



TRINITY TIDINGS

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God’s Love-Our Hearts-God’s Work-Our Hands

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MARK

The Body of Christ

We are fast approaching Election Day in the United States. And, perhaps like many of you, I do not remember a time in which there is so much division and anger swirling around us, and perhaps, landing in the midst of us; in our communities, in our neighborhoods, in our homes. Coupled with this, of course, is the pandemic; disrupting every single part of our lives; our work, our learning, our worship, our play.

And, perhaps, disrupting our sense of who we are, as individuals, as citizens, as members of the body of Christ, the church. Do we have an identity that is beyond any human political, partisan construction? What is God calling us to be? Who, really, are we? And, who is this Jesus that we call the Christ, the Savior. And what is our witness in this world?

Regardless of how the election turns out, who we are as the body of Christ, who we are as children of God, and what is the Kingdom of God will not change. If we take a good, long, hard look at the Bible, God’s Word, a view of what God intends comes into focus. For me, nothing brings all of this into view as Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, and in particular, the Beatitudes:

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5.1-12)

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MARK (continued...)

I would like to share with you a devotional, written by Richard Rohr. Please take some time for prayer, and listening to these words of challenge, honesty, and hope.

In the love of Jesus Christ,
Pastor Mark

Humanity, you are all One.
You are one beloved community,
and you are one global sickness.
You are all contagious—and always have been,
unconsciously infecting and yet able to also bless one another.
There are no *higher* and *lower* in this world.
There is no *smart* or *stupid*; no totally right or totally wrong.
The only meaningful division is between those who *serve*
and those who allow themselves to be *served*.
All the rest is temporary posturing.

Many to whom you look for power and leadership
have shown themselves to have empty hands, minds, and hearts.
We are bereft of all satisfying explanations,
all ledgers of deserving and undeserving.
There are no perfect answers or absolute heroes.
We must all wear a mask to protect the other from “me.”

Don't play the victim!
Victimhood is always a waste of time—God's time and yours.
Instead, try to learn the important lessons.
We are all in the same *elementary* school now.
Here, we must learn to stand in two different places
and to change places often.
The served must also be the servants,
and the servants must also be the served.

Just stay in the eternal circle of the Suffering and the Servants.
Christians call it *the Body of Christ*.
We are not the first or the last generation
that gets to suffer and to serve on this earth. (Richard Rohr. Meditations@cac.org)

FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

God's Love - Our Hearts

God's Work - Our Hands

November. Thanksgiving. 2020. Coronavirus spiking. Haven't attended indoor services at Trinity since March. Haven't gone out to eat in seven months.

And yet I find it easy to be thankful for all I have. God. Family. Country. Trinity. The people with whom we interact. The hundreds of little things that are usually taken for granted that now shine through this unfamiliar and challenging murk.

The return committee reviews our "return status" weekly and has closed Trinity in view of the current extreme covid risk in Monroe County. The updated status will be posted weekly in the Update. We prayerfully await the time we can safely take steps toward more normal operation.

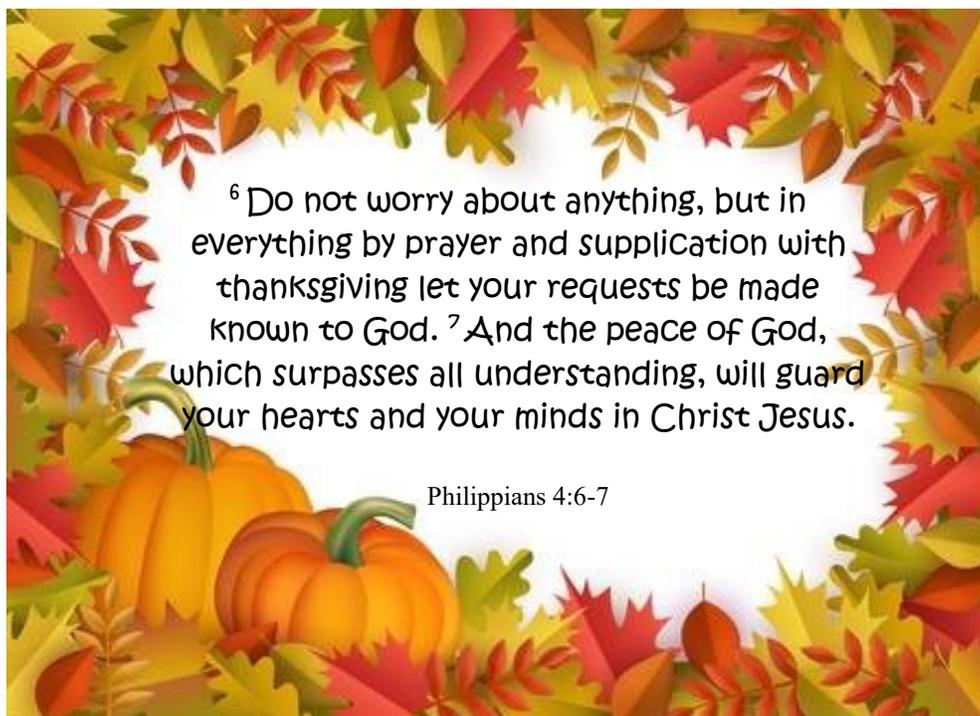
If we can open for limited activities, remember that your group/team/committee is responsible for arranging access to our facility, and assuring that a trained sanitizing person is present at the activity to assure that all sanitizing steps are completed. Training for sanitizing is available on request.

