



Joyful Noise

NOVEMBER 2023

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month we get to celebrate Thanksgiving. We know its origins, with the Mayflower leaving Plymouth, England, in 1620 and landing near Cape Cod 66 days later. We know the Pilgrims' first winter was harsh, with only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew living to see their first spring. We also know how in November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the colony's Native Americans to join them. This meal is now remembered as America's "First Thanksgiving," although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time. It was a festival that recognized and gave thanks for the many blessings those first Pilgrims had received.

At roughly the same time that the Pilgrims were getting settled in their new land, on the other side of the world Pastor Martin Rinckart lived in a small village called Eilenburg in Saxony Germany. Rinckart was living through the Thirty Years' War. Seeking protection from the war, thousands of people came to Eilenburg—but so did the plague.

Eight thousand people died during one period of the plague. For part of this time, Martin Rinckart was the only Christian clergyman in the village. According to his journals, he personally buried more than four thousand bodies – sometimes as many as fifty people in a single day. It was during this time that Martin Rinckart also wrote a

hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God." It's number 895 in our hymnal. The first stanza is:

*Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way,
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.*

Considering these two (very) different pictures of Thanksgiving, we are given an opportunity to understand God's word from his servant St. Paul in Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

I do not know everything that is going on in your life. I do not know what is weighing on your heart, what burdens you are carrying, what concerns and problems you are faced with. I do not know if your life and situation is one of celebration and joy as you are amazed at the blessings you count in your life. I do not know the details, but God does. And regardless of your situation, hear what Paul adds in verse 11: "for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content."

Paul knew joy (see many of his letters like 1 Corinthians, Philippians, and Colossians). Paul also knew struggles (see 2 Corinthians 11:24-27). The apostle Paul was content because he had learned the sufficiency of God's grace. He trusted in Jesus, who suffered for him. The power of God to save us is found in the weakness of Jesus, crucified on the cross for us. Like Paul, we too can be content. We too can be thankful, in whatever situation, because God has given us His Son Jesus, who brings forgiveness and life.

So regardless of your situation in life, whether you relate to the pilgrims giving thanks for all their blessings or you relate to Martin Rinckart giving thanks amidst suffering, we give thanks to God, who is faithful to us in all situations.

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In Christ, Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School NEWS



Richard Thomas
Principal of Trinity
Lutheran School

TRINITY LIFE

October 13th was our annual Fall Fest event. The weather was great and about 620 people joined us for the festivities! The evening was filled with all kinds of fun and excitement, and it took about 175 volunteers to make it happen! That is amazing. We praise God for such awesome families that dedicate so much time here at Trinity. So if you missed it, put it on your calendar for next year.



Youth NEWS



Cameron Heiliger
Director of Youth and
Parish Education

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

As our youth continue their deep dive into the “whatevers” of Philippians 4:8, we get a chance to think about “whatever is just” in the month of November. Thinking about things that are “just” might take us to some pretty uncomfortable places as we consider what it *should* look like in our lives. After all, “whatever is just” means that we should seek after things that are fair and right and good, but as fallen human beings we so often seek after things that are selfish, self-serving, and sinful. And we also know that what would be “fair” for us according to God’s Word is less than desirable in our own eyes...

Thankfully, we have a Savior who sought after whatever is just FOR US by dying a death that was truly un-just on our behalf. Jesus went to the cross to give us the gift of justness, and through His death and resurrection we are made true and right with God. It’s this truth that we get to share this month as we seek “to do justice... love kindness, and walk humbly with [our] God” this month as we spread the love of Jesus through Thanksgiving baskets. There are additional details on the insert page. Will you partner with us as we share this truth with our community this month?



Thanks to the LWML for serving the Senior High lunch this past month!

*Give thanks to the Lord
for He is good...*

**HELP US SHARE
THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS
THIS YEAR**



Trinity's Youth Groups will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for Thanksgiving Baskets and Trinity's Food Pantry Ministry from **October 8-November 17.**

There are three BIG ways you can help!

1 Drop off any of the following in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall

Canned Goods

Cranberries, Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes, Pumpkin Pie Filling, Soup, Broth, Gravy, Sweetened Condensed Milk

Other Pantry/Shelf Stable Items

Flour, Sugar, Baking Soda, Baking Powder, Dry Milk Cooking Oil/Spray, Rice, Pasta, Potatoes, Onions, Boxed Stuffing, Boxed Dinners, Soup & Gravy Packets, Juice

2 Submit the name of a family or individual who would benefit from receiving a basket this year.

Names can be directed to the office OR to Mr. Heiliger.

3 Provide a monetary gift to help us purchase turkeys and other non-perishable items, or prayerfully consider donating a turkey!

