

Trinity Weekly Tidings For November 19, 2023

"God's Love - Our Hearts - God's Work - Our Hands"

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Welcome Guests! We are so happy to see you today! If you are traveling through the area, we wish you Godspeed on your journey. If you live nearby, we hope you will return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to make Trinity Lutheran that home. Please sign the guest register located at the entrance into the Sanctuary so that we can know who you are. Although you have come as a visitor, we hope that we leave worship as friends!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped lead worship today!



This Week
at Trinity...

11/19	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	Worship with communion (Communion for homebound) (Loose Change Offering) Sunday School 4G—Youth Room
11/22	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
11/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Sunday School 4G—Youth Room Cookie Decorating Day

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	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	4G—Youth Room
11/20	12:00 pm	TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE
	6:30 pm	Mary Circle—SR
11/21	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	6-7 pm	Pack 67 Meeting—FH
11/22	10:00 am	Food Pantry Volunteers
	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
11/23		HAPPY THANKSGIVING (Church Office Closed)
11/24		Church Office Closed
11/25	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
11/26	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	4G—Youth Room
	11:00 am	Cooking Decorating Day

UPCOMING HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Wednesday, Nov. 22nd	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve
Sunday, Dec. 24th	9:00 am	4th Sunday in Advent
Sunday, Dec. 24th	3:00 & 9:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Monday, Dec. 25th	9:00 am	Christmas Day Service

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The church directories are in. If you participated by taking your photo with Harrman Studios, or submitted a photo to have included in the directory, please see Donna Boland and Jo Ellen Siver on your way out today and pick up your copy.





Fellowship Meal

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!!!

AAW (All Are Welcome) meals are in need of more teams to continue to serve these weekly meals. Our hope is to create these teams within our Trinity family that would be willing to host a meal. It can be a family partnering with another family, a group of friends, etc. We would then try to get into some type of cycle with the meals (taco boats, pizza, BBQ, hot dogs/Mac & cheese, soup), & then keep them going on a rotating basis. Please reach out to Pastor Josh or Michelle if you would be willing to help coordinate & lead a team. Here is our schedule for November & December:

Wed., 11/29	Open—Taco Boats
Wed., 12/6	Open—Hot Dogs & Mac & Cheese
Wed., 12/13	Youth—Potluck (TBA)

STEWARDSHIP "DID YOU KNOW" PROGRAM

Did you know...Trinity's original church building was located on South Water Street. It was moved to Norskedalen in 2009, has been restored and is again used for church services.

Offering Envelope Cost Savings Update

Myrt has removed all the names that congregation volunteered to have removed from the list receiving offering envelopes. In addition, as the Council approved, she removed the names of people who have not used the envelopes for the last 3 years.

This cost savings project successfully reduced the number of people receiving offering envelopes from 314 to 150. That's a 52% reduction. The change will be noticeable in January 2024.

Thanks everyone for your help in this project.

Upcoming Advent Book Discussion

What: Advent Book Discussion convened by Cynthia Lockington

Eat, Fast, Feast by Jay W. Richards

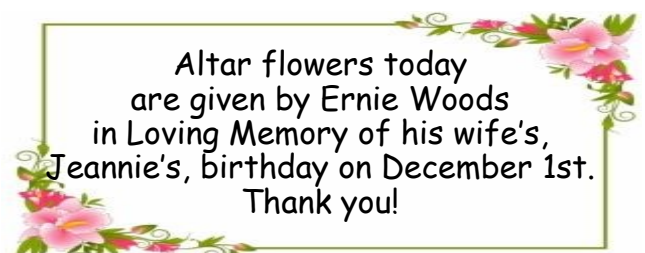
When: First meeting Sunday, December 3rd at 10:30 p.m. in the Shalom Room (total of 6 weeks—not necessarily consecutive weeks)

"In this innovative spiritual guide Jay Richards helps readers revolutionize their physical and spiritual health with a research-backed guide to fasting. He invites Christians to recover the fasting lifestyle our spiritual ancestors maintained for more than 1,500 years, combining religious heritage with the latest science on fasting for physical wellness. Richards offers a six-week plan to help modern believers reclaim their spiritual roots and kickstart a healthy lifestyle. The result is a manifesto for the physical, mental and spiritual benefits of fasting—and a reclamation of a centuries-old practice." (Paraphrased from book jacket).

If you are interested in this book discussion, please let Myrt in the church office know by no later than **Monday, November 27th**. The cost for the book is \$15.00.

