



**YOU AND THE PEW...**

What a blessing to have you in worship these last weeks! Our Trinity community has been vibrant in singing and prayer– and thanks to Trinity Choir, the Trinity Ringers, and our Praise Ensemble! November finds us thick in messages of Stewardship and Food Pantry; and in preparations for the Advent and Christmas season. Trinity welcomes **Pastor Paul Holmer** back to lead worship on November 12th. **Deacon Patty Tillman** leads worship on Commitment Sunday, November 19. The final Sunday of the liturgical year is November 26, Christ the King Sunday.

**THE FOUNDATION FOR STEWARDSHIP...**

An ELCA Pastor, Rev. Thomas Weitzel, writes relevant words for us at Trinity: “The time of pastoral vacancy in a congregation is one of the most significant times in the life of a parish. Given that it is a time of transition, it can also be a time of high anxiety.”

Like the crisp of Autumn, apprehension may be in the air, but Trinity is neither the first nor only congregation to be in an Interim Time. But look around! Circles, Sunday School, book clubs, and Fairness Awareness are meeting. Trinity and the Little Food Pantry are feeding the hungry. Musicians are practicing. Homebound visits are being made. Coffee and doughnuts are still available. The heat is on. God’s Word is being proclaimed and we are singing God’s praises!

Christ, our Leader, reminds us what is truly important: **“Love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And love your neighbor as yourself.”**

Our joy in giving everything flows from loving God with heart and strength– and neighbors, too. This joy defeats apprehension and anxiety.

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**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP...**

In preparation for Thanksgiving Eve and the cold months ahead, we are restocking our Little Food Pantry. Bring your food gifts to the altar anytime between now and Thanksgiving Eve. We will dedicate these food offerings and **give thanks to God for our many blessings at 6:30p on Wednesday, November 22, on Thanksgiving Eve.** Come give thanks for God’s bounty in our lives. We will also dedicate our food offerings to God.

**CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS...**

Our Church Council is pleased to announce two items of note:

**\*Amy Roehrs** is joining our church staff to lead Sunday School. Please take a moment to welcome Amy! (Consider accompanying your welcome with an offer to volunteer in this vital ministry of the church.)

**\*A Call Committee** has been formed. Those serving are:

*Barbara Roseman*  
*Al Struss*  
*Jan Meyer*  
*Bob Blen, chair*

*David Ray*  
*Patty Jo Dooley Jones*  
*Adam Lounsberry*

The Call Committee will be commissioned during our Commitment Sunday worship, November 19, at both services.

**NOVEMBER IS FOOD DRIVE MONTH...**

Trinity’s **Little Food Pantry** is preparing for escalated need during the colder months. Bring your food offerings to the altar each Sunday in November and we will join together as a community to consecrate them to God’s service Thanksgiving Eve, November 22. All the food offerings stay at Trinity, serving our neighborhood.

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#### FOR CONCERNS ON OUR MINDS AND IN OUR HEARTS...

For Dave and Judy Dwyer, as they face each day thankful for life. Our deep sympathy to both on the recent passing of Judy's sister Betty.

For Dave Behrens, Charlotte Drennen, Theresa Scott, and Joe Lamont and his wife.

For baby Preston Meumann. Prayers for his comfort and peace, and for his mother and father.

For Eric Olson, son of Lois and Bob Olson, who was just diagnosed with cancer.

For 7-year-old Ryker, just diagnosed with a glioblastoma (brain tumor). Healing prayers and praying for a miracle.

For Joann Olson (Janice Moriarity's sister) who has undergone procedures for infected knee replacements.

For Trinity in this Interim Time, that we may remain patient, faithful, and steadfast as the Holy Spirit leads and guides our church.

#### A PRAYER FOR VETERANS AND A WAR-TORN WORLD...

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen.

Prayer by Fr. Austin Flemming, on his blog *The Concord Pastor*.

#### FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION...

*US Marine Corps*: Ryan Denato, Landre Farenkrog, Josh Ramirez.

*US Army*: Kyle Baker, Daniel Bottom, Jeff Lee, Gregory Logsdon, Xander Ortiz, Tim Schaffer, Colin Sommers, Joseph Van Damme, Chris Welvaert.

*US Navy*: David Ehredt, Scott Reeder.

*US Air Force*: D.J. Hoepfner, Connor Kent, Kiah Kent, Madison Yodts;

*US Coast Guard*: Neil Brown, Geoffrey Gibson, and Kevin Lunday.

#### PRAYERS SUPPORTING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS...

Jillian Smith, Annalise Mohrman, Liam Haskill, Logan Haskill, Amy Haskill, Amber Haskill, Emma Peters, Lauren Colton, James Blew, Eleanor Blew.

#### FOR THOSE WE KNOW TO BE ILL OR RECOVERING...

Chuck Allen, Diane Ausman, Diane Beam, Trisha Blackwell, Judy and John Boten, Ted Buckles, Jim Cation, Isaac Crane, Karen and Paul Davis, Charlotte Drennen.

Dave Dwyer, Jim Gale, Marie Gellerstedt, Jim Horstmann, Barb Johnston, Joe Lamont, Preston Meumann, Janice Moriarity, Karen Nelson, and Sara Nelson.

