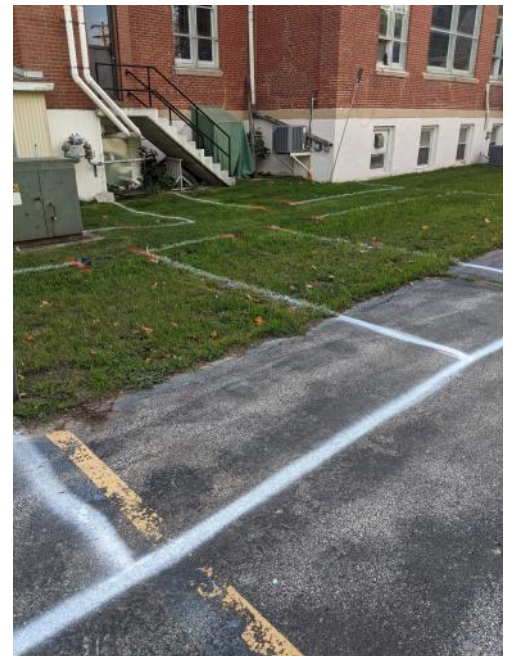


BAG-A-BUCK right here at Trinity in November! Deer season opens in the woods the first weekend of November and here at Trinity we will Bag-A-Buck for the Houston County Food Shelf. On Sunday, November 7, we will have special buckets set out that we encourage everyone to put a "buck" (or any amount!) into. Checks can be made out to the Houston County Food Shelf. These cash donations almost triple in value when the Food Shelf does the purchasing! Thank you for your heartfelt contributions. ~Care Ministry Team

CHRISTMAS CHEER BAGS Each year our Care Ministry Team puts together Christmas Cheer Bags filled with food and other supplies and gifts for families in need in the area that will be delivered December 11. In the past, they have given out more than 30 bags. The Thanksgiving offering is designated to help fund the purchase of food and gifts for these bags. Donations are accepted not only during the Thanksgiving worship service, but at any time. Please indicate that your donation is for Christmas Cheer Bags. Thank you!

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE — Ty Haupt through Thrivent is coordinating a winter clothing drive. All items collected will be donated to Semcac in Caledonia and then distributed to local families in need. Items needed: coats, hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, boots in any size from infant through adult. Items should be new or gently used and clean. They may be dropped off at Trinity through Sunday, November 14. A drop-box is inside the south-west entrance at the top of the stairs, open 24/7. More questions about the clothing drive? Contact Ty at (608) 797-3546. Thank you for helping families stay warm this winter.

PROPOSED BUILDING ADDITION UPDATE Thanks to all who attended the first two information sessions about the proposed addition to the church building. Much valuable feedback has already been received which will help guide us as we go forward with this proposed plan. If you haven't yet had a chance to attend, there will be two more sessions immediately following worship on October 31 and November 7. The sessions are led by the Facilities Planning Team and team lead Leonard Myrah. You can walk through a "live" layout of the new space on the north side of the church (see photo), ask questions of the team, and offer feedback. Your feedback is welcomed and encouraged. We hope to see you there!



RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE

"Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37

Like the Good Samaritan in Jesus' most well-known parable, we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

The Trinity Response Team* met on Tuesday, October 26, via Zoom and agreed to continue our current protocols to show our love for God, our families, and our community.

- Please wear a mask and maintain several feet of distancing when attending worship or other activities indoors at Trinity. Singing during worship is limited.
- There will be no fellowship after funerals.
- The choir will continue to rehearse and record on Wednesday evenings, masked and distanced.
- Check 498-HOPE and the trinitysg.org website for updates.

The Response Team will meet again on November 16 to evaluate current conditions in the surrounding community. Thank you for your continued prayers for all those affected by COVID and for your ongoing support of Trinity's ministries. We hope and pray that the COVID virus starts to wane as it has been a long, tedious, and exhausting time for everyone.

*Congregation President Saundy Solum, Pr. Elizabeth Hermeier, Pr. Lane Zaffke, CYF Director Kerri Jahnke, Marlene Deschler (Office Communications), Jan Kraabel (R.N., Staffing Team Lead), Mary Zaffke (R.N., Communications Team Lead), Rick Sundet (Technology Lead), Rachel Udstuen (SG Superintendent), Kim Kapplinger (Worship Team Lead), and Gary Wilhelmson (R.N., Church Custodian)



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY! Trinity is looking for someone to schedule the Meals on Wheels delivery people from our congregation. Delivery weeks are shared with other area churches and community groups. We have an established group of volunteers that have been delivering for years. Thank you! Your task would be to send them a schedule every 5-6 months. Training and mentoring is available from Laurie Moen. If interested in helping with this opportunity, please call the office,

498-5291, or Laurie Moen, 498-3327. Also, if you are interested in being a meal delivery person, please let Laurie know. Thank you!

