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# The Trinity Tidings

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**“Teaching About CHRIST, Leading To CHRIST, Caring Like CHRIST.”**

Thank You To All The Volunteers Who Make This Newsletter Possible And To All The Members Of Trinity Who So  
 Willingly Give Of Their Time And Talents To Serve Their Lord In Various Capacities!

### From the Pastor:

Thanks be to God!

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, in East Lansing, there was a special service in recognition of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the Reformation. Some of our members were in attendance, and if you were not there, you might have seen pictures or videos of the event on Facebook or other places. Somewhere between 12,000 and 15,000 people were in attendance, with a choir of almost 1,500, which certainly was a major undertaking. While that is a very large group, there was another event, almost 90 years ago in Dearborn that about tripled those numbers. It was another special service in honor of another anniversary: In 1929, almost 45,000 people attended a service in recognition of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the production of the Small Catechism.

It might seem like the Small Catechism should pale in comparison to a celebration of the start of the Reformation, and maybe it should. However, without the Small Catechism, maybe we wouldn't still be remembering the Reformation at all. In producing the Small Catechism, Martin Luther and the other Reformers were able to put the basic teachings of Scripture into the homes of Christians throughout the world. What is the Small Catechism? Well, if you've grown up in the Lutheran Church, you probably remember it as the thing you were supposed to memorize for confirmation, or at least the basic textbook of confirmation class.

But it is much more than that. It's not simply something that we should concentrate on for two years, take a test, pass and forget. It is a resource that each family can use throughout its life together to remember and to teach about who God is, who we are, and how He loves us and works through us to love each other. It was written "for the head of the household" to teach those who are in the household. At first, it wasn't even a book; it was a series of posters that were produced to adorn the walls of the house, taking seriously the words of God given through Moses as the people of Israel prepared to enter into the Promised Land:

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**OFFICE HOURS (school)**  
**7:30 am—3:30 pm (Mrs. Britton)**  
**OFFICE HOURS (Church)**  
**M-T 9:00 am — 3:00 pm**  
**(Mrs. Mossner)**

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

While the people of Israel were getting ready to enter into the Promised Land, and God would set up the Temple with its Priests (Church), and the Government with its Law and Order (State): he establishes the Family as the center of it all. That is also the way that the 10 Commandments, the first of the Six Chief Parts of the Catechism sets itself up as well. The First Table of the Law (Commandments 1-3) deals with how we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart. The Second Table (particularly commandments 5-10) deals with how we love our Neighbor. In between these two directions is the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment: “Honor your Father and Mother”. How do we honor someone? By listening to them and learning from them. That’s why Luther gives the Catechism to the Head of the Household to teach. The family is indeed the center of society. Before the Fall into sin, God established the family as He created Adam and Eve and told them to “be fruitful and multiply.” God tells Adam and Eve to have children and to teach them about God and about how to live. Sadly, with the Fall into sin, Adam and Eve and other dads and moms cannot do this perfectly; we need help. It’s after the fall that God establishes what we would call the offices of the church and the state, with pastors, teachers, police officers, elected officials, kings and queens, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and “other authorities” here on earth.

So when Luther teaches on the Fourth Commandment, he answers the question “what does this mean?” with this: “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.” While there are “other authorities” though, the central part of this command is with the Father and Mother. This was one of the major teachings of the Reformation, and without it, the Reformation would not have had the effect that it did. Without the Word of God coming into the homes, without fathers and mothers teaching this Word to their children, the Gospel that Luther proclaimed from the Bible, that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone, might have simply been drowned out by all the other noise that surrounded people at that time. It took dads and moms, and others through whom the dads and moms gave authority to teach (pastors, uncles, grandparents, teachers) teaching this promise to their children and then those children through their children, on through the generations, that kept this promise in front of us. It took taking time to talk about it when sitting in our houses or walking down the road, or driving to confirmation class. It was parents teaching in both directions. First about how to “Love God” and even more about His love for us as they taught what the first three commandments and what it means to “Remember the Sabbath Day” and to gladly hear God’s Word. Second about how to “Love Your Neighbor” as they taught their children about the 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Commandments, how to protect life (5<sup>th</sup>), protect families (6<sup>th</sup>), protect property (7<sup>th</sup>), protect reputation (8<sup>th</sup>), and how to be content with what God has given to us (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>).

