



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



## ***Walking with Jesus - Living Lives of Gratitude!***

*Count your blessings... name them one by one... Count your many blessings see what God has done...*

As a young child, I remember my grandmother and my mother singing this catchy little tune. I liked this

tune as a child because it was a catchy tune... but as an adult I like this song for its words because it gives some solid words of wisdom. The wisdom of counting our blessings and being grateful for the abundant blessings each one of us have received.

When I was on internship, my supervisor loved to keep me on my toes and see if I could think on the spot. Wednesday night children's worship was no exception. I would get to church in the evening and then he would give me a verse to teach to the children in a way they could understand. Pastor Rob thought he had me stumped on one particular Wednesday night with John 10:10. I (Jesus) came that you (all of us) may have life and have it abundantly.

The children came for worship and we talked about the word abundant. IT was the day after Halloween and we talked about how much candy they had gotten trick-o-treating the night before... did they get a little or did the bags overflow abundantly. We showed abundantly with our arms open wide and yelling — "Abundantly!"

God's love for us overflows ABUNDANTLY! But so often instead of living aware of this abundance we get sucked into a scarcity mentality promoted by the news, social media, and commercials. We become painfully aware of what we don't have... and then begin to cling to what we have... that is not the life that Jesus has come to give us...

Walking with Jesus - living lives abundantly — involves living lives of GRATITUDE. In the book One Thousand Gifts, Ann Voskamp asks the question "How

do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does a life of gratitude look like when your days are gritty, long, and sometimes dark? Voskamp discovers and shares that the practice of gratitude — waking up each day practicing an awareness to God's everyday blessings. She found that in giving thanks for the life she already had, she found the life she'd always wanted.

So, for the month of November, I invite you in practicing GRATITUDE this month.

1) If you haven't read One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp - read it. If you've read it... read it again!

2) Make time during the day... to keep a gratitude list... Write down 2-3 things you are grateful for... even if (especially if) life is challenging right now.

3) As you think about your financial giving this year, consider the many blessings you have received and how you can give thanks to God through your offerings at church to God and God's work. Prayerfully consider increasing your giving by a 1% of your income or consider increasing it by a cup a coffee or a meal eaten out a week.

4) As you come to worship in November... be ready to offer a prayer of gratitude at the GRATITUDE box". It will be easy... I promise... just be thinking of something you are thankful for.

5) Finally, when someone asks you, "How are you?" instead of responding with an automatic "I am fine" — respond with "I'm grateful" and if someone responds with "I'm grateful" to you — take a moment for a personal connection and ask "What are you especially grateful for today?"

*I am grateful for the parishioner that responded to me Sunday with "I'm grateful"*

- Thank you for reminding me of the many blessing in my life.

Let us together Walk with Jesus! Living lives of Gratitude. Let's Count Our Blessings!

Practicing Gratitude!

***Pastor Krista***

# TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Church  
Council



## COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Laurie Wille,  
Vice President: Tom Dodge  
Secretary: Marlene Breitbarth  
Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson  
Christian Ed: Nikki Smith  
Ch Properties: Brad Nickerson,  
Stewardship: Vern Quade  
Lay Ministry: Yvonne Noorlun  
Worship: Barb Mager  
Youth: Teresa Zaharia,  
Pastor Krista

## Trinity Church Council Minutes October 14, 2015

Trinity of Madelia met with us and watched a video on Stewardship Mission, Pastor Krista brought up the Thanksgiving service and it was decided that she would be at Trinity in Truman on Wednesday, November 25th for a 7:00pm service with Communion. It was also decided that she would do the Christmas Eve service at Truman at 5:30pm and at Madelia at 7:30pm. After receiving communion from Pastor Krista each church broke into their separate council meetings.

President Laurie Wille called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the previous month were approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Clayton. Checking Balance is \$7309, Savings Balance is \$54816 It was noted that Sept. we had a \$3713 gain, but in October we will have a \$3692 loss, most of that is due to paying 2 months of Pastor Krista's salary.

**Stewardship Report:** Vern was not present, but Yvonne reported that the Pony Express packets and Time & Talent sheets are all ready to go for the Nov. 1st kickoff of the Stewardship drive. Laurie also asked that they include a sheet to introduce Pastor Krista and her family to all members of the congregation.

