

# TRINITY *news*

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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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9:15 a.m. Worship  
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Everlasting God, source of all liberty, before whom every earthly ruler must bow and bend the knee, we lay our nation before you as we prepare for an election.

Breathe upon us your Spirit of wisdom and discernment.

Grant all who seek public office the mind of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life for the freedom of the oppressed.

Hold before us those who face uncertain futures, or who have no voice in our political process.

Uphold and safeguard poll workers and election officials in their work.

Spare us from the crushing weight of cynicism.

Give us grace to speak courageously, but with love, without which our words are noise and we are nothing.

Gather us together under the cross, where, in all of our difference, we can stand as one people, redeemed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

May the leaders elected this week be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions.



- Sunday, November 6 • All Saints Sunday • Bag-A-Buck Special Offering
- Sunday, November 13 • Empty Bowls Meal • 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 20 • Christ the King Sunday
- Thursday, November 24 • 10:00 a.m. • Thanksgiving Worship • Christmas Cheer Bags offering
- Sunday, November 27 • First Sunday in Advent • Facebook Live @ 5 devotions begin
- Wednesday, November 30 • 6:30 p.m. • Midweek Advent Worship begins
- Sunday, December 18 • 9:15 a.m. • Sunday School Christmas program • 7:00 p.m. • Christmas Choir Concert
- Saturday, December 24 • Christmas Eve Worship • 3:00 p.m. • 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 25 • Christmas Day Worship • 9:15 a.m.

*“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,

Do you remember your Confirmation verse? The passage above, from Paul’s letter to the Romans, is mine. It’s a passage I *chose* because of a song I learned at Bible Camp, and it still resonates with me to this day.

*Chosen-ness* is our continuing theme.

As I mentioned last month, this year our current Confirmation students are watching the television program “The Chosen,” in which we ponder what it means to be “called by name,” to *belong* to God, to be *chosen*.

This Sunday is Reformation Sunday — the 505<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, and also the day 19 of our youth affirm their baptisms. It’s one of the big festival days in the Lutheran church. The paraments are red — and you are encouraged to wear red as well! We traditionally begin the service by processing in to “A Mighty Fortress,” which was, of course, written by Martin Luther himself. We also traditionally serve Holy Communion on Reformation Sunday. But I think it’s the Affirmation of Baptism service that makes this day so special.

Most of us don’t remember our baptisms (though I have had the great good pleasure of baptizing two teenagers recently, plus a handful of children old enough to remember the “cross on the forehead” part of the service in the future). So what makes the Affirmation service so special is the *choice*. Typically, it is parents who *choose* to have their child baptized. But at the Affirmation service, it is a decision made by the individual. Each of them has *chosen* to attend three years of Confirmation, and memorize certain things, and have frank discussions about God with their peers and a mentor on a weekly basis. They’ve participated in lock-ins and gone on youth trips and taken elective courses that enhanced their understanding of God and each other. And unfortunately, this year’s class also did much of it on Zoom because of the pandemic. To finish this program is a big deal. So I am excited about this Sunday’s service. And not just because I get to wear my fancy red stole! (Though that is pretty cool.)

The choices made by the parents and Godparents of these youth are important. The *choices* made by these youth are important. The *choices* made by the congregation to support these youth are important. And I hope these youth continue to *choose* to be a part of this fellowship of believers throughout their lives.

But ultimately it is God who *chose* these youth as his precious and beloved children. And that is a *choice* that will never change.

See you Sunday! (Wear red — I will be!)

God bless! *Pr. Elizabeth*

*John 18:38 “What is truth?” retorted Pilate.*

This is the question Pilate asks Jesus the night before the crucifixion. One of the most profound and eternally significant questions in the Bible was posed by an unbeliever. Pilate—the man who handed Jesus over to be crucified—turned to Jesus in His final hour, and asked, “What is truth?” It was a rhetorical question, a cynical response to what Jesus had just revealed: “I have come into the world, to testify to the truth.” What is interesting is Jesus (truth of God) answers the question by just standing in front of Pilate.