So, as we do celebrate the Anniversary of the start of the Reformation, we also remember how God has blessed the church and our families with what came out of the Reformation, including the beauty of the Small Catechism and how it has helped Fathers and Mothers teach their children about the Love of Christ. Over these next few months, we will take time to look at other teachings that are brought out through the Catechism, starting next month with the Second Chief Part: The Creed.

**Board of Elders**

**October**

Deaths:	0	Transfer Out:	0
Baptisms:	3	Confirmation:	0
Releases:	0	Affirmation of Faith:	0
Transfer in:	0		

**Membership as of 6-30-2017:** Baptized 1045      Communicant 850      Associate 13

<i>November Birthdays</i>		1 Mike Scott	2 James Beyerlein Jennifer Krenz	3	4	
5 Brendon Jackson Christine Sink Roxanne Yeager	6 Mitchell Krieger	7 Heidi Bernreuter	8 Kristin Bonecutter Gregory Gulliver Meghan Weber	9 Alyssa Schaaf Kennedy Yeager	10 Dolores Woizeschke	11 Hannah Conachan Sherry Kaufman Yvonne Roth Beneva Schemm
12 Bernard Bauer David Dinsmoore Angela Sahr	13	14 Bradley Sommerfield Kristina Wheeler Jaime Yeager	15 Julie Peyok Matthew Schiefer Steven Schradler Julie Wheeler	16 Stephanie Bremer	17	18
19 Mark Bringold Ronald Hallman Brent Haubenstricker William Reid Stephanie Sahr Jill Weber	20 Timothy Wahl	21 Drew Brechtelsbauer Patricia Reinbold	22 Patricia Bittner Carleen Kaul Helen Reif	23 Mark Kern Kayla Sahr	24 Rebecca Howell	25 Marsha Jacobs Paige Smith
26 Jonathan Dankert Jacob Grimpo	27 Kelly Yeager	28 Abigail Bittner	29 Diane Sommer	30 Trent Damm Judy Manning Makenzie Wehl		

<i>November Anniversaries</i>		1 Cherie & Fred Reinbold Monica & George Zofchak II	2 Stacy & Chris . Castle	3	4	
5	6	7 Casey & Casey Dubay Lorelei & Keith Krumnauer	8	9 Cindy & David Hughes	10	11 Sherri & Adam Brechtelsbauer Melna & Walter Trinklein
12	13	14 Amy & Gregory Daenzer	15	16	17	18
19 Kristina & Thomas Wheeler	20	21	22	23 Kimberly & Phil Rowan	24 Sally & Michael Sahr	25
26	27	28	29	30 Sally & Steven Reif		

## Trinity Happenings

**LUNCH PROGRAM:** Please keep Trinity Lutheran Lunch Program in mind when going through your garden. We use everything! We also will be in need of squash for Thanksgiving Luncheon. Thanks again, the Kitchen Staff

**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM** is looking for members to sponsor children to allow them to enjoy our wonderful hot lunch program. Contact Amy Wendland with questions 755-8337.

**CHURCH ELECTION:** The church nominating committee has been formed. In the coming weeks, please prayerfully consider serving as chairman for one of our boards. Each position is a 2-year term. The following board positions are up for election this year: Chairman, Secretary, Elders, Social Ministry, Stewardship, Parish Education, Youth and Education. If interested in serving or to learn more about these roles, please contact Eric Rupprecht 860-6656 or Amy Wendland 295-7895.

**ALTAR GUILD** will meet **November 4<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am.

**LARGE PROJECTS STARTING SOON:** We have some large projects coming up soon. One is the window seals in the church needing maintenance to prevent future damage to the building. The estimated cost for this budgeted project is \$10,600.

**REFORMATION BOOK:** *The Reformation*, is available for \$20 (reg. \$30) if interested stop in at the Book & Gift Shop to order.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** Trinity will be starting another new member class in the middle of October. If you are interested in learning more about what our church teaches and becoming a member of Trinity, please contact Pastor Burhop soon. The class will meet from mid-October to the end of November.

## Area Happenings

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is in need of substitute teachers. For additional information or if you are interested, please call the principal, Nicole Frederick, at 989-755-1144 ext. 212. Thank you!