Please contact Myrt with requests for meetings and with the name of your group's trained sanitizer.

The pandemic is stressing us all. Please find patience with each other, and with yourself, as we search for new ways to do old familiar things.

Stay Safe and continue to think of, and pray for, and help, our neighbors.

Les Stanley
President
Trinity Lutheran Church.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

TRINITY CARES—CHRISTMAS 2020



Bless a
family in
need this
Christmas!

Although this year is like no other, our Youth & Family Ministry Team is working hard to come up with a virtual project to continue this tradition of brightening the Christmas season for families in our community. This cause has been so near & dear to our hearts, & we are reaching out to all of you - our AMAZING Trinity family - to get involved. This really gives us the opportunity to become more like Jesus to think less about ourselves, & put the needs of others first. The need to help is on the rise as we all know how tough & challenging these COVID times have been. As God tells us in Romans, we need to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, & persevere in prayer.

As we work to finalize plans & details of this most worthy act of compassion & love, it will be posted in the e-mail updates, on Trinity's website, & on the Facebook Trinity page. If you have any questions, or want to know what you can do, please reach out to Michelle.

THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts to help us serve with open hearts & outstretched arms as God calls us to love one another with the love He first gave us.

Michelle

However, when Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, he isn't arguing that we shouldn't love ourselves but that we should instead extend our instincts for self-care to taking care of others.

RANDY ALCORN



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:14-19 (NIV, 1984)

*God LOVES you,
Gave Himself for you
and longs for you to live
in the LIGHT of His presence.*

SHARE highs & lows.

READ the above scripture.

TALK about how this relates to your highs & lows as well as your daily walk in faith.

PRAY for one another’s needs & any needs in your heart & on your mind.

BLESS each other with a sign of the cross. Feel free to use your own words or any of these:

You are fearfully & wonderfully made in His image.

You are God’s beloved & precious child.

Jesus loves you from head to toe!

My dear Trinity family:

All of you are in my constant, daily prayers. I thank God for you, my brothers & sisters in Christ, as we continue to stand strong together putting our full trust in God. He promises to see us through & be the light we need even in the darkest of times. There is HOPE, & we need to remember that God is with us in every, single moment. Let’s continue to be kind, reach out to help our neighbors, & do EVERYTHING in LOVE. After all, we love because God first loved us!



EDUCATION MINISTRY

Education Ministry would like to sincerely thank all of you, parents, who are continuing to keep God in your home and teach your children the importance of loving and trusting in God, even more so in these times than ever before. As we continue to plan for formal Sunday school, you are invited to please fill out a registration form using this link: <https://forms.gle/6qh9aDyqwwRZ9bZt9> (clickable link is in the weekly Trinity e-mails). We are working towards updating the Sunday School email list - Be watching for emails with upcoming Gospels and ways to pray using the Faith5 model! If you are wanting more materials, there are resources in the box outside of Trinity or contact Missy Erickson at melissa.jane.erickson@gmail.com.



NOVEMBER 15TH LOOSE CHANGE SOJOURNERS JOURNEY

Sojourners Journey is a nonprofit organization looking to come alongside men, and women struggling with substance abuse in Monroe County. Services provided include:

- ◆ Resident and non-resident programs
- ◆ Small classes & support groups
- ◆ Local resource connections

As a non-profit, non-denominational, community based organization, Sojourners Journey depends on community contributions to provide a supportive home, education, and developmental opportunities to empower the people they serve.