These days there is a lot of disagreement as to what is truth. Everyone seems to have their own truth they want to follow and insist that others believe as well. This includes politics, environment, social constructs, etc. In Scripture, the word ‘truth’ happens 10 different times in the Old and New Testaments. The Bible has much to say about truth and directly relates it to God. In fact, the definition of truth in “Harper’s Bible Dictionary” includes the statement that “God is truth.”

I understand Jesus as God’s truth. Jesus becomes the lens through which I see the world. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 22, “Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

*Pr. Lane*

**OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY**



**BAG-A-BUCK**

Deer hunting season opens in Minnesota November 5 and here at Trinity we will Bag-A-Buck for the Houston County Food Shelf. On Sunday, November 6, we will conduct a second collection during the service. We encourage everyone to put a “buck” (or any amount) into the special offering collection. Checks can be made out to Trinity with HoCoFoodShelf on the memo line or made out directly to Houston County Food Shelf. The cash donations almost triple in value when the Food Shelf does the purchasing.

**EMPTY BOWLS MEAL**

Prepare your bellies for delicious homemade soups and breads on **Sunday, November 13 from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**, but come early to make sure you don’t miss out on the delicious food! The Outreach Team is excited to be able to host this fundraiser again. Attendees get to choose a bowl for their soup that they then get to take home with them. Cost of the meal is a freewill donation with proceeds going to Trinity’s Little Free Pantry and the Houston County Food Shelf. Bring a friend or two and enjoy a delicious meal all while helping those who face food insecurity.



**CHRISTMAS CHEER BAGS**

In December of 2021, the Care Ministry Team packed and delivered Christmas Cheer Bags to 34 households. We purchase foods for meals, treats, gifts, and grocery gift cards. Our delivery day is a service our Team enjoys immensely. Funding for this event is supported by the Thanksgiving Day service offering. Please consider donating toward the Christmas Cheer Bags. *Thank you for your heartfelt contributions — Laurie Moen, Care Ministry Lead*



**LION'S DEN CLOTHING CORNER**

*“The Lions Den has been tremendously successful and unbelievably utilized. Wow! Inventory is low and in need of winter items: long sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, hats and mittens, and any youth items sizes 6-8,8-10,10-12. Spring Grove items fly off the hangers. Monetary donations*

*would be great too. The school is extremely grateful. They are very pleased and appreciative.”*

*~ Karry Thorson, Outreach Team member, Lion's Den Clothing Corner Coordinator*

The Lion’s Den Clothing Corner is a FREE clothing shop at Spring Grove Public School! The items are available for students free-of-charge for whenever they need them.

**Wish List**

New or gently used and clean: t-shirts/tops, sweaters, sweatshirts (hoodies and zip), sets of tops/bottoms, sweatpants/wind pants, athletic wear, Spring Grove Lions gear, winter jackets, snowpants, new underwear, hats, mittens, scarves, and children’s, men’s, and women’s socks.

Sizes most needed: Youth 6/8, 8/10, 10/12, 12/14 (will take sizes: youth 4/5 through adult 2XL)

Monetary donations are also welcomed and can be used to purchase clothing items and items to help keep the space organized. Checks can be made out to Trinity with a memo/note attached specifying Lion’s Den Clothing Corner. A drop box for donated clothing items at Trinity is accessible from the southwest entrance on Main Street, go up the stairs to the landing where a hamper is marked to place items (look for signs).

**3 year old – 2nd grade youth SUNDAY SCHOOL** We continue to meet in the Youth Gathering Room at the church from 10:30 a.m.–11:15 a.m. on Sundays. We have 20 youth signed up!



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE SCHOOL for 3rd–6th grade youth:** We have had 25 youth attending each time. They meet from 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Wednesdays in the Youth Gathering Room at the church. Parents – would you like to help? Bring snacks, help prepare the room, assist with games and Bible study, keep the youth and teachers in your prayers. Contact Kerri for details and questions, [cyf.trinitysg@gmail.com](mailto:cyf.trinitysg@gmail.com), or 498-5291.