Christ in Our Home

We have received the January, February, March 2024 edition of Christ in Our Home and copies are on the table near the church office. Please pick up a copy on your way out today.



GIVE THANKS - AND BAKE



Reverting to tradition, or maybe just updating one, Trinity will be having a Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, November 22nd with hymns and praise and thankfulness for the blessings of our year. Although this may be a very hectic period, with cooking, cleaning and traveling, it's good to pause to remember and celebrate our blessings.

And, after worship, as we promised our new pastor—there will be pie!

So sign up to share your pie efforts on that evening (bringing the pie to the kitchen before the 6:30 worship time). Pumpkin pie is the most common; but any flavor is welcome and appreciated. Homemade or store bought. Apple, mincemeat, pecan, chocolate, etc. etc.

Just add your name to the list in the Narthex so we know how many we can serve.

Thankful for you—Music & Worship Team



WE NEED SERVERS. The sign up sheet will be in the narthex where coffee is being served. Please pick a date that works with your schedule and sign up to serve. The coffee is provided, all you have to do is make the coffee, provide a treat of your choice, and clean up after coffee hour. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either the church office at 608-269-5081 or Sarah Tripp at 608-269-0000.

Thanks to the Gavilan's for serving today

UPCOMING SERVERS:

November 26—Opportunity to serve
December 3—Matt & Brittany Michalski
December 10—Opportunity to serve
December 17—Sunday School Families

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE DATE

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, articles for the December Tidings are due to Myrt by no later than **noon on Monday, November 20th.** The Tidings Team will be in on **Wednesday, November 22nd** to assemble them.

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!



LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING TODAY

Loose change offering today will benefit **Faith in Action.** Please donate as you are able. Thank you!



Help Needed – Volunteers are needed and welcomed to decorate and prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas season. We will decorate on Thursday, November 30th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Call Marie Grewal if you can help out – 269-6457, or just show up on that day at that time. Thank you!

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of November 19, 2023

God is good all the time!

All the time God is good!

You are “fearfully and wonderfully made.” You are a beloved & precious child of God.

You matter! You belong! You are loved!

God created you on purpose for a purpose!

Please talk to Michelle face-to-face; by phone at 269-5081; call/text at 343-0324;
email at: thehyattfive@gmail.com for additional information

Faith Formation (grades 7-9) November Schedule

Sunday, 11/19	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00	Sunday, 11/26	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00 Cookie Decorating Day @ 11:00 ALL ARE WELCOME
Wednesday, 11/22	NO CLASS Thanksgiving Eve worship at 6:30	Wednesday, 11/29	AAW Meal, 5:30-6:30 pm 7:00-8:15 pm



Trinity Cares Giving Tree

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Our annual tradition of our “Trinity Cares” Christmas Giving tree will be going up on Sunday, November 26th. This special tree will be full of nativity scene tags representing families in our community that could use a “hand up” this Christmas season. They are also symbolic as a reminder of the true meaning of the beautiful miracle of Jesus' birth! How can we all become more like Jesus? How can we keep our light shining for Him? Please be kind, take one or more tags, & enjoy the feeling of being a blessing to shop for the item(s) requested. Return it—UNWRAPPED—to the tree area. Not a shopper? Feel free to drop off a monetary donation, & let our Trinity Youth do the shopping for you. There are tags that request gifts cards, & those should be returned to the main office. Please be sure to attach the original tag with your gift for easier sorting. In order to give our youth time for wrapping presents to get them out for delivery before Christmas, we would appreciate ALL gifts to be returned by Sunday, December 17th. Thank you for reaching out with loving hearts & helping hands to model Jesus & His love for all of us!

SAVE THE DATES!

**SAVE THE DATE!!
Sunday, November 26**

**Cookie Decorating Day at 11:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall**

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

**We'll decorate cookies, make
other sweet treats/salty snacks,
& enjoy fellowship together!**

COOKIE DECORATING

**Sunday, December 10 &
Sunday, December 17**

**Christmas Sweet Treats, here we come!
Our Youth Gathering Team will be
hosting a Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser
on Sunday, December 10 & Sunday,
December 17. It will be held each Sunday
after 9:00 a.m. worship services in the
hallway outside of the main office as well as
the Youth Room. If you would like to donate
any goodies for the Bake Sale, please let
Michelle know. We are asking that everything
be pre-packaged on plates of 6 or 12 items.
Thank you for your continued support!**