

November 2018

Dear Friends of Trinity,

The Person of the Trinity we don't talk about very much is the Holy Spirit. That is probably because we don't want to sound charismatic in our theology. But we ignore the Holy Spirit at our peril because He is responsible for our holiness. He gives to us the merits of Christ Jesus through Word and Sacrament and assures us of eternal life.

The Holy Spirit does other things as well. He "enlightens us with His gifts", as we say in the Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed. Yes, there are "gifts" of the Spirit, and these are listed in 1 Corinthians 12—the utterance of wisdom, the utterance of knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, the ability to distinguish between spirits, speaking in tongues, and the interpretation of tongues. These gifts are for the common good of the church and for the building up of its members so that the church operates as a body.

There are also what are called "fruit of the Spirit", and these are listed in Galatians 5—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Who wouldn't want these? Who among us would like a little more peace and joy in their lives? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you this fruit and perhaps one or more of the gifts. Keep praying that the Holy Spirit will grant you these things. The Lord loves you and wants to give you all that he has for your life.

It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit continually point us to our salvation in Christ Jesus and grant to us His presence and gifts in great abundance!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag



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“We Give Thanks”

Our Father in Heaven, We give thanks for the pleasure
Of gathering together for this occasion.
We give thanks for this food Prepared by loving hands.
We give thanks for life, The freedom to enjoy it all
And all other blessings. As we partake of this food,
We pray for health and strength to carry on and try to live as You would have us.
This we ask in the name of Christ, Our Heavenly Father. *(Harry Jewell)*

**Please join us for our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service
on Thursday, November 22nd at 9:30 a.m.**



CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS WERE HELD ON OCTOBER 20th & 21st. The officers for 2018 are: President: Jeff McDonald; Secretary: Kim Blecke; Financial Secretary: Tammy Doerrer; Treasurer: Tim King; Director of Outreach: Bob Blecke; Director of Parish Education: Judi Donovan; Directors of Spiritual Life: Ed Tatro and Diane Sewing; Directors of Property: Dan Bay and Jeff Lorenz; Director of Youth Ministry: Michelle Hoag. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

The next Church Council Meeting will be on Sunday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m.



CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Members, who have not received offering envelopes in the past and would like to request them for the year 2018, please, fill out a request with your name, address, and telephone number and give it to Judi, the church secretary, or place in Janice Prospero's, Financial Secretary, church mailbox. Request forms are on the table in the hallway.

Also, members who desire to discontinue use of envelopes, please contact Judi or Janice.

Members using church envelopes may pick up their 2018 envelope boxes on the table in the hall way. Envelope boxes not picked up in December will be mailed the 2nd week of January. Great appreciation to members who pick up their envelopes rather than having them mailed! Questions – contact Janice 815 485-3558 or Judi, Church Secretary
Thanks! Janice Prospero, Financial Secretary



Update from our Church Council President, Jeff McDonald

As you may have seen in the bulletins, we are taking another step toward our kitchen remodeling project. We have a number of things we need to accomplish before we can begin on this project, so we are currently targeting the start of the project to follow Easter next year. While that seems a long way off, we weren't sure we could finish between Christmas and Lent so we felt it better to wait until after Easter to start the project. There are still a number of unknowns involved in this project, including some plumbing issues we'll need to sort out, and we didn't want to have to rush the project.

Our own Courtney Schrank has agreed to chair a Kitchen Design Committee and any interested members should plan to attend a meeting at noon on Sunday, November 11th in the downstairs kitchen. Courtney is an interior designer and agreed to give back to Trinity by helping us with the design of the new kitchen. If you would like to be involved in the layout and design of this space, please come to this meeting and participate in the process with Courtney and others. You can reach Courtney by e-mail at csdesigns22@gmail.com or just plan to come to this meeting on the 11th after the second service.

You may have also noticed that our window restoration project is underway. Suevel Studios is putting in two days each week (Tuesdays and Fridays) on this project and they are slowly but surely getting our stained glass windows at Trinity back in pristine condition. If you see any masking tape on the windows, please know that is placed there with purpose and know that we are on our way to having those windows back in top condition before much longer.