**CONFIRMATION 7th - 9th grade youth:** We have 43 youth and eight mentors meeting together each week. We are watching and studying “The Chosen” series, based on the Bible. During their mentor groups, they are practicing the Faith 5.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT TO EXPEDITIONS UNLIMITED:** November 4-6. We will venture to Baraboo, WI to spend time with God in nature and in community. At this retreat we will get to do a high ropes course and zipline, play paintball, and worship around a campfire. This retreat is for 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> grade youth!

**YOUTH LED WORSHIP SERVICE:** November 13. Our youth will be leading different elements of worship! Please come and support our youth.

**MISSION TRIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – July 9-15, 2023** Our high school youth (grades 9-12) will be traveling to the Mission in Cheyenne River, South Dakota this coming summer. This reservation is full of rich stories, beautiful scenery, and diverse culture. But like many Native American reservations, its history is also marred by hardship and injustice – the effects of which can still be felt today. Alcoholism, drugs, unemployment, abuse, and suicide all impact family dynamics and the larger community on a daily basis.

Our desire is to humbly walk alongside the friendships we have built and faithfully support the local organizations who work day in and day out on the reservation. Although families and individuals on the reservation face many challenges, there is hope. We know that Jesus deeply cares about this community and He is empowering individuals from Cheyenne River to rise up, advocate for their community, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and love the broken. God is there, and God is working.

While every partnership and project looks different, our goal is to meet the tangible, physical needs of people living on Cheyenne River. Usually this involves teams of students working on trailers and homes across the reservation. Even though our primary platform for partnership on Cheyenne River is construction-based, the heart of our ministry is relational. Students will have the chance to spend meaningful time with community members and hopefully leave their trip with a better understanding of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe.

With Cheyenne River being a relatively new site, we are working hard to foster trusting relationships with the community. With your help, we will continue to be able to build relationships with families and organizations that are founded on trust, rooted in humility, and centered on learning.

**Deadline to sign up – the week of November 1.** Contact Kerri to reserve your spot to go on this life-changing trip!

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Questions about youth-related items?

Contact Kerri Jahnke, [cyf.trinitysg@gmail.com](mailto:cyf.trinitysg@gmail.com) or 498-5291.





**SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS AT TRINITY**

Help achieve the work that God has called us to do through our Ministry Teams. Do you feel called to serve on a particular team? There are team and endowment openings for 2023. Contact Lara Wold Mendez, wold.lara@gmail.com or 498-3088, to share where you would like to use your talents.



**Care Ministry:** Listen, respond, care, serve, and pray for others.

**Communication:** Promotes effective communication within Trinity Lutheran Church and with our community to support the vision, mission and goals of the congregation.

**Education:** Develop life-long faith formation and Christian discipleship so that people are equipped and supported to share the Good News in Word and Deed.

**Finance:** Produce an annual budget, monitor income and expenses that support the congregation's goals and objectives. Submits monthly financial reports to Council for review and approval.

**Mission in the World:** Spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by supporting local, national, and international ministries focusing on missions that will broaden congregational horizons and provide opportunities to learn and grow in service to others.

**Outreach:** Develop faith-forming relationships within our homes, congregation and communities.

**Property:** Oversee the care, management, and maintenance of all properties of the congregation.

**Staffing:** Maintain supportive relationships with the pastor(s) and lay staff holding in strict confidence all matters brought before the Team.

**Stewardship:** Emphasize stewardship and living as stewards of God's benevolence.

**Worship:** Praise God through vibrant cross-generational worship in our homes, congregation and community, thereby shaping daily life in the grace, mercy, and peace of God in Christ.

**Heritage Endowment:** Providing financial assistance for property maintenance and capital improvements of Trinity Lutheran Church properties, primarily the church building and the Maple Drive Parsonage.

**Mission Endowment:** Enhancement of the work of the church through establishing new ministries and stewardship opportunities additional to and apart from the general operation of the congregation.

