

Trinity Torch



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November 2019

O, give thanks unto the Lord.

Giving thanks to God is always easiest when we feel blessed. The reality is that we are blessed whether we feel it or not. Are you a thankful person?

Consider what your blessings are in life...

He has given "body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, husband/wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil."

Wow! What wonderful blessings that we have received from the Giver of all good things! But the greatest blessing is His Son, our Savior Jesus.

Whether or not we are feeling blessed, we need to always remind ourselves that God is giving us good things - good things are received at church in His Word and Sacrament. Good things are received at church when we are encouraged by our brothers and sisters in Christ. So even if we are experiencing some difficulties in life we can still smile in the joy of the Lord.

I hope that you will join us in worship at Trinity this Thanksgiving as we set aside time to purposefully thank God for all of our blessings received.

In Christ,

Pastor Bob

PAWS/PTL



We are looking for volunteers to help with the holiday gift shoppe at school Wednesday, December 4th—Friday, December 6th. Our holiday gift shoppe provides Trinity students the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family members and friends “all by themselves” during their school day! PAWS helps the children pick out presents, wrap them, and fill out the labels. If you are able to assist, please call or text Kristin Stephens at 312-961-4518.

Parish Education – Bible Study Schedule

November 2019

Please check over the many Bible Classes and TLC Bible Groups available throughout the week. If you have questions or desire more information, you may contact the class leader or DCE Rob Grady – 708-839-1200 ext.6. All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.



Sunday Morning

Adult and Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

The Adult is held in the Church Library. This study will be the “Joyfully Lutheran” curriculum. Small Group TLC meets in the lower level of school, “Community” will be our next study. High School Youth Bible Class meets in the school conference room. Sunday School for Three-Year-Old through Grade 8 currently meets in the church basement.

Tuesday Evening

Join us as we have begun the study “LifeLight: Feasts” in the school conference room at 7:00 p.m. This class is facilitated by Rob Grady.

Wednesday Morning

Men’s Bible Class meets weekly at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Roy Carr (630-323-3688) we will continue the study of Francis Chan’s book “Forgotten God”.

Wednesday Morning TLC

We will begin our study on Ephesians and 1 and 2 Thessalonians on November 13 and 27. We meet the second and fourth Wednesday, and any fifth Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Ladies Bible Class meets weekly at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Susie Carr (630-323-3688).

Thursday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group will meet on November 7 and 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the Trinity School Conference Room. The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775). We are continuing the study on “Angels”.

Thursday Evening Fit For Life

Pastor Bob will begin the Adult Confirmation Class on November 14 in the church library at 6:45 p.m.

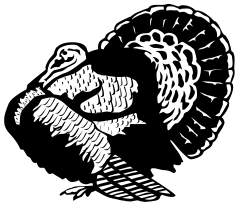
Friday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets in member homes and is led by Cliff Gustafson (815-372-9937).

THANK YOU!

The magazine drive brought in \$6,732 in sales for a profit of \$2,692.80! This money goes to athletics, gym, and recess equipment. This is the best since 2011! We are extremely thankful for your constant support!





TRINITY YOUTH NEWS! THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS!

Watch Fast Directory, the Torch, the announcement page on Sunday mornings, and your monthly newsletter for information regarding Open Youth Rooms. Open Youth Room is held from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. The refrigerator is full, and the fellowship is always waiting! Friends are always welcome! Hope to see you all there for a lot of fun!

Over 20 youth went to Feed My Starving Children on October 26, 2019. What a wonderful way to serve others! As always, please watch Fast Direct for all Youth events! Please see Mr. Grady if you have any questions.

GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE!!! The large turkey has once again been set up in the church Narthex!! Won't you consider "plucking" a feather from Tom Turkey this year? There are several feathers to pluck including monetary donations, yams, vegetables, stuffing and much more! Return the items you purchase to the church Narthex and the youth will put together baskets for MEMBERS of Trinity who need our support. The names of the families are kept anonymous and are distributed to them through our Tabitha Fund Program. This is a great opportunity to help those within our church family as we share the blessings each of us have received! Questions?? See Rob Grady.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!! The Winter/Ski Retreat...mark those calendars for January 1-3, 2020. Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity! Youth are headed to Wilderness Resort. Youth and Adults will go to Cascade Mountain to Ski! Please follow Fast Direct for additional details. You have all been earning money in your accounts by working several events and should have enough money to cover the cost! Talk to your friends and sign up today. You will enjoy skiing, Bible study, games, music, and much more! Spaces are filling up fast. See Mr. Grady TODAY if you are interested in attending. Remember.....we would love for you to invite a friend!

The sign up deadline for High / Middle School Mission Trip was in October. If you missed out, please see Mr. Grady. This trip is a great way to fellowship with other Youth as we serve the people in West Virginia again!