111 1/2 S. Water St. Apt D. Men's House
318 N. Rusk Ave. Women's House

For more information about our services and how you can volunteer:

Address: 111 1/2 S Water St. Apt. D. Sparta

Ph: (608)269-5558

sojournersjourney@gmail.com

<http://www.sojournersjourneyinc.org>



MEMORIALS



In Loving Memory of Dave Dengel from:

General Fund

Dorothy Prell

Building Maintenance Fund

Al & Jan Jenkins

Mission Endowment

Doug Dengel

Alton Ask

Larry & Nila Larson

Bill & Mary Herrman

Youth Fund

Rita Bernette

In Loving Memory of Luther Larson from:

Kitchen Fund

Dorothy Peterson

In Loving Memory of Carol Haville from:

Food Pantry

Beverly Brandau

PRAYER CONCERNS



Prayer concerns: If you have any prayer concerns, that we can join in prayer with you and for you, please let Pastor Mark know (608.487.2030 or pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com)

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Greetings, dear friends, from your Stephen Leaders; Pastor Mark Kvale, Supervision Coordinator: Ann Kvale, Continuing Education Coordinator: Jan Jenkins, and Training Coordinator: Nancy Sikorsky.

How can you be involved in your church's Stephen Ministry? I am glad you asked!

We cannot continue without you! You can help in many ways.

- A) You can hold our program in your prayers. Please pray for our Care Receivers, and all hurting people in our world, who need to know they are not alone and that Jesus, through Trinity, cares about them. Pray for our Stephen Ministers, who in spite of not always knowing what to say, SHOW UP- on the phone or at a safe distance to embody that love from Jesus. Pray for our Stephen Leaders, who are adapting our program to continue safely through the pandemic.
- B) You can refer hurting people- in our congregation or community- confidentially to Pastor Mark for our Potential Care Receivers list. This shows care in many ways. First, you give Pastor your insight on a need he may or may not know about. Second, Stephen Leaders hold confidential Caring Conversations with these individuals. Third, if they accept the referral, and when a Stephen Minister becomes available, a relationship is started.
- C) You can become a Stephen Minister. We started our last training class in September of 2019, and finished in February of 2020, just before the pandemic hit. Our plan has been to hold a new training class every two years, so that would mean starting again in the fall of 2021. Of course we hope and pray we will be on the other side of this pandemic by then, but in the meantime we are experimenting with virtual classes just like the rest of the world. Many schools are using "Blended Learning" and that may actually be a silver lining for us- having some in person classes and some on-line connections.

Before you say, "Not I," please note there are only two qualifications to be a Stephen Minister:

- 1) You must be a member of Trinity.
- 2) You must be 18 years of age or older.

I personally will guarantee that the Stephen Leader team, with the support of the current Stephen Ministers, will teach you everything else you need to succeed.

To support us in any of the ways above, please call any of your Stephen Leaders.

Nancy Sikorsky



RESOURCES FOR THIS TIME

Trinity's website: www.tlcsparta.org

Phone: 608.269.5081

Pastor Mark mobile: 608.487.2030

Trinity Lutheran Facebook group: www.facebook.com Trinity Lutheran Church, Sparta, WI (we will accept your friend request)

Wisconsin Department of Health: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov

Monroe County Health Department: www.healthymonroecowi.org/covid-19

La Crosse Area Synod: www.lacrosseareasynod.org

Faith Inkubators (a great resource for family life of faith): www.faithink.com

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH REPORT OF THE TREASURER 9/30/2020

Average giving per week this month: \$7,228.76

Annual Budget: \$388436; needed each week to meet budgeted expenses: \$7469.92

General fund:

Balance 8/31/2020	(\$17,855.44)
September Giving	\$28,915.04
September Disbursements	(\$31,412.96)
miscellaneous entries	(\$18.48)
Balance 9/30/2020	(\$20,371.84)

Total Giving:	BUDGET	Non-budget
September	\$28,915.04	\$1,032.25
Total	\$28,915.04	\$1,032.25

1st Community Credit Union:

Loan balance 8/31/2020	\$78,715.38
September principal	(\$1,215.09)
September interest	\$339.66
New loan balance 9/30/2020	\$77,500.29

Designated Funds: Balances as of 9/30/2020:

Total Withholding	\$2,018.77
Total Pass-through Amounts	\$137.12
Prepaid pledges	\$1,800.00
General Fund	(\$20,371.84)
Building Capital Fund	\$7,246.67
Memorial	\$5,146.62
Endowment	\$645.00
Contingency Reserve Balance	\$20,000.00
Misc Undesignated Fund (Estate)	\$21,604.87
Youth Checking	\$210.00
Worship & Music	\$6,520.06
Education Ministry	\$8,320.01
Fellowship & Outreach	\$3,870.12
Building General Expenses	\$4,460.58
Thrivent Choice Fund	\$5,244.56
Community Outreach	\$2,244.05
Sabbatical Fund	\$5,995.99
Total Fund balances	\$75,092.58

Tammy Barclay, Treasurer

Needed Weekly to Meet Budgeted Mission - \$7469.92

September 20, 2020

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$6739.88
Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$361.75

September 27, 2020

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$4512.50
Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$25.00

October 4, 2020

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$5779.50
Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$267.00

October 11, 2020

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$5234.50
Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$230.00

grateful
thankful
blessed





Reminder—Articles for the December Tidings are due by **November 17, 2020**.
Thank you!

TRINITY HELPING HANDS

A Trinity Helping Hands program has been established to provide emergency monetary support to members of Trinity Lutheran Church who are in need. Members who wish to help other members may donate to the account by submitting a check made out to Trinity with “Helping Hands” on the memo line. Members who need assistance should contact Pastor Mark at 608.487.2030 or pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com. The program is confidential and is another way we can live out our vision,
“God’s Love, Our Hearts; God’s Work, Our Hands.”



LITTLE DRESSES UPDATE

To date a total of 818 pillowcase dresses have been donated-508 to Little Dresses for Africa with remainder now being given to Childrens' Vision International, located in Bangor. Both Spartans and community sewers have made this a great ad-hoc success.

CVI makes annual summer trips to Amazon region and Guatemala and will accept many items of clothing, dolls and simply made 36" (or a bit smaller) 2-layered doll blankets, toothbrushes, hotel sized bar soap.

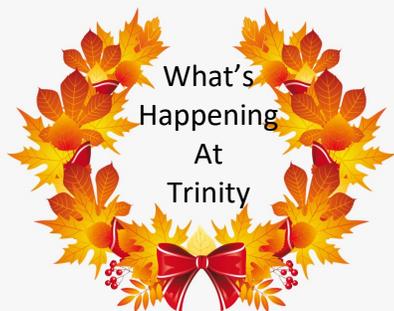
CVI is also hoping for sewers to make totes to hold the dolls and blankets; folded-up newsprint pattern will be available by end of October at Trinity Lutheran's back door coat area.

Fabric for the flat totes should be heavier cloth as pattern incorporates sides and handles and could be canvas, chino, jeans, tapestry samples, etc. Donations for these continuing projects can be left at coat area, as well. Reclaimed elastic from old sheets is in need; even bedskirts are usable to make Little Dresses.

Not only do these reclaimed/reused supplies help to clothe and give hope to God's neediest, it also reduces demand for water to manufacture new supplies and reduces landfills.

To drop off supplies or have pre-cut kits delivered, call Sherry 269 4826.





The next council meeting is scheduled for
November 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

- 9:00 am streaming on Trinity's Facebook Group Page and on YouTube www.youtube.com—search for Trinity Lutheran Sparta.
- On our website www.tlcsparta.org

RESOURCE BOX OUTSIDE OF CHURCH BUILDING



Please remember our Resource Box. There are all kinds of resources available in our resource center, right outside the front door of our building. In it you will find the latest edition of the Living Lutheran magazine, Christ in our Home devotional, past bulletins, sermons, newsletters, family activities, etc. We ask that you wipe the handle clean as you leave. Thank you!

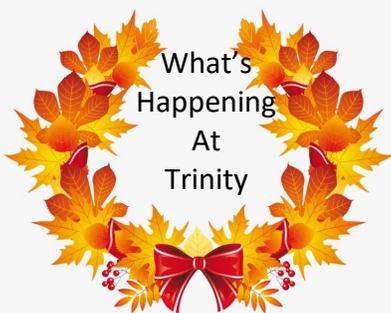
Help yourselves!

WEEKLY UPDATES

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN OUR WEEKLY UPDATES?

If you do, please email our Administrative Assistant, Myrt, at office@tlcsparta.org.
Or, you can call her at 608-417-9265.





FOOD PANTRY



The people and businesses of Sparta have been very generous in their support of the Ecumenical Food Pantry which has helped us to meet the needs of our hungry neighbors. There are some changes we would like to share. Effective November 1, we will no longer be open on Monday; instead we will be open on Friday. The new hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and Tuesday evenings from 5-7.