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, GIVE WHAT YOU CAN Our Little Free Pantry has been a great success. If you'd like to donate non-perishable items (one serve chili, stew, ravioli, etc.; canned meats: chicken, tuna.; potato packets, gravy; canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, jello) please drop them off by the pantry – southwest door on Main Street, open 24/7, or add the items to the shelves in the appropriate spots placing new food at the back of each grouping. Monetary donations also help us shop for needed items. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the office, please indicate "Little Free Pantry" on the donation. Thank you very much! ~ *Care Ministry Team*



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 6:00 p.m. We will meet around a fire outside at church for a time of community, games, and deep faith conversations. ALL 9th -12th graders invited! Bring a friend or two, you do not need to be a Trinity member to attend – all are welcome!

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING: Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. All 9th -12th Grade youth are invited to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, July 24-28, 2022. The total trip cost is \$1,000, but we will fundraise most of that cost! Please contact Kerri if you need to sign up or find the registration form on Trinity's website. Invite a friend to go with you on the trip. Wonder what it's all about? Ask a participant from the 2018 Youth Gathering.

Registration deadline along with \$100 commitment / registration fee is November 30.

Don't miss out on this great experience!



HS YOUTH LOCK IN -December 10. Games, food, all around the church challenges and games. Stay up late, faith community, and time to worship our God! Watch for more details to come!

LOOKING FOR A DELICIOUS HEALTHY MEAL? CHECK OUT SENIOR DINING! Carry-out meals are available Monday-Friday. Call Annette at the Legion, 498-3385, from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. to sign-up for a meal, please give 24 hours notice. A donation between \$3.75-\$7.00 is requested, whatever you can pay. Delicious meals include such things as chili con carne, enchilada casserole, chicken pot pie, vegetable soup, porcupine meatballs, and more sides and dessert. Yum! You can also contact the Rushford SEMCAC office to sign up for meals, (507) 864-2786.

NEED HELP WITH ENERGY BILLS? SEMCAC OFFERS AN ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Eligibility based on household income. Call SEMCAC at (800)944-3281. Applications can also be picked up from Annette at the Legion from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays-Fridays.

OCTOBER 13, 2021 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTSUpdates:

- Our Confirmation program has 55 youth from five area churches — Trinity, Mabel First, Scheie, Wilmington, and Waterloo Ridge. There are 10 mentor groups. Adults in the congregation are leading elective courses for the Confirmation youth to learn and experience faith in real life.
- Confirmation Retreat to Expeditions Unlimited in Baraboo, WI, on November 5-7. Thirty youth have signed up.
- Sunday School is using the Rotational Sunday School Curriculum. Still looking for teachers and guides for throughout the year.
- Release Time for K-5th grade started October 6. Pr. Len Liptack teaches, Kerri Jahnke provides Faith 5 activities, songs, and games.
- Youth Group for 4th-6th grades will be once a month after school from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- The Community Picnic hosted by the Outreach Team during Music in the Park raised enough money to purchase 50 winter coats, 5 sets of gloves and hats, and several coloring books for Afghan refugees in Wisconsin.
- The Outreach Team is working on Cheer Packages for young adults (ages 18-22).
- The Mission in the World Team helped load kits and quilts for Lutheran World Relief that were delivered to La Crosse. There were 112 quilts, 279 school kits, and 92 layettes. Faith Lutheran of Blackhammer also brought boxes to load onto our trailer. Thank you to Jeff Ellingson for the use of his trailer and for delivering the items to La Crosse.
- Worship Team is looking for extra organists and tech substitutes for Rick Sundet.
- The organ was tuned and while they were here they also worked-up an estimated value of the organ for insurance purposes. The organ is valued at \$725,000.
- Facilities Planning Team Update: There will be four sessions for the congregation to evaluate the plans with a question-and-answer period. Today's project estimate is \$1.7 million. \$100,000 is contingent. The flooring underneath the basement needs repair as well as the south windows.
- Diversity Conversations Update: The first step in the process of becoming a Reconciling in Christ church, according to the Building an Inclusive Church toolkit, is to "Build a Foundation," starting with a group of passionate people who lead their faith community through a welcoming journey. The Core Team typically starts with 3-8 people, but will grow as the journey continues. Some members of the Diversity Conversations group have agreed to become part of this Core Team.

Motions passed:

- To allow the Spring Grove Assisted Living facility to use Trinity Lutheran as a temporary evacuation space.
- To approve Jaxon Strinmoen, Elijah Solum, Ellie Halverson, and Maria Albrecht for Confirmation.
- To approve the hiring of Logan Olson as Trinity Handbell Choir Director beginning September 22, 2021 through May 2022.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Complete minutes are on Trinity's website.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF TRINITY AND ITS MINISTRIES!

Thank you so much for your continued support of Trinity and our ministries.

We have several options to receive your offering:

- ▶ **ELECTRONICALLY:** via our website, www.trinitysg.org. Click on the "Contribute" link on the right-side of the page.
- ▶ **BY MAIL:** Trinity Lutheran Church, 203 E. Main St., Spring Grove, MN 55974.

Remember — **sponsorships for the Media Ministry Fund** (\$100) or **Missionary for a Day candle** (\$40) can also be done. Do you have a certain date in mind? Give us a call, 498-5291, or send us an email, trinity@springgrove.coop.