**Lay Ministry:** Yvonne reported that they had received many good responses from members and visitors at the Polka service and the Anniversary service. A Thank You will be sent to Waverly for the beautiful alter flowers they gave for the weekend. Installation service for Pastor Krista is still on hold as we are waiting for the Synod to let us know a date that will work for them.

**Church Property:** Brad reported that the new light bulbs have been installed at the West door of the church. He will be looking into installing a motion light at the south door for added light in addition to the street light. They are also looking into using more energy efficient bulbs in some of the larger fixtures, but a draw back to that is they cannot be dimmed. They plan to run the furnace at a lower temperature then before, so all members are urged to dress accordingly.

**Christian Education:** Nikki reported that Sunday School has been going good and that they have scheduled the SS Christmas program for Sunday December 13 during the worship service. It was also noted that the Choir will be performing on December 6th.

**Youth:** Teresa reported that the youth will be serving a supper on Election night, Nov. 3rd. Pastor Krista is also having a get-together at her house for the youth on Nov. 8th.

## **Worship:**

The Polka

service has been scheduled for the 1st Saturday in October for 2016. They also heard many good comments on both of the services and also compliments toward Pastor Krista.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Motion passed to release the Goeringer family to Zion Lutheran in Lake Crystal.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The need to purchase a new projector was discussed, and motion passed to have Brenda research and purchase one. The need for someone to volunteer to video tape the sermons for the shut-ins to be able to watch was discussed. The worship committee will look into finding someone. It was also brought up the need of spots for Wheel chairs at different pews. It was tabled till more research could be done. The need to keep all money in the office was discussed as there is money left in the boxes for a few days which is not secure. They will look into an area in the office for this purpose. Pastor Krista reported that the 1st Communion service will be on Nov. 1st the same day as the All Saints service. The 6 confirmation students really enjoyed the 1 Sunday a month for 3 ½ hours instruction time. The Stewardship drive will start Nov. 1st with "Walk with Jesus" as the theme. It was also noted that the Thankoffering service is set for Nov. 15th. Pastor Krista also handed out a detailed report on her activities for the last month.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Marlene Breitbarth, Secretary



**WELCA NEWS**

October was a busy month for our church. A big thank you to Division B for serving the Polka Service pot luck meal. Also thank you to those who planned the meal for our 50th Church Building Anniversary meal and to Trinity Youth and their advisors for serving the meal. Both meals were wonderful and were enjoyed by so many people.

Up-coming dates for November are:

November 9 – WELCA meeting at the church at 1:30 p.m. -- The Thursday a.m. Bible study group will serve the lunch

November 15 – WELCA members participate in the Sunday Thankoffering Worship Service

November 17 – Mending at Truman Senior Living

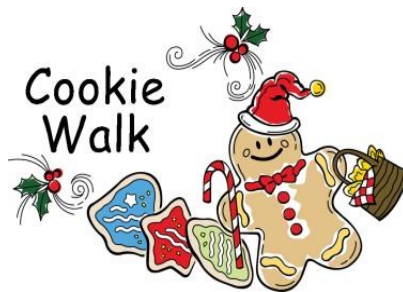
November 25 – Bingo at Truman Senior Living at 2:00 p.m.



Our annual Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 5 from 8-10 a.m. You might want to start thinking about what type of cookies, candy,

snack foods, etc. that you want to bring. Also remember that monetary donations are welcome.

Information letters and sign up sheets will be out at the beginning of November. Many community and church members look forward to purchasing cookies, etc. for their holiday entertaining and enjoying fellowship while choosing goodies and sampling them along with coffee and apple cider.



**TRINITY'S  
20th ANNUAL  
COOKIE WALK  
Saturday, Dec. 5th  
8:00-10:00 am**

*EVERYONE is expected to contribute—either with cookies, candy, etc. OR a generous contribution. A letter will be sent out in mid-November*




second harvest  
**HEARTLAND**

**We are looking for anyone is willing to help with the 2nd Harvest program in 2016,**

**Please talk to Cathy Sorenson.**

**It involves meeting the truck 3-4 times**



**Congratulations!**

Trinity Lutheran Church has received \$5,193 in Choice Dollars® grant funds since enrolling in the program.