Since April, the Food Pantry building has given out food without allowing clients to enter the building. Effective November 1, the building will reopen to clients. To ensure safety of our volunteers and clients, we are implementing the following; 1) **Masks** will be required of all. We have disposable masks for those who arrive without one, 2) Clients and volunteers must stay **6 feet apart**, 3) All will be required to use the **hand sanitizer**, 4) Only **one adult family member** will be allowed to enter. We **discourage** people from bringing **children**, 5) Two people will be allowed to shop at a time, 6) Two others will be allowed to wait at designated spaces in the front of the pantry. Others must wait outside.

We thank the community for its' continued support in our efforts to feed our hungry brothers and sisters.

HOW CAN WE HELP?



Those who do not have email or internet: We are asking all of you to please check in with your family members and friends who are members of Trinity who do not have email. Ask how they are doing, if there is anything they need, and ask in what ways they feel we can help them keep connected with the congregation. Please let Pastor Mark, or any of our leaders know if we can help you in any way.



Lord, thank you for your abundant generosity and never-ending grace. Let us remember you, the source of all our blessings, as we give thanks for all we have, all we've had, and all that's yet to come; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

BAPTISM

PASSING INTO ETERNAL LIFE

PLEASE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Child: Kamden Ryba
Baptismal Date: October 11, 2020
Parents: Keegan & Cassandra Ryba
Sponsors: Kayla Ryba & Brandon Lotz

Lord, surround this child with goodness,
lead him in your light each day;
Help him walk the path You've chosen,
Guide his steps along the way...
Teach him, Lord, to trust Your wisdom
With a faith forever new,
Keep him from all harm, and bless him
With Your grace and gladness too...



In Loving Memory...

Betty Isensee—September 22, 2020
Stan Bernette—October 19, 2020

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.^a Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

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It's that time again...our Annual Meeting is fast approaching. The office is going to need reports for the Annual Report **by no later than December 31, 2020.** If you have questions, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

THANK YOU!!!

A **BIG** thank you to Sherry McClain for creating this **BEAUTIFUL** Thanksgiving banner for Trinity!

Thank you, Sherry!



SPECIAL INVITATION



The Larson Tussen Tak Event

“Tussen tak” means “a thousand thanks” in Norwegian. As the Larson family prepares to depart this community, we wish to say, “A thousand thanks to you!” Thanks for your kindness, your love, and your support over the years. Thanks for welcoming us into your midst and for always making us feel special. Thanks for laughing with us during joyful celebrations and for crying with us during times of great loss. Thanks for being our second family.

At the end of November, Deb Larson will be moving to Milwaukee to live with Donna Lou and Dave. Our parents’ house will be sold after the first of the year. Many of our parents’ possessions have been distributed among the grandchildren, donated, or thrown away. We would like to share with you the few special items that remain (some furniture, dishes, sentimental items, etc.). And we would like to take this opportunity to say, “Farewell.”

Please join us on Saturday, November 21st between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm for an Outdoor Tussen Tak Event. We will have items outside in the yard all around the house for you to take, use, give away to special people, or whatever you desire. We are not asking for any payment. However, we will leave a box out for any monetary donations you wish to make. All donations will be given to Mom and Dad’s favorite charities: ELCA World Hunger, the Rwanda Children’s Orphanage, or the Hope Ministries. Donations are NOT required! As a special enticement to attend, Deb will be making Mom’s famous homemade chocolate chip cookies. You will definitely want to come to at least receive your cookie!

If the weather does not cooperate, our alternative date will be Saturday, November 28th. In case of inclement weather, check the TLCSparta facebook page for information or call Deb at (608) 751-2178. Please note: This will be a socially distanced event. Masks are required and proper spacing of people will be observed. Hope to see you there!

Tussen Tak

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Offering Opportunities

Thank you to all who have continued to support our mission at Trinity. Our good work has carried on. While we have not had the opportunity to contribute through the passing of the plate, the following options are available to us:

Simply Giving - Automated giving with Simply Giving via a transfer from your savings or checking account to Trinity's bank account. To start, please complete the Simply Giving form located on our website <https://tlcsparta.wixsite.com/trinity/copy-of-give>. Please sign the form, take a picture of the form, and also take a picture of a voided check and email both pictures to office@tlcsparta.org. In addition, you can mail your Simply Giving form to Trinity (address below) or to Myrt, Trinity's administrative assistant, at Mary Holte, 302 Ulland Ave., Westby, WI 54667.