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
...
GENEROUSLY

WE ARE INVITED INTO SILENCE

There are very few times in my life when I experience silence. There is the ever-present ambient noise of the city or the office: traffic, planes, power mowers, power tools, the intrusive alerts from computers signaling new emails or texts, ringtones. I find myself obsessively plugged in to the news, Twitter and YouTube—all available all the time, portable and near at hand on my cellphone.

And then there is the noise in my head: racing thoughts, internal conversations, grocery lists, music. Even—or perhaps especially—when the world around me is mostly still, I notice that I am not.

I'm not sure what drives this acoustic and mental busyness, but I know I'm not the only one who so seldom experiences silence. Maybe we are just trying to get more stuff done. Maybe it's FOMO—fear of missing out. Maybe it's habit.

I do know that this constant noise and stimulation can be exhausting and stressful. The more noise, the louder we become in order to be heard, which leads to more noise.

In recent weeks we have been overwhelmed by disasters, natural and human-made. The West Coast is burning, and the Gulf Coast and East Coast are drowning. The elected Afghan government has fallen, and that 20-year war has come to an end. We are still stuck in this pandemic. We worry about our children who are too young to get vaccinated. We worry about our elders with comorbidities. We worry about ourselves.

In an effort to make sense of all this, we seek to gather more information and more data, which we hope will give us answers or show us a way out. There is no shortage of voices. We are bombarded with experts and pundits analyzing everything, talking and talking and talking. STOP.

The prophet Elijah had a profound experience of silence. He was fleeing for his life from the wrath of Jezebel. I imagine the stress was generating a lot of internal noise. But the word of the Lord came to Elijah and said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by" (1 Kings 19:11).

And then we read: "Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence" (11-12).

Wind and earthquakes and fire all seem reasonable when God makes an entrance. There are many instances in Scripture when God is announced in sound and pyrotechnics. But this story from 1 Kings has always caught my attention. The phrase in verse 12 is often translated as the sound of "a still, small voice." Yet it wasn't the sound of a voice that indicated that God was present. It was the sound of sheer silence. "When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and stood at the entrance of the cave" (13).

Silence.

Spending time in silence is a spiritual discipline. My spiritual director urges me to spend 20 minutes in silence every day. I can do about five. Silence is not a technique but a way of being in God's presence. It's pretty simple, but it's not easy. Sheer silence silences us—all of our defenses and self-justifications. It can be terrifying because in silence there is nothing between the soul and its source of being. No wonder that Elijah, when he heard the sound of sheer silence, wrapped his face in his mantle. He was in the presence of the Holy.

We are invited into silence. In the words of the hymn: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descending comes full homage to demand" (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 490).



~ Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Adapted from**“DO YOU SEE GOD IN ME?” HOW LUTHERANS ENGAGE IN DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS**

By [Jennifer Bringle](#) Living Lutheran, September 13, 2021

With a global pandemic, a tumultuous election and social justice issues coming to the fore over the past year, many have found themselves engaged in difficult conversations with family, friends, parishioners and even total strangers. These discussions can sometimes be productive, but they can also lead to hurt feelings, misunderstandings and disagreements.

In a world shaped by 24-hour cable news, social media and misinformation spread online, how can Lutherans cut through the noise and speak to each other with civility, compassion and understanding? How can we approach sensitive topics from a faith-based perspective and facilitate discussions in which we truly listen to each other—discussions that bring us closer rather than drive us apart?

“It’s really good to have those experiences of seeing life from a different perspective, being a little uncomfortable,” Sarah Trone Garriott said. “And that gets you to a place where you are engaging with people who are different from you and having those hard conversations.”

It’s also important to see people as individuals rather than members of one political party or group. The pastor of a “purple congregation” that skews slightly more conservative, Pr. Seth Nelson tries to approach controversial topics in a way that allows members to see issues on more personal level. Nelson said minimizing the partisan mentality helps defuse the “us-versus-them” thinking that dominates mass media and social media platforms.

Since the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and other people of color sparked protests and renewed calls for racial justice last summer, many people in the United States have engaged, and are continuing to engage, in difficult conversations about race and in anti-racism work. “We have to go past ‘love your neighbor,’” Pr. Kwame Pitts said. “It goes beyond the general surface—it’s getting down to the dirty and doing the work to understand each other.”

Seeing each other as children of God will help make these conversations not only possible but successful. “Do you see God in me?” Pr. Pitts asked. “Because if you see God in me, then there’s hope. But if you look at me and start questioning my humanity, there’s no hope.”

Taking a faith-based approach to these conversations, Police Chaplain Megan Rohrer said, has helped people see them as not just a transgender person but a fellow child of God. Rohrer reported that some people have apologized for judging them initially, adding, “I would really encourage people to notice when others have changed their mind.”

No matter how difficult these conversations may be—whether they center on politics, race, trauma or identity—they are worth the hard work and can help change people, and the world, for the better.

“Our church has changed, our world has changed, our families have changed, the schools we go to have changed, confirmation has changed, [but] we freeze people in time, and often in their worst moments. ... The more we can remind ourselves God is about thawing people—and if Jesus’ worst moment on the cross cancels out our worst moments—we can have forgiveness of others.”