Remember High School Bible Class on Sunday morning in the School Conference Room and Middle School Sunday School in church basement. Bible class is held every week and begins at 9:45 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Blessings!

The Board of Youth Ministry

LCMS Northern Illinois District

The district office is looking for volunteers. Please read over the areas in which volunteers are needed to see if you are a good fit.



LCMS Northern Illinois District

For prayer ministry: Do you have a heart for the church and a pleasant, helpful, prayerful and friendly demeanor? If so, we would love to invite you to serve alongside us as we reach out to share Jesus with the people of the Northern IL District LCMS!

Join us from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. third Thursdays beginning October 17th, meet at the district office to phone our congregations and schools to ask for prayer requests for staff, teachers, members and community members.

We will provide a script for you and a soup lunch. Feel free to bring a desert and we'll have time to share a favorite recipe over lunch.

For mailings: Do you have a gift for office work, a heart for mission and enjoy fellowship and a ladies' devotional time centered around Christ over coffee or tea?

If so, please come join us for a light breakfast and devotional followed by an opportunity to help prepare mission mailings. We'll meet at 8:30 a.m. for devotions and work together to prepare a quarterly mailing that will make a Kingdom impact for Christ. **Join us quarterly on the second Wednesday, beginning Wednesday November 13.**

For congregational and school ministry needs: Do you love helping families in need – come to the district office for a packing event to help a family with school or household supplies, food pantry items or other basic needs. Needs identified by our prayers warriors during their mission calls will help us to put the Gospel into Action where most needed. Our group will meet the first Fridays on even months from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. beginning on December 6.

Each team is limited to six participants – please sign up for one or both sessions. We'd love to have many ladies have an opportunity to serve so don't delay! Contact Lori Trinche at lori.trinche@nidlcms.org or call 708-223-3105. Thanks so much!

New Members

Kerri & Ben Fuller joined Trinity church on June 25th along with daughters, Annabelle and Rachel.

Kerri is employed at BB's Baby Donuts. Ben is employed at Fuller Car Wash, a family owned business. Ben enjoys hunting and fishing. They like to get away to their Lake house in Michigan.

Annabelle is 14, and in 8th grade at Pleasantdale Middle school. She is involved in the school choir, volleyball, and works as a cashier at the car wash.

Rachel is 12, and in 7th grade. She is artistic, creative, and crafty. She enjoys photography and making video's. She also hunts with her Dad.

Both girls attend Sunday school.

The Fuller's have a chocolate Lab named Roxy, going on two.

Please welcome the Fuller's to Trinity!



“Live Simply!”

By Rev. Mark Bussert, Director of Stewardship

As I write this, we have just celebrated our “Faith Commitment Weekend” (there will be a report of outcomes in next month’s *Torch*). The theme for the four-week sermon series, minute messages, mailings, etc., was “**Live Simply.**” Simplifying our lives make them more peaceful, more focused, less hectic, less stressful, and often less expensive. If simplifying makes our lives less expensive, it can reduce debt and financial stress; or, it can enable us to be more generous.

But simplifying is not really something that happens in four weeks – it really takes time to digest the concept, then examine our lives for places where we can simplify, then making decisions and taking concrete steps to actually *do* the simplifying – and finally, it just takes time to create new, positive habits.

To that end, I am beginning a year-long series of *Torch* articles, each of which is a “30-Day Challenge” to change one habit. You might try all of them, or none of them, or just the ones that you think will be applicable or helpful to you. Want to feel like you’re doing this “in community,” with the support of others who are taking the monthly challenge? Fill out the tear-off at the bottom of this article and place it in the bright pink box in the narthex.

30-Day Challenge #1 (November): For 30 Days, make your morning coffee (or whatever) at home and take it with you in a travel mug.

According to toughnickel.com, you can make a 16-oz. mug of coffee for as little as 11 cents, or up to \$1.80 (if you use high-end grounds or an expensive coffee maker). That’s a lot cheaper than stopping at Starbucks or even Dunkin Donuts. Not a morning person? Always rushed in the morning? Set up your coffee maker before you go to bed so all you have to do is push the button in the morning. Some coffee makers even have timers so it will start on its own at the right time (too hi-tech for me!). Make a full pot – it will last you two or three days by heating your container in the microwave. “Dr. PennyPincher” (at toughnickel.com) says he saves \$500 a year by making his own coffee – and he leans toward the high end of home-made coffee.

Not a coffee drinker? Do the same with tea or another beverage. I know someone who has to start her day with Mountain Dew (just another form of caffeine!). Get a 2-liter (on sale, if possible) and fill your own beverage bottle. Or use tap water instead of buying costly bottled water. This will not only save you money, but is better for the environment also.