Check - Mail your check to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 N. Water St., Sparta, WI 54656

GivePlus - Online giving is available through GivePlus. The link is available through our website. <https://tlcsparta.wixsite.com/trinity/give>

GivePlus Mobile - Download the GivePlus mobile app from the App store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) [https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/images/GivePlus Mobile How it work.pdf](https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/images/GivePlus%20Mobile%20How%20it%20work.pdf)

Text by GivePlus - Send a text with your donation amount to 844-554-1086. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via e-mail.

Bear in mind, any of these electronic/Internet automatic methods can be changed at any time and you can go back to giving in person when you choose to do so.

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TRINITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

Lasting Gifts... Making a Lasting Difference

Through the Trinity Mission Endowment Fund we are building a legacy of generosity for the future. By creating an ongoing financial resource above and beyond regular offerings, we can expand outreach in the community and around the world. The endowment fund receives and manages gifts of all kinds designed to provide resources for Trinity and our ministries for years to come. Planned giving is one of many ways members can contribute to Trinity's endowment fund. Contact Mission Endowment Committee Chair Doug Dengal with questions about Trinity's Mission Endowment Fund. Visit with your tax preparer, attorney or financial advisor to understand how a gift can make a difference to the church and benefit you at the same time. Prayerfully consider how God's lasting gifts to you can make a lasting difference.

What is Planned Giving

- ◆ A way to share your good fortune to help others
- ◆ A way to leave your legacy
- ◆ May be cash, savings, investments or property
- ◆ Thoughtfully considered
- ◆ Given in the way that works best for you!

What motivates me to give?

- ◆ Do I want to make a difference in the world?
- ◆ Does giving make me feel good?
- ◆ Does my giving help others?
- ◆ Do I give as an act of devotion to God?
- ◆ Do I give as an investment for my future?
- ◆ Has a ministry made an impact on my life?
- ◆ Were my parents avid givers?
- ◆ Do I want to reduce taxes?

What are the Benefits of Planned Giving?

- ◆ Make an impact on people and ministries important to you
- ◆ Receive income tax deductions
- ◆ Reduce capital gains taxes
- ◆ Avoid income taxes on retirement assets
- ◆ Reduce federal estate taxes for your heirs
- ◆ Create a legacy!



MISSION MOMENT



Mission Moment

Did You Know?

Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Baby Care Kits

Covid has changed our lives in many ways. Trinity Quilters worked individually on the quilt tops at home. When they could gather they worked hard to finish the quilts for LWR. This year Trinity Quilters finished 83 LWR quilts. Not as many quilts as a normal year, but still impressive. Shalom Circle assembled 50 Baby Care Kits for LWR. Thank you to all who helped with this ministry. Do you know what happens to these quilts & Baby Care Kits?

On October 17th the quilts & kits were boxed up and taken to La Crosse, and put in a boxcar parked on the railroad tracks. The boxes are shipped to one of LWR's two warehouses in Minnesota or Maryland.

Once the quilts and kits reach the warehouse, they are sorted and packed by staff and volunteers, both to prevent damage but also to ensure efficient and cost-effective packing. It can take four to six months from the time quilts arrive at the warehouse to when they are processed, repacked and ready for shipment. The LWR staff work with partners overseas to determine where the quilts are most needed. LWR then notifies its warehouses to prepare them for shipment. This process takes one to two months.

When the quilts are prepared for shipment, they travel by ocean freight to the receiving partner in countries around the world. This process can take from one to two months, depending on which warehouse the materials are sent from and to which country they are going. From there our partners get items cleared through customs, transfer them to storage (where they can be safely held until they can be distributed) and sort them according to local needs.

The time and care put into each step in the journey for the quilts and kits are meant to ensure that they arrive safely and in good condition where they are most needed. These quilts & baby care kits from Trinity make a long journey from Sparta to get to their final destination!



FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
November 4, 2020	Les Stanley and Jan Jenkins
November 11, 2020	Rita Bernette and Julie Erickson
November 17, 2020	Audrey Zebell and Alice Olson
November 24, 2020 (Tuesday)	Maureen Sullivan and Robin Ryba
November 25, 2020	Maureen Sullivan and Tom Schauer



LET'S PRAY

Heavenly Father, on **Thanksgiving Day**,
 we bow our hearts to You and **pray**. We
 give You **thanks** for all You've done,
 especially for the gift of Jesus, Your
 Son. ... Let us always be aware that all
 gifts come from You, and may we
 serve Your heavenly will in everything
 we do. Amen.