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN** is hosting their 78<sup>th</sup> annual harvest dinner on Sunday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Fellowship Hall, 1633 E. Pinconning Road, Pinconning. A delicious meal of homemade pork sausage, chicken, sauerkraut, squash, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, homemade desserts and beverages will be served. Cost is: Adults - \$9.00, Children 5-12 years - \$4.00, Under 5 - Free. Bake sale and Rada cutlery sale will be held during the dinner.

**VLHS IS HIRING AN IMMEDIATE SCHOOL SECRETARY.** The purpose of the school secretary is to provide assistance in administering the school while serving as a Christian role model for students and the community. The ideal candidate should have excellent written, oral and interpersonal communication skills and experience in computer applications, is committed to Lutheran secondary education, possesses a high school diploma, works well both independently and as a member of a team, and is a member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The position is full-time during the school year, however two part-time positions may be considered. Interested parties should provide a cover letter and resume of relevant experiences with references to Executive Director John Brandt by e-mail ([jbrandt@vlhs.com](mailto:jbrandt@vlhs.com)), or mail John Brandt, Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty, Saginaw MI 48603. E-mail John Brandt ([jbrandt@vlhs.com](mailto:jbrandt@vlhs.com)) for a complete job description.

**WELLSPRING IN FRANKENMUTH** is having a bazaar on **November 17<sup>th</sup>** and the St. Lorenz bake sale is on **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Both will be held at Wellspring. Keep these dates in mind and get some of your wonderful Christmas gifts and baking done. Proceeds go to Wellspring Lutheran Auxiliary.

**VLHS INFORMATION NIGHT:** Calling all current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students and parents to Valley Lutheran High School's Annual Fall Information Night on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 7:00pm. This event is a great way to get a guided tour of Valley, meet fellow students, teachers, and hear about all the great things you can be part of at VLHS. No RSVP needed just come out for a fun, relaxed evening ~ Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty Road, Saginaw. Questions?? email Sondra Yantz, Student Recruiter, [syantz@vlhs.com](mailto:syantz@vlhs.com) or contact the school office 989-790-1676.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

Trinity Lutheran Church and School  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017

**Present:** Milinda Bader, Tom Bauer, Ruth Beyerlein, Levi Bringold, Scott Briggs, Pastor Burhop, John Dohrmann, Cindy Krumnauer, Jeff Sommerfield, Vicky Sebald, Eric Rupprecht and Gary Kaufman.

**Absent:** Glen Roth, Mark Bringold, Rob Pike and Ken Zimmer.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Kaufman at 7:01 pm.

**Devotion/Prayer:** Pastor Burhop opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** The August 15, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made and supported to approve the August 15, 2017 minutes with a couple of corrections. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Burhop reported on Confirmation, open form meeting, High School Youth activities and the special service upcoming schedule.

**Treasurer's Report and Financial Report:** The written Treasurer's and Financial Report were reviewed by the Board of Directors. Scott Briggs gave a verbal report on the comparison between Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017.

**Old Business:** The agenda for the Quarterly Congregational meeting was discussed and set for the Sunday September 24, 2017 after the 10:45 am service.

**New Business:** Committee is forming to review the Personnel manual for Church & School. The Church Extension line of credit was renewed.

**Chairman:** Reviewed all boards that are up for re-election to submit names to nominating committee.

**Vice Chairman:** No report was given.

**Board of Finance:** Scott Briggs gave an overview of all financial record keeping.

**Board of Elders:** Pastor Burhop reported for Ken Zimmer on various elder activities and discussed emergency evacuation procedures with the Board of Worship.

**Board of Trustees:** No report was given.

**Board of Stewardship:** Ruth Beyerlein reported that the Board of Stewardship has ordered more Hope-Full living devotional materials.

**Board of Evangelism:** John Dohrmann spoke about a devotional distribution to Trinity's public school students, the Board of Evangelism's CMU campus luncheon and other community outreach ideas.

**Board of Education:** No report was given.

**Principal's Report:** Principal Levi Bringold reported on music fest at Valley Lutheran, Valley superintendent to speak on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at Trinity, Child Care update.

**Board of Worship:** Jeff Sommerfield updated the Board of Directors on the Board of Worship and Board of Elders plans to speak regarding Trinity's various emergency Evacuation Plans, AED info and CPR training.

