



HELLO TRINITY FRIENDS!
News for the week of November 19, 2023

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

- **Trinity staff** traveling to Grand Rapids for Michigan District's All Professional Church Workers Conference
- **Paul Wagner**, battling pancreatic cancer

BAPTISM We rejoice and celebrate the Baptism of Leia Swanson, daughter of Jacob and Miyuki Swanson. Please keep Leia and her family in your prayers for God's continued blessing of faith.



VOTERS' MEETING Please plan to attend the semi-annual voters' meeting **this Sunday**, November 19, at 11:45am in the gymnasium. Trinity's annual report will be presented, and elections will be held to fill four expiring Board of Director terms. The nominating committee will present the following candidates for your consideration: Deborah Saul, James Vallade, Henry Werner, and Sarah Younglove.

THANKSGIVING (EVE) SERVICE All are encouraged to join us for worship **this Wednesday**, Nov. 22, at 6pm. Trinity has traditionally gathered food items with the Thanksgiving service offering - if you'd like to bring a canned good, dry good, or paper product on the 22nd, donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army in Monroe.

OFFICE CLOSURE Please note that Trinity's office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

GRIEFSHARE UPDATE The support group meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 23, has been moved to Friday, Nov. 24. Join us at 5:30pm in the chapel.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Could you help us "spruce" up the sanctuary? The Advent and Christmas seasons are quickly approaching, and we're seeking volunteers to help decorate the church on Saturday, Nov. 25, beginning at 9:30am. Assistance with some heavy lifting is especially needed. If you're able to lend a hand, please contact Shelly Vorrath (734-621-3548) or the office (734-242-2308).



THE LUTHERAN WITNESS It's time to subscribe (or re-subscribe) to *The Lutheran Witness* at a discounted rate. *The Lutheran Witness* is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. It provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Subscriptions ordered through Trinity will include the Michigan In Touch supplement. The new subscription year doesn't begin until March 2024, but orders need to be submitted to Trinity's church office by **December 4, 2023** to take advantage of a discounted District rate of \$19.00/year. (Individual subscriptions ordered directly from CPH are \$24.99/year.) Payment for subscriptions should be made directly to Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact the office (734-242-2308).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT: WISE MEN SEEK THE SAVIOR

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 5:30pm, Trinity Children's Ministry will host a "Wise Men Seek the Savior" event in Graceful Grounds. Come help the wise men set out on their journey! Families are invited to decorate and eat cookies, make their own nativity scene, and receive a home devotion kit. Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater or Christmas pajamas. We look forward to seeing you there!



ADVENT TEA BY CANDLELIGHT Join us Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30pm in Trinity's gymnasium in anticipation of the Savior's birth. If you'd like to serve as a hostess, there are still a few tables available - please call Karen Brown (734-344-7150). There may also be a few open seats, so if you'd like to attend, please contact the office. All participants are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to benefit Toys for Tots of Monroe County. It is sure to be a wonderful evening of Scripture, song, and fellowship as we all prepare for a joyous celebration of Christmas!

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS Trinity Lutheran has been blessed with a school and early childhood center that works hard at Making Jesus Known. We have had students and families come into a relationship of knowing Jesus, students being baptized, and families getting involved in the ministry at Trinity. In the last ten years we have more than doubled our enrollment in the early childhood program and elementary school. God is good. He has brought faithful, strong teachers to work alongside administration to make this place a blessing. This is a great place to be! This increase in student growth is wonderful, but it also means we have more families in need of financial assistance. We are asking for you to consider supporting one of two ministries to help families with the cost of education, giving to the Adopt-a-Student or to the Scholarship Fund. The Adopt-a-Student gift gets used immediately to help a family with educational expenses. The Scholarship Fund is used to support those who qualify for financial aid each year. (This qualification is determined by a third party.) If you have questions about either way of supporting our students and their families, please contact Principal Lucas or Pastor Potts.

ALTAR FLOWERS This weekend's flowers are given in celebration of **Robert & Denise Novak's wedding anniversary**. If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor/memory of someone, contact Shelly Vorrath at (734) 621-3548 or email: 1wyldkingdom@comcast.net. The sign-up board is hung on the back wall in the sanctuary. If you sign up on the flower board, please include your phone number and email address.



THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

(Please contact the church office for more information)

Sunday, 11/19: Worship @ 8:30a – HC (*usher team A-3*)
 Bible Study @ 9:30a in Graceful Grounds
 Worship @ 10:30a (*usher team A-4*)
 Voters' Meeting @ 11:45a in the gym
 Trinity Family Meal @ 6p in the gym

Monday, 11/20: *No School*
 Stephen Ministry @ 6:30p in Graceful Gr.

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 Choir @ 7p in the chapel

Wednesday, 11/22: *No School*
 Agape @ 9a & 11:30a in Graceful Grounds
 Thanksgiving Service @ 6pm – HC

Thursday, 11/23: *Happy Thanksgiving!*
No School – Office Closed

Friday, 11/24: *No School – Office Closed*
 GriefShare @ 5:30p in the chapel

Saturday, 11/25: Worship @ 6p (*usher team A-2*)
M&M Weekend - LWML

11/11 & 11/12 attendance: 6:00p - 158 8:30a - 98 10:30a - 98

THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

Readings for this weekend's services include Zephaniah 1:7-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 & Matthew 25:14-30

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10



How to Watch / Worship / Join Us!

Weekend Worship –

- In Trinity Sanctuary - Times: Sat. 6 p.m. and Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Facebook LIVE - Sundays at 10:30 a.m. (or later on our Web site)
- Recorded services can be watched on cable TV – Xfinity 21 or Spectrum 187 / Wed. 5 p.m. and Thur. 9 a.m.

Blessings from all of us at Trinity!

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