**Scholarship Endowment:** Provide financial assistance for education for people of all ages for post-secondary education.

**WITH OUR HANDS WE SERVE**

WELCA has had a year of service using our hands with guidance by our Creator of these hands. Many of us are feeling comfortable once again to work together in person and the return of laughter and conversation to our gatherings is delightful. We were blessed to provide 148 quilts, 228 school kits and 154 baby care kits to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) with the help of the Mission Team loading boxes and transporting them to La Crosse for central pick up. The proceeds of the meatball dinner were given as follows: Campus Ministries \$200, LWR shipping \$200, Trinity Care Team \$100, Trinity Love Day \$500, and Trinity Steeple Repair Fund \$5,000. There is \$3,600 remaining in funds given to the youth for Confirmation Camp from the previous year donation. Thanks be to God and all the hands that make this giving possible.

~ Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA)

**God's work.**  
Our hands.

**AG HORIZONS WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION FORUM**

Thursday, December 8th; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm • Good Times Restaurant & Bar (118 Bissen Street, Caledonia)

At this workshop, we will: Learn about agriculture's role in Houston County's economy, build awareness of the interconnectedness of industries in the county, learn about stressors (financial and others) affecting agriculture and the broader rural community in the county, generate ideas for supporting agriculture in the county, aid county stakeholders in using data to make decisions. This workshop will also focus on encouraging conversations and networking across organizations, industries, and communities. Lunch will be provided. Contact Allison Wagner, allison.wagner@cedausa.com, to reserve a spot.



**SENIOR DINING AT THE AMERICAN LEGION FRONT ROOM** Meals are served at 11:00 a.m. Monday–Friday in the front room at the Spring Grove American Legion. There is a suggested donation of \$4-8 per meal. Please give a 24-hour advance notice when planning to attend. Call Annette at (507) 458-4046. Chair volleyball directly follows lunch on Thursdays, anyone is welcome and anyone can play!

On Wednesday, December 14, there is a Christmas event. The Spring Grove High School Choir of 77 members will be singing. There will be craft vendors and baked goods vendors. The goal is to give our elder community an indoor shopping experience for Christmas plus entertainment as well!

If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Annette, (507) 458-4046.

The choir will perform at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will follow at noon. Lunch will be Red's pork chop dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, and a dinner roll. **Reservations are REQUIRED.** A donation of \$13/meal is suggested. Call Annette to RSVP.

**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](http://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.
- ➔ at worship—bring your offering to worship

**OCTOBER 12, 2022 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**Updates:

- If anyone knows of anyone in need of a prayer shawl or lap blanket, let Laurie Moen or Kris Bjerke of the Care Ministry Team know.
- Property Team is working on concerns with the steeple. Photos of it will be taken by a drone.
- \$135,000 has been raised for the stained glass windows project.
- 20 team leaders/members attended the All Team Retreat.
- Trinity Center needs to be winterized. Council recommended that the Property Team contact Winona Controls for their opinion on what the most cost-effective option would be.
- The Finance Team is going through the budget.
- A committee of three will need to be appointed at the Annual Meeting to work on changes from churchwide to the constitution.

Motions passed:

- to approve the request from the school to hold their choir concerts at Trinity on 12/15/22, 3/9/23, 5/15/23.
- to approve the Care Ministry Team fundraisers — Bag-A-Buck, Christmas Cheer Bags.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.** Complete minutes are on Trinity's website.



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### 'TIS THE SEASON OF JOY - AND STRESS AND GRIEF (in-person)

Saturday, November 19 ▪ 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ▪ Presenter: Elizabeth Lewis ▪ cost: \$60

Support for the holiday season. During the holiday season, gatherings and traditions that used to bring a sense of connection instead can trigger or heighten feelings of sadness, isolation and stress in those grieving losses, new and old. Although such feelings are normal—and even part of the grief-healing process—they can be hard to navigate when expectations of celebration, good cheer and joy abound. We will explore ways to be present to our stressors and losses in whatever form the holidays do or do not take. Practices for intentionally quieting the body and mind, ways to give time and space to your grief during the holiday season, writing exercises, guided meditations, reflection time and more will all be part of this retreat. We'll also discuss methods for setting boundaries, as well as communicating with the challenging people in our lives during the holiday season.