**THRIVENT CHOICE  
DOLLARS**

*Through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations.*

**Choice Dollars designated to Trinity this month is:**

**\$25.00**

# WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE/Theme	1ST READING	PSALM	2ND READING	GOSPEL
November 1-All Saints	Isaiah 25:6-9	24	Rev. 21:1-6	John 11:32-44
November 8	1 Kings 17:8-16	146	Heb 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
November 15-Thankoffering	WELCA selections			
November 22-Christ the King	Various Readings			
November 25-Thanksgiving Eve	X	X	Phil. 4:4-9	Luke 17:11-19
November 29-1st Sun Advent	Jerem 33:14-16	25:11-10	1 Thess 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

## NOVEMBER LAY MINISTRY

### TRINITY

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

**NEW WORSHIP TIME: 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:00 AM**

#### COMMUNION SCHEDULE:

11/1, 11/8 & 11/25 (Thanksgiving Eve)

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

11/1-Donna Kotewa

11/8-Jan Ringeisen

11/25-Clayton Duncanson

#### LAY READERS:

11/1-Carolyn Drevlow

11/8-Barb Shoen

11/15-Carolyn Drevlow

11/22-Jerry Teig

11/25-Laurie Wille (Thanksgiving Eve)

11/29-Tammy Wokasch

#### NOVEMBER USHERS:

\*Ron Kelley, John Zaharia, Norman Anderson and Grant Hartman

#### OBJECT LESSON:

11/15-Laurie Wille



## November Hymns

### Nov. 1-All Saints Sunday-Rite of 1st Holy Comm.

*For All The Saints*

*Shall we Gather at the River*

*What A Fellowship-What A Joy Divine*

### Nov. 8 -Pentecost 24

*God is Here*

*Day by Day*

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

### Nov. 15-Thankoffering Sunday

*Selected hymns by WELCA*

### Nov. 22 -Christ the King Sunday

*Beautiful Savior*

*Amazing Grace*

*King of Love My Shepherds Is*

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

### Nov. 25-Thanksgiving Eve

### Nov. 29-Avent Begins

*Light One Candle*

*My Lord What A Morning*

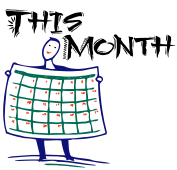
*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

*Soon and Very Soon*



NOVEMBER 1ST  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
&  
RITE OF FIRST  
HOLY COMMUNION





December 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK**

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

<p>1 <u>Communion</u> ALL SAINTS'</p> <p>SUNDAY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:30 Martha meets at LuElla K.</p>	<p>3 <u>Trinity Youth</u></p> <p>Election Day Soup and Sandwich Supper 5:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 am Open Bible Study/ Lois Circle at the Truman Café</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <u>Communion</u> Confirmation YoU! class 12:15-3:30</p> <p>Youth Bonfire at Pastor Krista's home</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:30 WELCA meeting (Thurs. am serves)</p> <p><b>Church office closed today</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church office open from 8-11 am</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERANS DAY Council mtg. 6:30 meet at Madelia</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>PREPARE FOR JESUS</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Thanksgiving Sunday</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p><b>DEADLINE!</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mending at Truman SL</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2 pm Bingo at TSL</p> <p>Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving!</p>	<p>27</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 am Messenger Assembly</p>	<p>Worship Schedule</p> <p><b>TRINITY Sun school 9:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Worship 10:30 AM</b></p>	<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p>Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 &amp; 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00</p>	<p><u>Pastor Krista's Office Hours</u></p> <p>Wed. 11:00-2:30 pm Thurs. 8:30-2:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Coming Up in December</u></p> <p>Cookie Walk December 5th</p>	

## TRINITY'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 1ST

We will again be doing the PONY EXPRESS.



Please be sure to move the packets to the next one on the list.

Congratulations to those who will receive their First Holy Communion on November 1st.



**Peyton Franzen, Gracie Zaharia, Johnnie Zaharia and Katherine Strum.**

*"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."*  
1 Cor. 10: 17

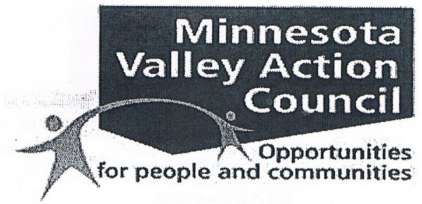
## RING FOUND...

A women's ring was found in the church sanctuary on the right hand side of the back pews sometime at the end of September. Please contact the church office to claim your ring.



### UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway—\$43,627.01  
Hy Vee—\$102,499.75



## 2015-2016 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- **What is energy assistance?**
  - Funds to help low income households pay heating/energy bills
- **Who is energy assistance for?**
  - Wage earners
  - Seniors
  - Self-employed people
  - Other low-income households
- **Who can apply for energy assistance?**
  - Homeowners
  - Renters who pay heating costs
  - Renters with heat included in rent, but pay electricity
- **What are the eligibility requirements?**
  - You must be income eligible

Household size	Gross income for Previous 3 months
1	\$5,987
2	\$7,829
3	\$9,671
4	\$11,514
5	\$13,356
6	\$15,198
7	\$15,543
8	\$15,889

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Application deadline is May 31, 2016



Prayers

*We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:*

**Bea Behrens, Agnes Carlson, Lisa Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Oakley Selnes, Danny Lang and Barb Shoen and family...** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*



## November 1st is All Saints Sunday

We will have a list of names of your loved ones who have passed away and remember them on this Special

# BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Danny Lang Gabriell Greier	2 Marilyn Duncanson	3 	4 Ross Ringeisen Jenna Breiner	5 Amber Nickerson Vern Quade	6	7 Wayne Maloney Sue Michalke
8 	9	10 Jake Ebert Doug Schwanz	11	12 	13	14 Nicole Ebert
15	16 Shawn Wiederhoeft	17 Amber (Davis) Menke Cathy Sorenson	18	19	20 Tyler Splinter	21 Carson Peters
22 Dale & Cindy Wiederhoeft 40 years 	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving 	27	28
29 Karen Kneeland	30					



**ELECTION DAY SOUP SUPPER  
NOVEMBER 3RD  
5:30-7:30 PM**



Join us for chili and homemade chicken noodle soup, plus peanut butter or egg salad sandwiches and bars at Trinity on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. Hosted by Trinity Youth Group members. Free will offering.

*Thank you Zach Hansen & Kylee Harder for playing your trumpet along with Kim Breamer at the Anniversary Service.*



*Also, thank you to all the youth group members who helped serve the meal after the service!!*



Great Job! Sunday School kids who sang at the Anniversary service on October 4th.

Pastor Krista and her husband Matt, teaching the kids the Song “The Wiseman built his house upon a rock” during Children’s Time at the Anniversary Service.







## Thankful Hearts

Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

### What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.

# Give Thanks



## Christian Symbol+

### Scepter and crown

The scepter and crown are symbols of a king's authority. In Christian tradition, they represent Christ's triumphant rule over all. The final Sunday of the liturgical year — November 22 this year — is Christ the King Sunday, when we celebrate this very thing. Hebrews 1:8 (NIV), echoing the book of Psalms, reads: "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom."

## With all my heart

This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.

I	a	W	I	d	L	d	L	G	e
I	f	v	g	h	E	c	T	H	y
A	a	g	N	K	c	m	S	n	T
h	O	d	Y	O	b	U	e	L	O
p	R	e	D	W	a	I	T	H	A
h	L	L	t	M	b	Y	d	H	E
A	R	b	T	d	I	W	I	f	L
g	L	T	E	b	L	c	L	O	I
F	z	A	L	y	L	Y	O	g	U
R	W	d	O	N	t	D	E	f	R
F	U	s	L	D	f	E	E	D	S

“ \_\_\_\_\_  
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PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV

## Bible Quiz

Of what ethnicity was the one leper out of 10 healed who returned to thank Jesus?



- A. Syrophenician
- B. Samaritan
- C. Syrian
- D. Judean

Answer: B (See Luke 17:16.)



# THE MESSENGER

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NOVEMBER 2015

*God's Blessings to:*



**Nov. 25th**  
Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship  
7 PM

With Communion

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*"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.*

—St. Augustine



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NOVEMBER

**New  
Worship Time**

**TRINITY WORSHIP-10:30 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:00 AM**  
*(Sunday school classes are from Sept—May)*

If you are searching for a church home or are currently a member, we want to extend a warm welcome to you. Trinity observes the "Open" communion policy— all those believing in Christ are welcome at our Lord's Table.

*Communion is scheduled to take place the first two Sunday's of the month, check the calendar inside for any changes.*

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-8:00-11:00 am  
Wed.-8-11 am, & 1-4 pm  
Friday-8:00-11:00 am

## PASTOR KRISTA'S HOURS OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday—11:00-2:30 pm  
Thursday—8:30—2:30 pm