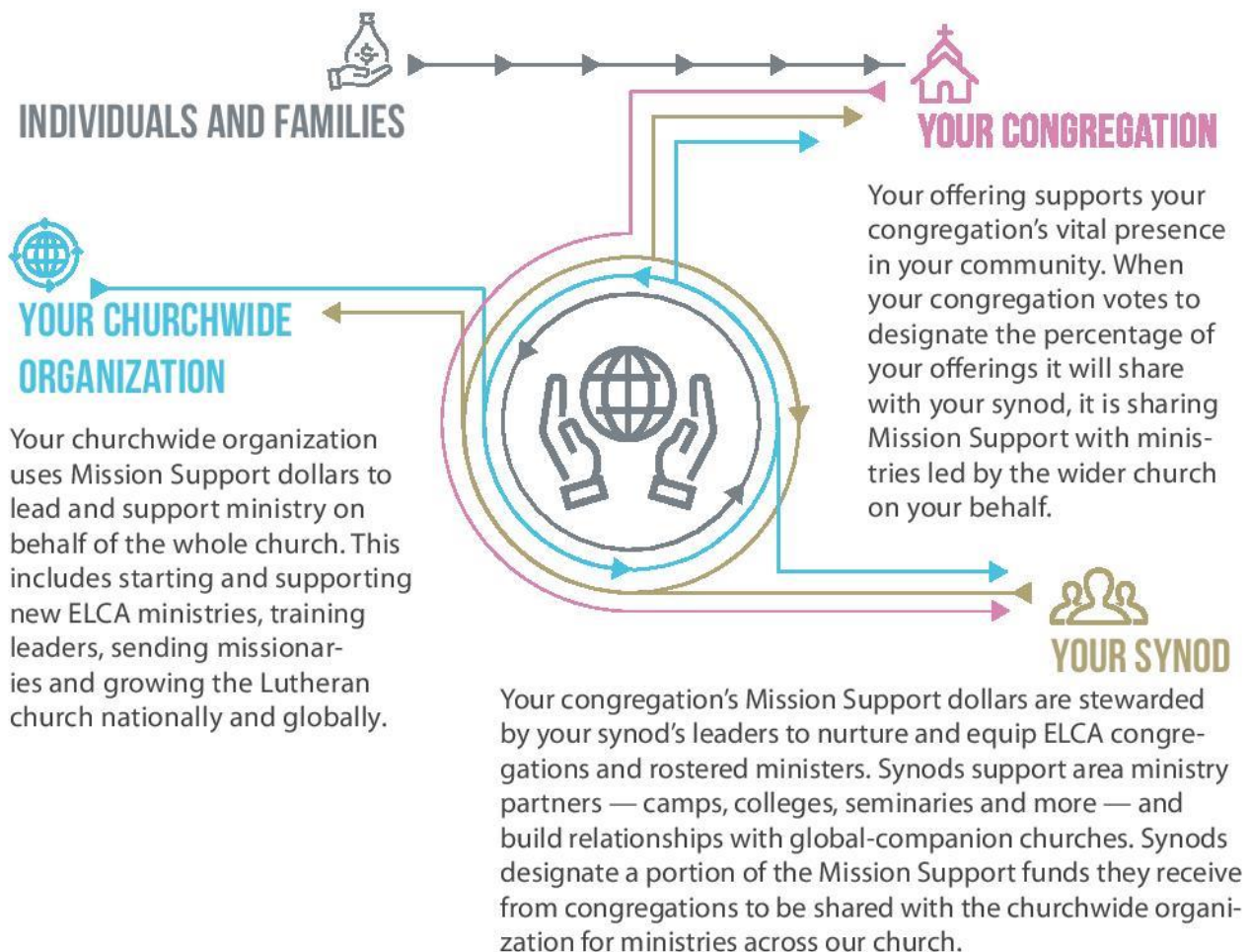
HOW YOUR OFFERING BECOMES MISSION SUPPORT

As Lutherans, we believe that Christ has freed us from sin and death, and even from ourselves, so that we can love and serve our neighbors. One way we turn our faith into action is by making a financial gift — an offering — to our congregation.

Each year, ELCA congregations pledge to send a portion of their offerings to fund ELCA ministries in their synods and beyond. We call these funds Mission Support.

Mission Support enables the ELCA's more than 8,900 congregations and 65 synods to pool resources to love and serve our neighbors in ways that no individual or congregation can do alone. Mission Support is one way we are church together — it's essential to who we are as the ELCA. Through Mission Support, we expand our participation in God's life-changing work in our communities and around the world.

HOW MISSION SUPPORT FUNDS MINISTRY ACROSS OUR CHURCH



2020 FINANCIAL PICTURE

In 2020, ELCA members gave **\$1.7 billion** in unrestricted offerings* to support God’s mission and ministry through the three expressions of the ELCA. Thank you for your generosity!

94.7% — CONGREGATIONS

\$1.6 billion was stewarded by over 8,900 ELCA congregations.
\$90.2 million was shared by congregations as Mission Support.