We are able to offer a discounted rate for this program to anyone who would like financial help to attend. Please enter the code GRIEF60 when you register online or call 608-791-5295. With this discount, your cost would be \$24. Support for this program comes from the Mary Kathryn Fogarty, FSPA, Scholarship Fund.

### ADVENT LIGHT COLLAGE-MAKING RETREAT (in-person and Zoom)

Saturday, December 17 ▪ 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ▪ Instructor: Mary Thompson  
\$60 in-person, includes supplies and lunch ▪ \$40 via Zoom (please purchase supplies on your own)

*"I believe that in me lies an extraordinary radiance, and I commit to letting my light loose in the world."*

~Jan Phillips

Creating art is a contemplative practice, where we find peace over perfection. Join us for this day of playful exploration, as you are guided through the steps of creating a collage featuring an Advent wreath with luminous candles. We'll use hand-painted papers, music sheets and written poetry and prayer. This process is designed to provide a meaningful way to prepare your heart for the season. Using an intuitive approach to getting in touch with Spirit, our intention will be on the four Advent candles, which represent hope, love, joy and peace. To register: [www.FSCenter.org](http://www.FSCenter.org) or 608-791-5295

Supply list for virtual guests:

- Wood painting panels (9" x 12" or 11" x 4"), stretched canvas boards, or sturdy watercolor paper
- Acrylic paints and brushes
- Water container and rags
- Assemble found papers and personal ephemera, decorative papers along with vintage and music papers.
- Adhesive glues: GOLDEN Acrylic Medium, semi-gloss (available at Michaels) or Aleen's Tacky Glue
- Old brush for glue

### WINTER SOLSTICE LABYRINTH WALK (in-person)

Wednesday, Dec 21 ▪ 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ▪ Facilitated by FSC staff ▪ Freewill offering

Walking meditation, open to the public. Please plan to arrive by 6:30 p.m. to allow enough time for your walk. A brief instruction is available for those new to walking the labyrinth. During this Advent season and on the eve of the beginning of winter, you are invited to walk the FSC's indoor canvas labyrinth. A labyrinth is a single path that has been used as a walking meditation for prayer and reflection since ancient times. For many, it is symbolic of a pilgrimage and can help bring about clarity, peace and healing. Ours is designed in the pattern of the cathedral labyrinth in Chartres, France. This is a silent, self-guided practice suitable for older teens and adults. Freewill offering (online donations may be made at [www.FSCenter.org/donate](http://www.FSCenter.org/donate)). Registration is appreciated but not required.

## A COMMON WITNESS

October 14, 2022

One of the distinct privileges of this call as presiding bishop is seeing the church at work at home and around the world. The Lutheran movement is alive and well, speaking the gospel in a distinctive voice. Sunday after Sunday the good news is proclaimed in accordance with Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. In hundreds of languages and dialects, God's promise of grace, reconciliation and freedom is received and celebrated in places Martin Luther never knew existed. We are part of a worldwide family.



In many ways, and in the most important ways, we are alike. The cross is our center. Faith, grace and Scripture alone are our guides. A clear understanding of human brokenness and our inability to save ourselves sets us apart from societal and even some theological pressures that would try to draw us away from the source of our life and freedom. A world built on works and individualism promises salvation based on our own effort and denies salvation if we fail. The Lutheran movement points to another way. This is our common witness.

There are also glorious expressions particular to regions, countries and history: governance; organization; the role of laity, deacons, pastors and bishops; and the age for first communion, to name a few. And that's just the ELCA! Around the world the expression of Lutheranism takes on many different flavors—literally and figuratively.

In the Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa, porridge is a staple at all meals, so they pray, "Give us today our daily porridge." Spiritual healers are an important part of the life and ministry in the Lutheran church in Madagascar. Lutherans in Mexico celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which falls just a day away from the Swedish celebration of Santa Lucia. Lutherans around the world hold fast to the core and adapt to make the gospel accessible.