**Board of Social Ministry:** Milinda Bader on reported the board is looking toward the fall meeting to start planning for future events.

**Youth Board:** Vicky reported on Senior High Youth 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bible study and activities.

**Cemetery Board:** Tom Bauer reported on the Cemetery Board's fall activities.

**Parish Education Board:** Cindy Krumnauer spoke about the following activities of the Parish Education Board: Sunday school started on September 10, 2017; the Wednesday Fruit of the Spirit Bible class did began on September 13. The board's next meeting is on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Valley Lutheran Report:** Julie Neumann supplied handouts on Valley Lutheran News.

The next meeting of Trinity's Board of Directors will be on Tuesday October 17, 2017.

A motion was made and supported to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Motion carried

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Kaufman for Glen R. Roth, Secretary

**Present:** Approx. 33 members were in attendance.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Kaufman at 11:58am.

**Devotion/Prayer:** Pastor Burhop provided a reading from Psalm 1 and prayer.

**Board of Education:** Principal Levi Bringold reported that we have 82 students in K thru 8. Trinity has completed Accreditation program certification. He also touched on the Music Program among other items of interest to the members present.

**Board of Finance:** Chair Scott Briggs reported giving is down approximately 5% from last year. Fiscal year ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> we were \$-42,000 negative to the budget but as of the August 31<sup>st</sup> budget balance is about \$21,000 over expenses. Building fund balance is now at \$578,000 as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Finally all Special fund accounts are in good standing as indicated thru Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Board of Elders:** Chair Ken Zimmer report that the board is still in the process of membership clean-up and trying to contact or locate members that are inactive. Still wanting to hear members' feedback on worship schedules. They are working with the Bd. of Worship and local authorities in developing an emergency action plan for various emergencies such as (fire, medical, tornado).

**Pastor Burhop:** Reported on Confirmation monthly meetings with students and parents. Pastor also is in the process of getting a group of school students to meet monthly for fellowship and activities. Finally reported on church attendance as being steady with many congregations being down in attendance across the country, but it was nice to see steady attendance here at Trinity.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:38pm.

Respectfully submitted  
 Gary M. Kaufman for Glen Roth, Secretary

## Youth Group News:

### High School Bible Study and Youth Night

Youth Bible study will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each Month. We will start with a Bible Study at 6:00 PM and then hang out to play some games and plan out activities for the year. We will meet at the Youth House and finish up around 8:00 PM. Bring along any games you'd like to play and some ideas for what to do over the next few months.

We are always looking for people to help on the Board of Youth. It doesn't have to be a full commitment. If you have an idea for an activity and would like to help plan that one event, please contact Pastor Burhop or Mrs. Weidner. We would love to have some new ideas .

# School Lunch Menu— November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Nachos supreme bar	2 Homemade chili & baked potato	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 Cereal bar	7 Chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice	8 pizza	9 Finger food day, chicken wings, little smokie roll ups, veggies & dip oranges	10 Hamburger bar	11
12	13 Homemade French toast	14 Bean soup, Cream of potato, grilled chees	15 Nachos supreme bar	16 Homemade macaroni & cheese	17 Chicken Ala King w/veggies	18
19	20 Thanksgiving luncheon	21 Leftover Tuesday, leftovers from Thanksgiving luncheon	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NOSCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 Waffle bar	28 Chicken strips	29 Pizza	30 Hamburger bar		

### Fun Fact about November:

- November birth flower [Flower of the month](#): The [Chrysanthemum](#).
- It is the last month of the Fall season.
- November in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to May in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Elections are held in the United States on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- The third Thursday of November is the Great American Smoke out.
- *November Birthstone: Topaz, Citrine or aquamarine. Meaning: Fidelity*



**With the Holidays shortly ahead of us,  
the Food Pantry is in need of  
the following items:**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Peanut butter, soups & canned fruit

**November 9<sup>th</sup>:** Any pasta & spaghetti sauce (in can), mac 'n cheese

**November 16<sup>th</sup>:** Pudding, Jello, cake mix,  
frosting, crackers, or snacks

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Mustard, ketchup, or any  
condiments, salad dressings, salt & pepper

### **CHURCH MUSIC : COME JOIN US**

Do you enjoy hearing special music in church? Does a choir singing or handbells ringing enhance your worship experience? We have dates set for both choir and handbells participating in the worship services for November and December. Please consider joining us in this special offering of your time and talents to the glory of the Lord!