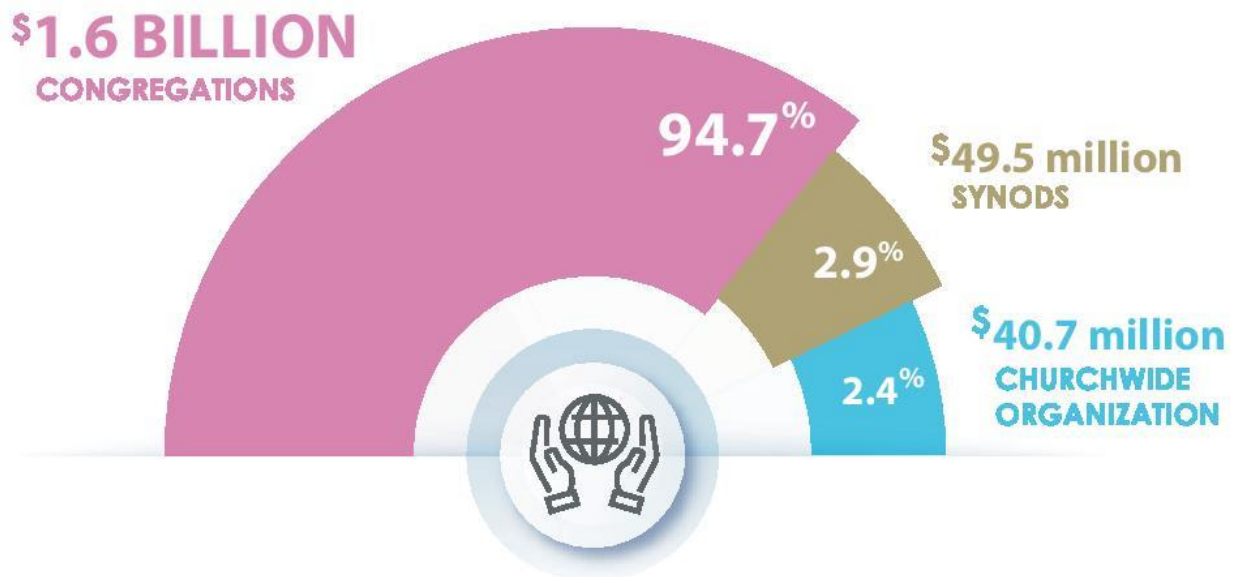
2.9% — SYNODS

\$49.5 million in Mission Support was stewarded by the ELCA’s 65 synods.

2.4% — CHURCHWIDE ORGANIZATION

\$40.7 million in Mission Support was stewarded by the ELCA churchwide organization.

**Unrestricted offerings do not include special offerings (e.g., congregational capital improvements or gifts to ministries such as Lutheran Disaster Response or ELCA World Hunger).*



**Read on for stories of faith in action —
made possible by Mission Support!**



Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier
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Dear Pastor Elizabeth,

You and your congregation are generous friends of the Lutheran Campus Center in Winona, and we are so grateful for you. You are changing the lives of our young people as you give them opportunities to grow in faith, flourish in community and share the Christian message. Here is one student's story about her first time preaching:

"Last spring, I gave a sermon about hope. Through creating a sermon and sharing it with my peers, I was able to expand my perspective on the love of Jesus. Giving a sermon really gave me the chance to dig deeper into the Bible and figure out how it might relate to my and my fellow classmates' lives. Through the whole process I was supported by my peers and Pr. Corrine, who were cheering me on. This was definitely a valuable experience that I will remember forever."

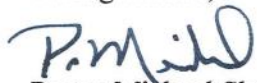
Hannah Seifert, LCC Senior

Thank you for your part in sharing God's extraordinary love with Hannah and her friends at the LCC with your last gift of \$700. We ask that you, together with your congregation, make the Lutheran Campus Center a line item in your budget again this year, in the range of \$1,000-\$1,500. As you know, our ministry here is an extension of yours, as we continue the important work of enriching and expanding faith formation and raising leaders who are confident in their Christian beliefs.


Please fill out the enclosed "Intent to Give" form and return it to us by December 1, 2021, or e-mail your plans to: kellyolsonlcc@gmail.com.

Thank you SO much for your continued involvement.

With gratitude,


Pastor Michael Short
LCC Board President


Pastor Corrine Haulotte
LCC Campus Pastor


Kelley Olson
LCC Philanthropy Director

PS: Your gift today makes a lifetime of difference. Please return your intent to give form soon.
Thank you SO much!