Yes, I will be part of the 30-Day Challenge for November, “Make my own coffee (or other beverage) at home.”

Name: _____ E-mail: _____



Live Simply
TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE
1 THIMOTHY 6:10-12

TRIP Program



The next gift card orders are on **Friday, November 22 and December 6**, and will be available the following Friday. Paper copy forms are available in the school lobby and in the church narthex by the flower chart. Drop off the order forms in the school office.

For questions, please call Michele Geaschel 708-839-1444. Trip ordering is also available online, where there are hundreds more merchants and monetary increments.

Start thinking of Christmas gifts and places you like to shop for the holidays.

GIFT CARDS ARE SOLD EACH WEEK IN THE NARTHEX. IF YOU DON'T SEE CARDS YOU WOULD LIKE, WE CAN ORDER THEM.

Greetings from Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid



Trinity Ladies Aid met in October with a very busy agenda. We were excited to see some past members return and began the meeting with some delicious treats, fellowship and a devotion, followed by the business at hand. We all agreed that our "Clear the Clutter" event was well attended and successful in delivering its' message. The guest speaker did a fantastic job. Special thanks to Nancy Bordak. We have plans to host another guest speaker early in the new year.

The Holiday Market is set for Saturday, November 16th, in the school gym. There will be a variety of vendors, a lunch and bake sale. Please contact Nancy Bordak for more details and help us spread the word.

The annual Cookie Sale will be during all services December 7th & 8th. We welcome homemade cookies from all church members. We cannot accept any burnt cookies. Please be mindful of this request. Drop-off date and times to be announced.

Our Annual Advent Tea is Monday, December 9. This is a beautifully decorated event with delicious appetizers, Christmas carols and lots of fellowship. There are limited seats still available. Please contact Sheri Abernathy for any questions.

The next meeting of Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid will be November 11th at 630PM. We are celebrating all birthdays at this meeting. Please join us. We extend a warm welcome to women of all ages to "Come serve the Lord with gladness!"

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL

Principal's Page

GALATIANS 5:22-23 "BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW."

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

This week, I spoke to the students about kindness in chapel. We discussed how it makes us feel to receive and perform "Acts of Kindness." I ended by challenging each student and teacher to perform 3 "Random Acts of Kindness", either at home, at school, or in the community.

One "Act of Kindness" that Trinity Lutheran Church performs each year is the Community Clinic. This year's Clinic was in August, prior to the school-year beginning. Our focus was to prepare students and families for the school year. We had backpacks and assorted school supplies, with a hot meal provided. Another important area we also concentrated on was providing coats for the students and families.

With the weather turning cooler, we are wearing coats in the mornings. We as parents know, our children are constantly outgrowing and needing new clothes. This is true of coats as well. In honor of the change in seasons, we are now collecting coats, new or gently used, for next year's Clinic. Please use the collection box in the lobby for your donations! Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

In His Service,
Mr. DeWitt



The Board of Family Life invites you to
a Family Movie Night featuring
“Toy Story 4”



The movie will be shown in the
church library area beginning at
7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8.

Refreshments will be provided by the
Board of Family Life.

Feel free to bring sleeping bags.
You can wear your PJ's.

Board of Evangelism



The **Board of Evangelism's** next Group Forum on Witnessing will be on Sunday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Library.



We will be hosting the next Fellowship Light Luncheon after the 11:00 a.m. service on **November 24th** in the Church Library area.



J.O.Y. Club

Join us on **Thursday, November 17 at 11:30 a.m.** Please bring your favorite dish.

Please bring a \$3.00 gift for Crazy Bunco. Contact Joyce Tomes at 630-257-2927 or Donna Halla 708-839-0551 if you have questions.

Fit for Life

Thursday Evenings 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church Library
November 14 & 21, December 5, 12, & 19
January 9, 16, 23, & 30, February 6, 13, & 20

Ever wonder...

What it means to be a genuine Christian? If going to church is really necessary? Whether or not there truly is life after death? Can a person ever be certain he/she is saved? Maybe you have some questions about our church and want to know more about what we really believe and teach? Or maybe you want to know what you have to do to become members.

Well –the answers to those questions and many others can be found in our 12 week Fit for Life Class. There is no cost (except your precious time) or obligation to join our church; however, this class does serve as a membership class for those desiring to become members at Trinity.

Contact Pastor Bob at rgeaschel@tlbr.org or office: 708-839-1200 or cell: 708-846-4170.