Eric Olson, Joann Olson, Michael Pinner, Jean Rolloff, Jim Roseman, Marilyn Rosenberg, Theresa Scott, Elaine Widener, and Anita Winek.

**For all this and whatever else you see that we need, we ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**





**CHOCOLATE, TEA, AND COFFEE FOR THE HOLIDAY...**

Trinity supports Lutheran World Relief Farmers Market twice a year through coffee, tea, and chocolate sales. Judy Rullman will be taking orders **during coffee hour this Sunday** or contact Judy at (309) 762-5173. No payment until the delivery date: November 26.

**FAIRNESS AWARENESS...**

Trinity's Fairness Awareness gatherings mark National Native American Heritage month in November with two events.

\***Dr. Dan Lee**, Augustana professor and Trinity member, will discuss the boarding schools, allotment system, reservation system and other measures that have been culturally destructive to our Native American sisters and brothers. This event is **November 19** at 4:00p, with a meal following the presentation. The program and meal are free. RSVP to Barbara at (309) 269-2537.

\*In support of the ELCA Truth and Healing Movement we will offer **Prayers of Remembrance** for Native American children who were harmed and died in Indian Board Schools and for the many missing and murdered Native American Women and children. **November 29, 1:00– 2:00p, Trinity Chapel.** All are welcome.

**THANK YOU...**

\*To **Deacon Patty Tillman** for her worship leadership and inspiring message on November 5, All Saint's Sunday.

\*Dave and Judy Dwyer write: "Thank you for all the prayers and thoughts coming our way. It means so much to us!"

**TRINITY BLOOD DRIVE, DECEMBER 4...**

There is no substitute for human blood. Another human has to give that gift. Can you give that gift? **Donate blood December 4** at Trinity. Healthy adults who are at least 17 years old, and at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. You are eligible to donate at Trinity if you have not donated after October 9 (56-day eligibility...) Contact Judy Rullman or the Church office to volunteer.

**TLC BOOK CLUB...**

Meeting Tuesday, November 21, 11:00a, in Tillberg Lounge to discuss "Nutshell" by Ian McEwan. Light refreshments are served and all are welcome. Contact Julie Blew (309) 786-5890 for information.

**TRINITY WOMEN'S LUNCHEON DATE CHANGE...**

The "Fourth Friday Luncheons" are making a schedule change for the upcoming holidays. There will be one luncheon on **Monday, December 4**, 11:00a, at the River House, 1510 River Drive, Moline. (No luncheons November 24 or December 22.)

**HANGING OF THE GREENS...**

Saturday, December 2, at 9:00a. **Come help decorate** the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

**We make a living  
by what we get.  
We make a life  
by what we give.**

**-Winston Churchill**

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**SCAN ME**



### ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING...

**Advent begins December 3.** We are seeking families willing to light the Advent Wreath candles during each worship service on Sundays. This also includes a short reading. Please contact the church office or Jan Peterson (309) 269-9632 if you and your family would like to participate.

### TERRACYCLE TIDBIT...

Halloween is over, Thanksgiving is on the horizon and then...Christmas lights! We will be **recycling Christmas lights** again this year at Trinity so you can look for the three big, blue recycling bins outside of the church after Thanksgiving. Last year we recycled over 900 lbs of lights and made over \$500.00 for our TerraCycle program by recycling them through Alter Metal Recycling. We take all kinds of holiday string lights all through the year so feel free to spread the word to family and friends - those lights ARE recyclable! Thanks for recycling!



### CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM...

Remember or honor a loved one with a poinsettia or donation to World Hunger this Christmas season. Envelopes available in the pews and the church office from November 20 to December 11. Cost is \$12.

### NEXT FOOT CLINIC...

**Friday, December 1.** Appointments are 30 minutes long. Call the church office for availability. Bring payment (\$35) and two towels to your appointment.

### 2024 ETERNAL CANDLE SIGN UP NOW AVAILABLE...

Sign up to sponsor the **Eternal Candles in 2024** at the information station in Tillberg Hall Narthex. It's a thoughtful way to celebrate an important date, or to memorialize or honor a loved one. Cost is \$20.00.

### IF YOU CLOSE THE DOOR, IS THE LIGHT ON?

The answer is 'yes'. Trinity is identifying places where lighting is needed to provide safe entry and building security needs. Most public buildings already follow this practice, as do many of us in our own homes. So— is this an excuse to boldly leave the lights on when you're the last one out? That answer is 'no'— but if there is a **cover over a light switch**, that would indicate that you don't need to try and shut it off.

### BLUFFS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION...

The next meeting is at Trinity on **Tuesday, November 14**, at 6:00p. Founder's Hall. City representatives will be present to answer questions about programs and services offered by the city of Moline.

### FOR THE CALENDAR...

- \*November 14: **Worship and Music**; 5:00p
- \*November 16: **Anna Circle**; 1:00p
- \*November 21: **Church Council**; 6:00p

### FREE CONCERT...

\*The **Quad City Singers** are in concert at Trinity the First Sunday of Advent. December 3, at 4:00p in the Sanctuary.