Nov. 7	Carolyn Olson
Nov. 14	David Storlie
Nov. 21	Milly Halverson
Thanksgiving Nov. 25	Jen Solberg
Nov. 28	Judy Tollefsrud



Mon. Nov. 22	Bonnie & Dave Solberg
Tue. Nov. 23	Bonnie & Dave Solberg
Wed. Nov. 24	Judy & Alan Roble
Thu. Nov. 25	<i>Thanksgiving-no deliveries</i>
Fri. Nov. 26	Judy & Alan Roble
Mon. Nov. 29	Barb & Dennis Gulbranson
Tue. Nov. 30	Barb & Dennis Gulbranson
Wed. Dec. 1	Laurie & Mike Moen
Thu. Dec. 2	Barb & Steve Morken
Fri. Dec. 3	Barb & Steve Morken



Nov. 7	Brandon Jahnke, Ben Udstuen
Nov. 14	Jordis Neeley
Nov. 21	Isaac Vick, Karson Betcher
Nov. 28	Claire Solberg

Usher Schedule



November Ushers

Lonny Tweeten (captain)
 Jeff Engen
 Rick Tisthammer
 Bill Fried
 Justin Landsom
 David Overland



Oct. 31 - Nov. 13	Karen Gray
Nov. 14 - 27	Terry Holland
Nov. 28 - Dec. 11	Nolie Kapplinger
Christ in our Home devotional booklets and 498-AMEN instructions are located right inside the southeast entrance of the church.	



November Altar Guild

Marilyn Sylling (chair)
 Deb Spence
 Geri Worden
 Terry Holland
 Karen Bingham
 Bonnie Solberg

Prayer Chain



Chain 1	Chain 2
Joyce Landsom	Karen Gray
Nolie Kapplinger	Bev Nelson
Terry Holland	Janet Wold
Bonnie Solberg	Jan Lochner
Dawn Hewitt	Ruth Johnsrud
Lynn Rostad Anderson	Judy Bratland
Milly Halverson	

As you reflect on a Bible verse or focus word, try using this guide to set your intentions for your day. God's mercies are new every morning. Thanks be to God!

GOD'S WORD FOR ME THIS DAY IS:

GOD'S WORD WILL SHAPE MY DAY BY:

I WILL SHARE GOD'S WORD WITH OTHERS THROUGH:

MY PRAYERS TODAY WILL INCLUDE:

BREAD FOR THE DAY

ELCA



WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED TO TRINITY

- **498-HOPE (4673)**
-short daily messages and updates
- **498-AMEN (2636)**
-daily devotions
- **www.trinitysg.org**
-news, updates, info
- **Facebook: Trinity Lutheran Church Spring Grove**
-updates, music, worship, info
- **YouTube:**
Trinity Lutheran: Spring Grove
-video recordings of worship, and more!
- **Instagram**
-photos, updates
- **KVIK 104.7FM**
- Sunday worship service,
- www.kvikradio.com

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:00pm AA	3 1:00pm Release Time (2 nd) 2:00pm Release Time (K) 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir	4 5:30pm Education Team 7:00pm Finance Team	5 Confirmation Retreat to Baraboo thru Sun.	6 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship
7 9:15am Worship, Communion, Bag-A-Buck offering 10:30am Sunday School	8	9 9:00am Deborah 9:30am Anna 5:00pm AA	10 9:30am Adah, Tweeten Apts. 2:00pm Release Time (5 th) 1:00pm Release Time (4 th) 2:00pm Release Time (3 rd /4 th) 7:00pm Council, Handbells 8:00pm Choir	11	12	13 10:30am AA
14 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School, Trinity U-Creative Writing 11:15am Nursing Home service 6-8:00pm High School Youth Group	15 2:30pm Phoebe, GR 7:00pm Hannah, GR	16 9:00am Woodcutting Bee @ Zaffke's farm 5:00pm AA 6:30pm Diversity Conversations Jo's Coffee House 8:00pm Response Team, Zoom	17 1:00pm Release Time (3 rd) 2:00pm Release Time (1 st) 2:00pm Eve 6:00pm Trinity U-Revelation 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir	18 9:30am Worship at Manor	19	20 10:30am AA 5:00 pm Worship
21 9:15am Worship, Communion 10:30am Sunday School, Trinity U-Creative Writing	22	23 9:30am Worship at Tweeten Apts 1:00pm Release Time (2 nd) 2:00pm Release Time (K/1 st) 5:00pm AA	24 3:00-8:00pm pie making 6:00pm Trinity U-Revelation 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir	25 Thanksgiving 10:00am Worship office closed	26	27 10:30am AA
28 1st Sunday in Advent 9:15am Worship 10:30am Advent Bible Study, Sanctuary <i>No Sunday School</i> 6-8:00pm High School Youth Group	29	30 10:00am Worship at Assisted Living 5:00pm AA	<p>FH = Fellowship Hall (large room in basement) MR = Middle Room (upstairs by offices) GR = Gathering Room (in basement near men's bathroom) TC = Trinity Center</p>			