#### **November:**

Handbells will play on Sunday, **November 5th**. Rehearsals will be Thursday, **October 26th**, and Thursday, **November 2nd**, both at 6:30 pm.

Choir will sing on Sunday, **November 19th**. Rehearsals will be Thursday, **November 9th** and Thursday, **November 16th**, both at 6:30 pm.

#### **December:**

Handbells will play on Sunday, **December 10th**. Rehearsals will be Thursday, **November 30th** and Thursday, **December 7th**, both at 6:30 pm.

Choir will sing at the 5:30 pm service, on Christmas Eve, **December 24th**. Rehearsals will be on Thursday, **December 14th** and Thursday, **December 21st**, both at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Karen Keup at 989-777-8321 if you have questions.

## *In Our Continued Prayers*

#### **Continued Prayer:**

David Hughes, Leona Otto, Mark Otto, Jim Sahr, Julianne Scherzer,  
Jeanette, Edward Schrader

#### **Prayer Request:**

David Hughes, Mark Otto, Leona Otto, Julianne Scherzer, Roy Krauss, Art Hope,  
Cindy Houghtaling, Susan, Payton Matzke,  
Heather Livingston & her family, Brian Fowler

#### **Shut-ins:**

Betty Bender, Jennifer Elbers, Iva Greenleaf, Richard Gulliver, Edna Kopischke,  
Helen Reif, Beneva Schemm

#### **Military:**

Spencer Elbers (Mary Ann Mossner's nephew, station in Qatar),  
Justin Guerrero (stationed in Alaska),  
Brandon Bierlein, (Dyess AFB) Texas.

#### **Addresses:**

Helen Reif, 546 W. Hampton Rd, Rm 266: Bed 1, Essexville, Michigan 48732

**Please inform the office if you know of anyone else who should be added to this list.**

## Memorials & Honors

**In Honor of  
Ed Beyerlein  
90th Birthday –Building Fund**

**THANK YOU**

**MOST Ministries News:** The 2016 profit from the Book and Gift ship went to MOST Ministries. The following are excerpts from letters thanking us and requesting our continued prayers:

“We can never thank you enough for helping provide the necessary resources that empower MOST Ministries to impact the world for Jesus Christ. Your gift of \$250 changes lives around the world”

“... team members provided 884 people with eyeglasses in Guatemala and 644 with eyeglasses in Belize as well as sharing the Gospel of Christ with them...”

We are asked to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the success of that July mission as well as to keep Most Ministries in our prayers as they schedule trips for 2018. (Our own Kayla Ratajczak went on such a trip in 2016.) The mission teams appreciate the support, encouragement and prayers of many individuals and congregations. Thank you for supporting the Book and Gift Shop so we can continue to support these ministries.

**THANK YOU** for prayers, cards & support during Norm's hospital stays. May God richly bless you for your generosity; also all the people who helped make his benefit possible. Thanks again The Norm Bergdolt family

The LWML (international), has a mission goal of \$2,075,000 for 2017-2019. The following will receive their requested grants:



**Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children \$40,000**

Jesus gives the same command today, to feed the hungry, that He gave His disciples. Mercy Meals of Siouxland, a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa, began packaging fortified rice/soy meals in 2012. Mercy Meals donates all packaged meals to Orphan Grain Train for transportation and delivery to Christian organizations in many countries, including India, Haiti, Romania, and Ecuador, as well as to Navajo reservations in the Southwest and Ysleta Mission in El Paso, Texas. Children and families receive food and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. An LWML grant will feed from 50,000 to 75,000 hungry children.

**Mercy House of Flint, Michigan Women and Children \$100,000**

The Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint, Michigan, has purchased a residence next door to the mission, and is seeking funds to redesign, renovate, refurbish, and furnish the residence. Named Mercy House for Women and Children, the facility will house six to eight homeless, pregnant, and/or abused women and their children. Located in one of the poorest cities in America, the home will attempt to break the cycle of poverty and decrease the potential for abuse, by housing women and children in a safe, caring, Christian environment, where the best practices of parenting and relationship building can be modeled and taught.