Turkeys can be dropped off at church the weekend of November 18-19.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ACOLYTES: Saturday: Rhett Hatzell Sun., 8am: Abbie Kosche Sun., 10:30am: Alana Hatzell</p> <p>ALTAR DUTY: Jana Barz, Laura McCoy, Jessica Pepos & Katie Winden</p> <p>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org</p>						
<p>5 <i>Psalm 145</i> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Adult Bible Classes Toddler Sunday School</p>	<p>6 <i>John 4</i> 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square</p>	<p>7 <i>Rev. 7:2-17</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zegel</p>	<p>8 <i>1 John 3:1-3</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5:30pm 3rd Year Confirmation Youth Group 6pm Youth Group 2nd Yr. Confirmation</p>	<p>9 <i>Matt. 5:1-12</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 <i>John 5</i> 2pm Veteran's Day Assembly at TLS</p>	<p>11 <i>Proverbs 24</i> 8am Fall Church Clean-up 2pm Caregivers Group Meeting @ TYM Square 5pm Worship</p>
<p>12 <i>Psalm 146</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Noon Town Hall Meeting (light lunch provided)</p>	<p>13 <i>John 6</i> Pastors' Circuit Meeting 6pm Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square</p>	<p>14 <i>Amos 5:18-24</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zegel</p>	<p>15 <i>1 Thess. 4:13-18</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon 'Wrinkled Righteous' Thanksgiving Dinner 6pm Youth Group 2nd Yr. Confirmation</p>	<p>16 <i>Matt. 25:1-13</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 <i>John 7</i></p>	<p>18 <i>Proverbs 25</i> Thanksgiving Basket Assembly @ TYM Noon Flicker 2:30pm Flame 5pm Worship with Communion</p>
<p>19 <i>Psalm 147</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Adult Bible Classes Toddler Sunday School Noon – 6pm FIRE – Thanksgiving Basket Shopping, Final Assembly, and Group Meal @TYM Square</p>	<p>20 <i>John 8</i> 1pm LWML Meeting 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square</p>	<p>21 <i>Zeph. 1:7-16</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Chapel at TLS 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zegel</p>	<p>22 <i>1 Thess. 5:1-11</i> 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship</p>	<p>23 <i>Matt. 25:14-30</i> Thanksgiving Worship 10am</p>	<p>24 <i>John 9</i> Church Office Closed</p>	<p>25 <i>Proverbs 26</i> 5pm Worship</p>
<p>Thanksgiving Break at TLS – Nov. 22-26</p>						
<p>26 <i>Psalm 148</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 1pm Church Christmas Decorating</p>	<p>27 <i>John 10</i> 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square</p>	<p>28 <i>Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 5:30pm YVLVL Mtg. @ Mt. Olive 7pm Elders Meeting Bible Study led by Pastor Zegel</p>	<p>29 <i>1 Cor. 15:20-28</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Advent Dinner 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:15pm Youth Group</p>	<p>30 <i>Matt. 25:31-46</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>ELDERS: Saturday: Nathan Thompson Sunday 8:00: David Jinguji Sunday 10:30: Paul Kober</p>	

Financial REPORT

September 2023 Finances		
Income		167,761
Expenses		201,376
Net Margin		(33,615)
2023-2024 Finances		
	<i>YTD - Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	189,407	189,097
Total Income	766,044	658,030
Total Expenses	593,059	658,030
Net Margin	172,985	0

DEATHS

Merilu Jourdan (October 15, 1952 - October 10, 2023); a memorial service was held at Dahl Funeral Chapel on October 15, 2023.



LWML NEWS

Meeting on Monday, November 20 at 1:00 pm

Opening Devotion: World Friendship Guild

Program: Felicia Pederson, Salvation Army presentation

Meeting Hostesses: World Friendship Guild

Church Service Greeters for November: World Friendship Guild

WRINKLED RIGHTEOUS THANKSGIVING DINNER

Please join us at noon on Wednesday, November 15th, for a Thanksgiving dinner in the fellowship hall. There is no cost for this year's meal because of the generosity of a Thrivent Action Grant, but you can bring 2 or more items for our food pantry which always runs low this time of year! Items like peanut butter, tuna, canned veggies, and canned fruit are always needed. There will be a quilt auction again and drawings for prizes. We will play a few games of pinochle after we eat! Any freewill offering will be donated to our quilting ladies. Please RSVP by November 12th to Sandy Collier (406-259-1702) or Lois Seiffert (406-373-6946). I hope you can join us!

Town Hall Meeting

Come and discuss the call processes and our long range plan as our Lord guides us into the next season of ministry

Sunday, November 12
Noon
Church fellowship hall

Special Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2PM
Veterans Day Assembly at TLS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Fall Clean-Up Day at the Church @ 8am
Caregivers Support Group @ 2pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, NOON
Town Hall Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, NOON
Wrinkled Righteous Thanksgiving Dinner

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 6:30PM
Thanksgiving Eve Worship

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10AM
Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1PM
Church Christmas Decorating Party

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Advent Dinner @ 5pm
Advent Worship @ 6:30pm



News



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 4:00 PM
CIRCLE OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*You are invited to Muddy Cluster for the installation of
Pastor Jim Weist and the dedication of the lodge!*

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