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Part of Luther's genius was to make Scripture, preaching and worship available in the language of the people. In fact, this year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the publication of his translation of the New Testament from the ancient Greek into the German language, known as the "September Testament." This publication paved the way for other translations of the Bible, making it accessible for people both at church and in their homes. All these variations make the Lutheran movement richer, especially when we share across borders and cultures.

It's good to remember the events of the 16th century, but we shouldn't get stuck there. We need to ask what it means to be Lutheran in the 21st century. What it means for the Lutheran World Federation's 149 member churches, representing over 77 million members in 99 countries, that are exploring Lutheran identity. For some member churches with a state church tradition—Sweden, for example—Lutheran identity is a novel concept. The Lutheran church was "The Church," and there was no need to think about identity. Now many churches in Africa and Asia are forging an indigenous expression of what it means to be Lutheran. Yes, they still sing hymns set to German, Swedish and American hymn tunes, but they are also developing music and worship using traditional instruments and styles.

What will our Lutheran identity be in the ELCA? We still treasure our immigrant roots—and we should. But if our ethnic identities become synonymous with Lutheran identity, we are missing the mark. The gospel, and Luther's clear exposition of it, transcends human boundaries. When a single culture's vernacular becomes the established language of the people, we hinder the gospel's free course in the world. We can become an alternative face of Christianity in the culture—one that moves across divisions, is meant for all, and that is a free and liberating gift.

~ Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton





### Blessing of the Animals

Big dogs, small dogs, and even a chicken were at the outdoor Blessing of the Animals service.



### Wednesday Bible School

Twenty-five youth (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) have been attending each week. They enjoy snacks, games, fellowship, and a Bible study







**Trinity Boutique is open!**

A variety of hand-crafted items are on display in the Fellowship Hall. These items are for sale and make great gifts! If you'd like to purchase something, place the money along with the tag in the locked box on the table.



**Young Adult Cheer Packages**

27 Cheer Packages were sent out to young adults (ages 18-22)!

Each package included a personal note and a variety of items including: microwave popcorn, hot chocolate, Tide pods, Mac 'n cheese, ramen noodle soup, crackers, cookies, fruit snack packs, trail mix, Cheetos, Doritos, chips, mini candy bars, suckers, lotion or soap, and mini cookie packs. "We hope the recipients will love them and know we are thinking of them," said package coordinator and Outreach Team member Karry Thorson.



**Release Time**

Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth are enjoying the beautiful space at Giants of the Earth Heritage Center. Thank you for allowing all our energetic youth to make this space their own!





Lectors	
Nov. 6	Milly Halverson
Nov. 13	Jen Solberg
Nov. 20	Phil Griffin
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving	Ruth Johnsrud
Nov. 27	Rob Gross



Acolytes	
Nov. 6	Ruby Engeldinger, Madison Lile
Nov. 13	Macy Kraus
Nov. 20	Christian Bjerke, Karson Betcher
Nov. 27	Addison Turner

### Usher Schedule



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



## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Fellowship	
Nov. 6	Marlene & Joe Deschler, Jana & John Halverson, Missy Bratland, Kris & Eric Bjerke
Nov. 13	Lara & Abe Mendez, Missy Wold
Nov. 20	Rachel & Christopher Bjerke, Betty & Mark Dokken
Nov. 27	Nolie & Kim Kapplinger, Jan & Al Lochner



Communion Bread Makers	
Nov. 6 & 20	Marilyn Sylling
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving	Sue Wiste
Communion Servers	
Nov. 6	Jeff & Sue Engen
Nov. 20	Mark Schroeder, <i>1 needed</i>
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving	<i>2 needed</i>
November Altar Guild	
Carolyn Olson (chair) Carolyn Kampschroer Dawn Hewitt Carol Sherburne Milly Halverson	



Meals on Wheels	
Nov. 21-22	Steve & Linda Kemp
Nov. 23, 25	Justin & Joyce Landsom
Nov. 28-29	Mike & Carol Sherburne
Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Dave & Bonnie Solberg
Dec. 2	Laurie & Mike Moen

Thank you for volunteering!