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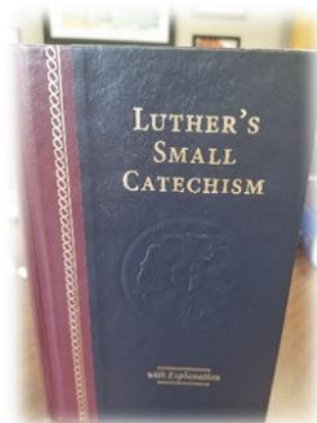
November Birthdays

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Marilyn Eggert | 11 Joyce Tomes | 22 Jean Lyall |
| Joel Vickers | 12 Deborah Prosser | Sandra Pauly |
| 2 Cameron Garren | Joanne Wielebnicki | Judy Rediehs |
| Iris Kozik | 13 Kathryn Rozum | Steve Voelz |
| Thomas W. Rediehs Sr. | 14 Sharmila Appavu | 23 George Rediehs |
| Lisa Reinhart | Amy Pauly | 24 Colton Peters |
| Ann Richards | 16 James Grimes | 25 Kimberly Landi |
| Lillian Smith | Wanda Kiefer | 26 Todd Suddreth |
| 3 Micki Bohac | Kimberly Radosevic | Jeff Vorreyer |
| Tyler Collins | 17 Malachi DeWitt | 27 Alessandra Gil |
| Angela Felton | William Krzemienski | Lisa Haak |
| Abigail Mathis | Brian Orrick | 28 Jack Edwards |
| Myrtle Novak | Dick Rediehs | Jesse Geaschel |
| Douglas Pauly | 18 Malina Carli | Michael Gnat |
| 4 Daryl Valentino | 19 Mariah Carli | Greg LaFlame |
| 5 Frank Neitzel | Paul Malina | Liam McGonigal |
| Leo Rodriguez | Ryan Randolph | |
| 6 Molly Brazel | Alexa Thomas | |
| Ethan Francis | 20 Nancy Alex | |
| Caitlyn Wott | David Bottger | |
| 7 Zoey Kabel | Dolly Drewniany | |
| 8 Sherrie Ketcherside | 21 Bernie Lucas | |
| 9 Andrew Hughes | Benjamin Remes | |
| Keaton Kling | Eric Rothfahn | |
| Jonathon Rossi Sr. | Aidan Shea | |
| 10 Nancy Tiedt | Matthew Supeter | |
| 11 Corey Hutcheson | 22 Darlene Ciolek | |
| Cheryl Kohutynski | David Lehenbauer | |



The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.



What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Central Thought:

God created us to look after the earthly gifts that He has given to our neighbors for their life and well-being.





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HC = Holy Communion BC = Bible Class

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Meeting areas: Ch = Church CL = Church Library N = Narthex TFH = Trinity Fellowship Hall CK = TFH Kitchen YR = Youth Room	Monday CR = School Conference Room SL = School Library G = School Gym SK = School Kitchen OP = Off Premises	Tuesday Altar Guild: Ruth Hess Nancy Alex Lisa Haak Dorothy Supeter	Wednesday Ushers: 8:30 – Group 2 11:00 – Group 4		Friday 1 All Saints Day	Saturday Trustees Celebration Service HC
3 All Saints Sunday 8:30am HC 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Contemp HC 2:00pm Evening with CS Lewis (OP) 6:30pm Witnessing Forum (CL)	4 6:30pm Elders (CR) 6:30pm School Board (SL) 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	5	6 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir (CH) 7:30pm AA (TFH)	7 4:30pm TLC Wendte (CR) 6:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	8 No School	9 8:30am Trustees Celebration Service HC
10 8:30am Worship – <i>Baptism Rossi</i> 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Contemp HC	11 Veteran's Day 6:30pm Ladies Aid (CL) 7:00pm Church Council (CR) 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	12 11am St. Matthew's (OP)	13 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir (CH) 7:30pm AA (TFH)	14 12:00pm TORCH DEADLINE 6:30pm Praise Band (Ch) 6:45 Fit for Life (CL)	15 6:00pm Market Set-Up (G)	16 8:30am Trustees 9:00am-2:00pm Holiday Market (G) 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
17 8:30am HC 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Cont. Worship 12:00pm Fellowship Luncheon (TFH)	18 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	19	20 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir (CH) 7:30pm AA (TFH)	21 11:30am JOY Club (TFH) 4:30pm TLC Wendte (CR) 6:30pm Praise Band (Ch) 6:45 Fit for Life (CL)	22	23 8:30am Trustees Celebration Service HC
24 8:30am Worship – <i>Preschool Sings</i> 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Contemp HC	25 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G) Steve Imig Band (CL)	26 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir (CH)	27 Grandparents' Day 11:30pm <i>Dismissal</i> 7:00pm Worship HC 7:30pm AA (TFH)	28 10am – HC	29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> No School/Offices Closed </div>	30 St. Andrew, Apostle 8:30am Trustees 4:30pm Clark/Feiler Wedding Celebration Service HC