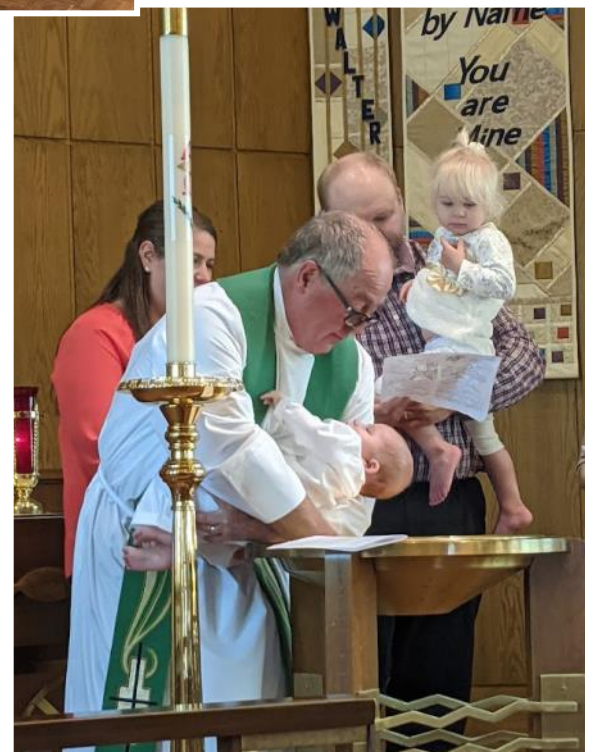
▀ Community Picnic hosted by the Outreach Team. More than \$1,100 was raised to purchase winter coats, hats, and mittens for the Afghan refugees.

▲ Mission in the World Team loaded 112 quilts, 279 school kits, and 92 layettes to be delivered to La Crosse for Lutheran World Relief.

◀ Praise Band leading worship.

▴ Baptism of Arthur Turek.

▾ Baptism of Walter Wiste.





▲ Confirmation youth in grades 7-9 participated in a Fall Yard Clean-up on Saturday, October 23.

▶ Release Time with Pastor Len Liptack leading the class.

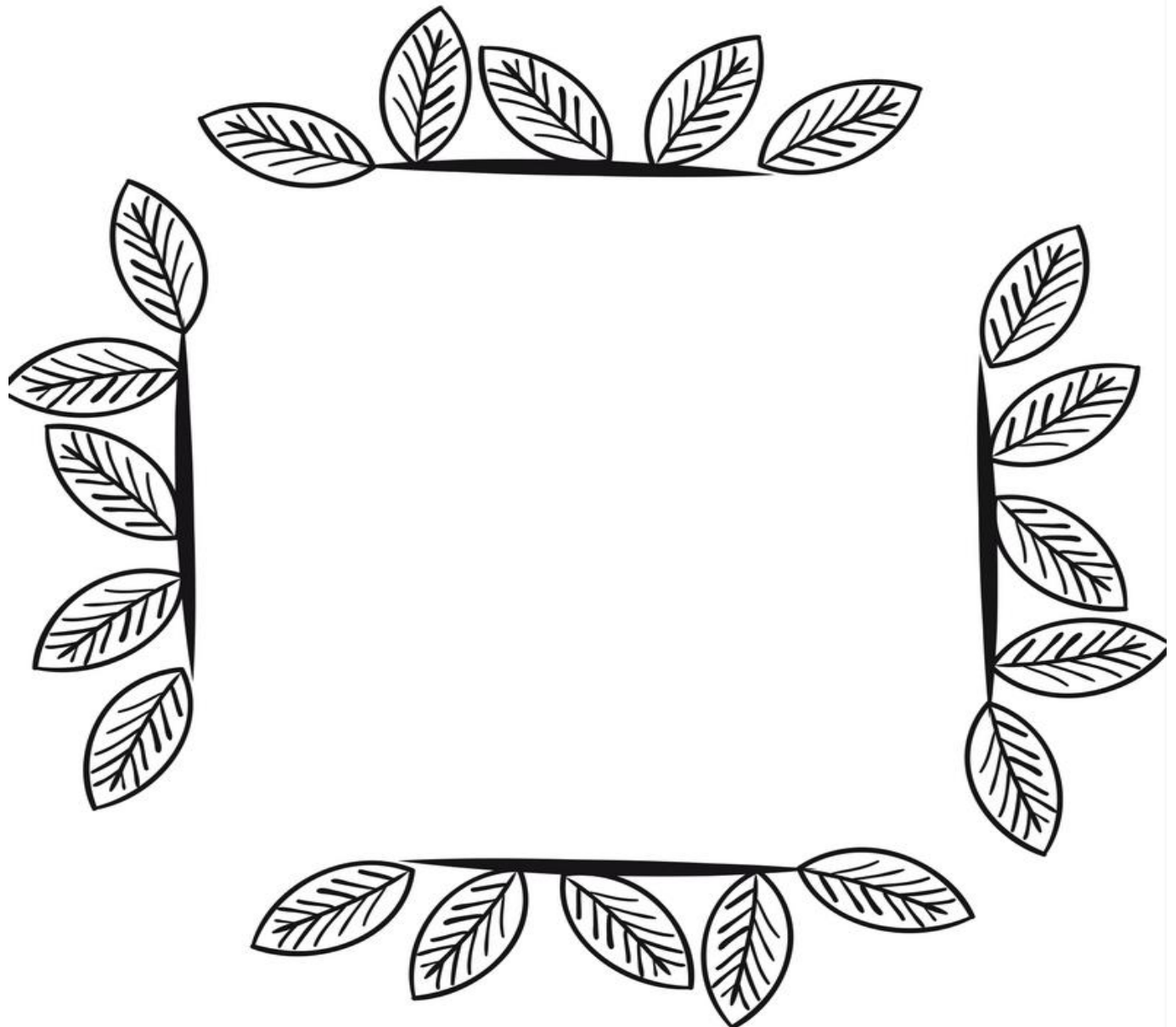
▼ Eighth grade girls, Elle Berns, Addison Turner, and Callie Peterson, delivering health kits to the Houston county food shelf as their service project.