### Prayer Chain



498-AMEN	
Oct. 30-Nov. 12	Karen Gray
Nov. 13-26	Terry Holland
Nov. 17-Dec. 10	Nolie Kapplinger
Christ in our Home devotional booklets and 498-AMEN instructions are located inside the southeast entrance of the church. After your last reading, please contact the next person on the list to remind them to begin. Thank you!	

Prayer Chain 1	Prayer 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	



# NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 12-3pm Release Time (2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> ), Giants of the Earth Heritage Ctr. 3:30-5pm Wed. Bible School (3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> gr), YGR 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir	3 5:30pm Education Team, MR 7:00pm Staffing, MR 7:00pm Finance Team	4	5 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship/Communion <i>Daylight Saving Time ends—set clocks back 1 hour</i> Confirmation Retreat at Expeditions Unlimited (7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> gr)
6 9:15am All Saints Sunday Worship/Communion, Bag-a-Buck offering 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School (3yo-2 <sup>nd</sup> gr)	7	8 9:00am Deborah 9:30am Anna 7:00pm Hannah, FH	9 9:30am Adah, Tweeten Apts. 12-3pm Release Time (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> ) Heritage Ctr. 3:30-5pm Wed. Bible School (3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> gr), YGR 6:00pm Confirmation; Care Ministry Team, Sanctuary 7:00pm Handbells 7:30pm Council, FH 8:00pm Choir	10 10am-2pm WELCA Work Day, FH	11	12 10:00am Outreach Team decorates for Empty Bowls Meal 10:30am AA
13 9:15am Youth-led Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am-12:30pm Empty Bowls Meal 10:30am Sunday School (3yo-2 <sup>nd</sup> gr) 11:15am Nursing Home service	14	15 2:30pm Phoebe, FH	16 1:00pm Eve, Manor 1-3pm Release Time (1 <sup>st</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> ), Heritage Ctr. 3:30-5pm Wed. Bible School (3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> gr), YGR 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir	17 9:30am Worship at Manor 10:30am Worship at Tweeten Apts	18	19 10:30am AA 5:00pm Worship/Communion/Baptism of Xander Lewis
20 9:15am Christ the King Sunday Worship/Communion 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School (3yo-2 <sup>nd</sup> gr)	21	22	23 November Newsletter info due in office Youth make Thanksgiving Pies 6-8pm pick up pre-ordered Thanksgiving Pies, FH 7:00pm Handbells 8:00pm Choir	24 <b>Thanksgiving</b> 10:00am Thanksgiving Worship  <i>Office closed</i>	25	26 10:30am AA Worship Team decorates for Advent
27 <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> 9:15am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School (3yo-2 <sup>nd</sup> gr) 5:00pm Facebook Live @ 5	28 5:00pm Facebook Live @ 5	29 10:00am Assisted Living service 5:00pm Facebook Live @ 5	30 1-3pm Release Time (K, 6 <sup>th</sup> ), Heritage Ctr. 2:00pm Newsletter prepped for mailing 3:30-5pm Wed. Bible School (3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> gr), YGR 5:00pm Facebook Live @ 5 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Midweek Advent Service 7:00pm Choir	<b>FH</b> = Fellowship Hall (large room in basement) <b>MR</b> = Middle Room (upstairs by offices) <b>YGR</b> = Youth Gathering Room (in basement near men's bathroom)		

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Thank you!



### WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED TO TRINITY

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



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# *Pies for Thanksgiving*

*made by Trinity Youth*



**Order by November 20!**

- **Cost:** \$12 per pie (\$16 for pecan)
- **Order by:** Sunday, November 20
- **Pick up pies:** Wednesday, November 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

**Complete the order form below BY November 20.**

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders must be placed by Sunday, November 20 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 mission trip  
to South Dakota in July 2023.**

*Thank you!!!*