**Christ for Veterans and Their Families \$27,750**

Many returning military men and women find it difficult to adjust to civilian life. They struggle with physical, mental, financial and emotional needs. Funds requested by the Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) will be utilized to host national training events for Operation Barnabas, an extension of MAF, which provides a network of care through trained congregations that want to reach out to members of the military, their families, and the veterans in their communities. This grant will train these congregations and communities to reach out with the love of Christ and assist these veterans in this transition.



**Mite boxes and deposits are available in .**

# CHILDCARE

Childcare still has a few openings for children of all ages. We never turn down free publicity so if you know someone looking for childcare please pass our name along.

We received some new standards from our food program so we are now offering healthier snacks. We are no longer serving sugary snacks of any kind but instead serving whole grains and fruits and vegetables.

We recently added a new meet the staff bulletin board. All staff have a picture and short autobiography on the board. If you get a minute stop down and check it out.

## **Pre-School News**

**PRESCHOOL 4's:** This November we care for others by bringing in food and paper products for needy families in Reese. We say Thank You to God for all His blessings to us. Letter Ll loves lemon lollipops. We are making leaf art! God turns the leaves such beautiful colors. Mr. Bb has buttons all over his clothes. Letter Ee loves to exercise. We will exercise at Gym Jester's gym. Thanksgiving Week we are going to make a Thank You God banner, with pictures of ways God has blessed us. We are starting the songs for our Christmas program (**December 20<sup>th</sup>**) and learning about baby Jesus.

**PRESCHOOL 3's:** This month we are bringing in food to share with families that are in need in our Reese Community. We have a big blue box to fill. **Old Mother Hubbard** had no food in her cupboard for her dog. We will make dog biscuits. We are playing grocery store in our room. **Little Tommy Tucker** sang for his supper as we will practice songs to sing for others. **Bye Baby Bunting** will have us pretend hunting. We will be looking for the bucks, turkeys, rabbits on our walls, and for the squirrels outside our window. We sing the prayer: **Thank You for the World So Sweet**, Thank You for the food we eat, Thank you God for the birds that sing, Thank You God for everything! Our Christmas Program will be **December 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**AFTERNOON KIDS:** We are having fun counting our new pattern: 1 thing, 2 things, 1 thing, 2 things.. We are counting to 40 this month. For Social Studies we are exploring the things on our church block. We will be walking outside to note the roads, road signs, sidewalks and finally the train tracks that are close to school.

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

2016-2017 Fiscal Year Deficit: **\$42,073**

*This total includes the General Fund, School and Child Care.*

November will be filled with fun and excitement as we celebrate Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and would you believe, start getting ready for Christmas!

The last couple of months we have had the privilege of working with Immanuel Frankentrost with field trips and athletic collaboration. The relationship between the two schools continues to grow as God provides opportunities for the two to work together.

With all of these things, students in the school, and seeing the way God continues to richly bless us, we continue to thank Him for all He has blessed us with. Also, we want to thank you guys for all that you do to continue to support the ministry here and abroad.

May God bless you during the beginning of this joyful season!

**Thanks for continuing to support the school and the students who attend here. It is a special place and every time a new school year starts, we get to remember just how special this place is. Thanks and God Bless! Levi**

**School office hours:**

School Hours 7:30 am –3:30 pm

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- November 2<sup>nd</sup> Parents teacher conference's
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> No School
- November 10<sup>th</sup> Veterans Breakfast & Chapel
- November 12<sup>th</sup> 10:45 am k-4 sing
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>—26<sup>th</sup>

INTERESTED IN TRINITY? ALL you need to do is fill out the registration form and pay the \$50.00/per child deposit. (This deposit is put toward your Educational Fees.). Please see Levi Bringold or Shannon Britton for forms and if you have any questions. (989)868-4501 Registration information is available in the office or online at [www.trintyreese.org](http://www.trintyreese.org).

We would love to have you come for a visit.  
Please continue to keep Trinity Church/School in your prayers  
so we continue to be A GREAT, JOYful PLACE TO GROW in 2017-18!