▲ Outdoor Sunday School games on a beautiful autumn day.



Thanksgiving reminds us to remember all that we are thankful for.
What are you thankful for this year?

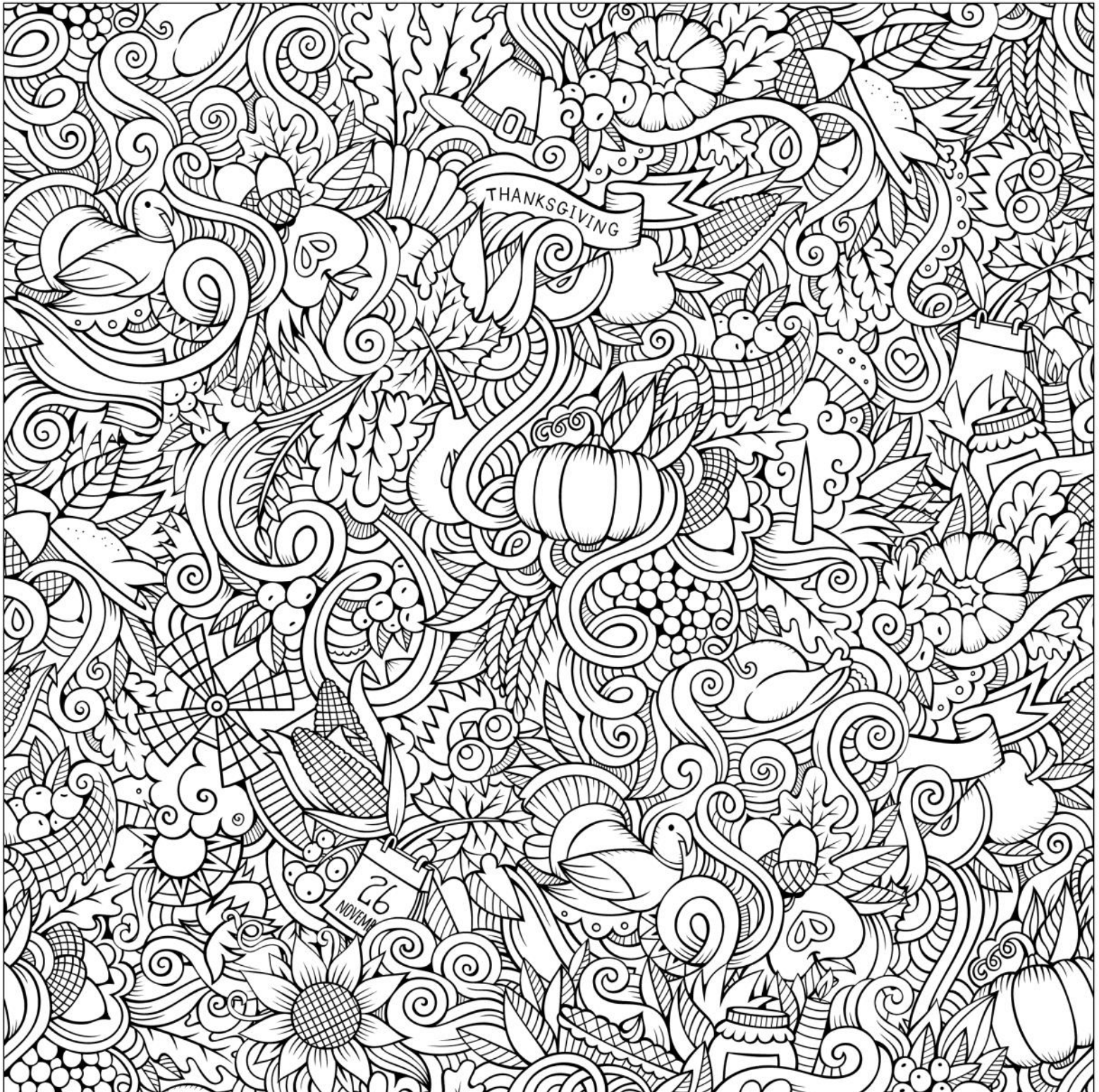
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Order by November 21!

- Cost: \$12 per pie (\$16 for pecan)
- Order by: Sunday, November 21
- Pick up pies: Wednesday, November 24 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Complete the order form below BY November 21.

_____ Pumpkin _____ Cherry
 _____ Blueberry _____ Pecan (\$16 each)
 TOTAL # OF PIES: _____ TOTAL \$: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Orders must be placed by Sunday, November 21 by:

- calling 498-5291 OR
- returning this completed form with payment to the office via mail, dropping it off in the office, or in the locked drop-box.

All proceeds will go toward Trinity youth's trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis July 2022.

Thank you!!