**Monthly Goal**

This month we were:  
**\$5,183** short of our O Give Thanks Goal  
And  
**\$41,219** short of our Monthly Goal

<u>Monthly Income</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$ 32,260
Sunday School	\$ 60
O Give Thanks	\$ 3,343 <i>\$8,526 needed*</i>
Missions	\$ 872
Thrivent Choice	\$ 405
SCRIP	\$ -
Tuition	\$ (30)
Other	\$ 102
VBS	\$ -
<b>Total Income for Month</b>	<b>\$ 37,012</b> <i>\$78,231 needed*</i>

*\*Monthly Budget from 2017-2018  
Mission and Ministry Plan*

**Year to Date Balance**

This is the 3rd month of the fiscal year.  
So far this fiscal year we have:  
**Spent \$4,758 more than we have taken in.**

<u>Year To Date Balance</u>	
General Fund	\$ (38,541)
School	\$ 33,904
Child Care	\$ (120)
<b>Total*</b>	<b>\$ (4,758)</b>

**Mortgage Balance**

\$570,512



With the holidays just around the corner- remember that there are many script gift cards that can be ordered for that special gift for someone. See the list of gift cards that can be special-ordered on the back of the script order form. If you are going to place a special order please allow enough time for them to arrive for when you need them. If you have questions, please let me know.

Heidi Bernreuter

# Worship for Shut-Ins

Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries  
November 2017

## November 5, 2017 – All Saints' Day Observed

Psalm: 149; Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

"From Here to Eternity" - Sermon Text: 1 John 3:1-3 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

How far is it from today, to the end of your earthly existence, to the beginning of your resurrected life? From what is, to what will be? From Here to Eternity? The distance both doesn't exist and is somewhere in the future. We are both a child of God right now and a work in process.

## November 12, 2017 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27)

Psalm: 70; Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

"Ready With His Oil" - Sermon Text: Matthew 25:1-13 - Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege

Through His Word, both preached and sacramental, Christ gives us His cross-purchased, Spirit-filled gifts of forgiveness and salvation. This fits as the "oil" in our lamps. Those in the "visible church" who have replaced the "oil" with worldly beliefs, will discover too late that they are no longer associated with the eternal Bridegroom. With His "oil" Christ establishes His people as His "wedding party", even as His "Bride" to rejoice in the eternal wedding banquet.

## November 19, 2017 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)

Psalm: 143:2; 5-6; 10-11; Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4, 9-11; Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

"His Precious Gift" - Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30 - Rev. James Elsner

Family heirlooms are precious. They connect us with our forefathers. What is God's precious gift to you?

## November 26, 2017 – Last Sunday of the Church Year (Proper 29)

Psalm: 95:1-7a; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

"It's All Over" - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:30-28 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

It's all over! How many times have those words been said in victory or relief? On that great and glorious day, we shall rise to eternal life with Jesus "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

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# Hear the Word

*The Lutheran Hour*, with speaker Rev. Gregory Seltz, can be heard Sundays on WSAM-1400AM at 8:30 a.m., 10:08 a.m. on WMIC 660 radio stations, XM's Family Talk Radio 170 at 1:00 p.m. or podcast at <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts/>. You can receive daily devotions written by Pastor Ken Klaus at [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp). Services from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bay City immediately follow the Lutheran Hour on WSAM-1400AM.

## November 2017

November 5<sup>th</sup>

### **"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer

This weekend many churches observe All Saints Sunday, remembering those who have died in the Christian faith. That prompts us to ask, what does it take to get to heaven? Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." What that means is this week's Lutheran Hour message. (Matthew 5:8)

November 12<sup>th</sup>

### **"More Than a Wish"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Not so long ago over 370 million tickets were sold for a Powerball drawing. Each person who made a purchase had hope that they might become rich. Most were disappointed. In 1 Thessalonians 4, St. Paul explains how the resurrection hope of Christians is better than the hopelessness of the world and far more solid than groundless wishful thinking. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

November 19<sup>th</sup>

### **"The Reckoning"**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer

You hear little talk about the "Fear of God" anymore, but if you don't in some way fear your Creator who judges you down to your inmost being, why would you love your only Savior whom He sends you? A message about fearing and loving God. (Matthew 25:14-30)

November 26<sup>th</sup>

### **"Show Me"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

In Lerner and Loewe's musical, *My Fair Lady*, Eliza is being wooed with words by weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: "Don't talk of stars, burning above If you're in love, show me Tell me not dreams, filled with desire If you're on fire, show me." In Jesus' description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action. (Matthew 25:31-46)