Finally, I wanted to make sure every had the Annual Cookie Walk on your calendars for Saturday, December 1st. While our Women's League is no longer an active group at Trinity, their members remain committed to a number of causes, not the least of which is the annual cookie walk. This occurs this year on the first Saturday of December, so I wanted to make specific mention of it in the November newsletter. Please make a point of either contributing your homemade cookies or just coming up to Trinity that morning and buying some of the amazing cookies made by the talented bakers in our congregation (or do both!). Our thanks to Donna Cuthbert and Social Ministry for helping to make sure this rich tradition continues at Trinity.



Kitchen Design Committee - Volunteers Needed: We are taking another step toward our kitchen remodeling project. We have a number of things we need to accomplish before we can begin on this project, so we are currently targeting the start of the project to follow Easter next year. While that seems a long way off, we weren't sure we could finish between Christmas and Lent so we felt it better to wait until after Easter to start the project. There are still a number of unknowns involved in this project, including some plumbing issues we'll need to sort out.

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Member Updates

Weddings: Sarah Parker and Mark Peters, October 27, 2018

New Members: Kelly Anderson

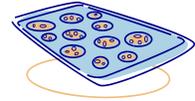
Weekly Groups:

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – 8:30 a.m. Please join us.

Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome – both men and women. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 815.485.6973.

Thursday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

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Mark your calendar!

The Annual Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 1st from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Baked goods from the congregation are needed, and very much appreciated. We can use cookies, breads, coffee cakes or candy. All profits go to the church and community needs. Styrofoam trays will be available in the gym on November 11th. You may use these trays to carry your cookies back to church. Please cover these trays with wax paper before placing the cookies on them, so they may be reused. Baked goods for the cookie sale can be dropped off Friday, November 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., or early Saturday morning before 8 a.m.

We will be looking for some help from our other organizations and from the congregation as well. There will be a signup sheet for anyone wanting to help with this wonderful event. Please search your heart and calendar to see if you offer some help with either setup or sale.



Women’s League will once again be collecting stocking stuffers for Salem. Some suggestions are listed below. Please drop of your donations between November 15th and December 15th. Please place these in the appropriate boxes under the hallway table.

Crossword books
Alarm clocks
Blankets
Calendars
Pen/pencil sets
Electronic Games
Note Cards
Slippers w/soles
Scarves/mittens

Hats
Markers
Tissues
Wallets
Watches
Tags
Frames
Bows
Hosiery

Socks
Perfumes
Powder
Checkers
Movies
Bibles
Ribbons
Lap Desk

CHANCEL GUILD



The Chancel Guild members would like to thank the congregation, family and friends that took part in this year's Salad Luncheon on October 3rd. Our guests enjoy the delicious salads and desserts. It was a Great time for everyone to visit, as well. Your support is appreciated. *A special "thank you" to the ladies of our congregation, who once again baked and served the delicious desserts.*

The next Chancel Guild meeting is Monday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses: Sharon MacFarlane and Robin Krol. We will be cleaning the altar for the upcoming holidays. All ladies of Trinity are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 815.485.6973.



POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHANCEL

What a sight with the altar covered in poinsettias! Would you like to place a poinsettia or two in the Chancel for Christmas? The poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas Day Service. Order forms will soon be on the table outside the general office, by the flower chart and also on the hallway table. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or 815.485.9017 or the church office 815.485.6973.



ALTAR FLOWERS: A new 2019 Altar Flower Calendar has been posted. You can find it in the glass case hanging on the wall across the old office. If you would like to reserve a weekend for 2019 in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding anniversary, or in celebration of God's blessings, please fill out a sponsor sheet. Sponsor sheets are located on a hook attached to the glass case housing the calendar. **Please do not fill in the calendar. Fill out a sponsor sheet and put it in the Chancel Guild mail box in the general office.** Flowers are \$30.00 for both arrangements. If you would like a weekend already spoken for, it is sometimes possible to share the cost and arrangements with permission from the person already sponsoring. Chancel Guild members would like to thank those of you who sponsored a weekend this past year. We appreciate your efforts to help us enhance and

beautify the altar area. If you have any questions, email Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or call her at (815) 485-9017.

YOUTH NEWS



Thank you to everyone who helped or attended the Craft and Vendor Fair. We had another successful fair which raised funds for youth programs. Thanks so much!!



Youth Events for November

Friday, Nov. 23, 7-11 p.m. - Annual Not-Quite-a-Lock-in - Junior-high and high school youth are invited to help set up the church Christmas tree, watch movies, play games, and play the ever-popular "Romans and Christians."



SCRIP GIFT CARDS – An easy way to shop and earn money for our church.

Scrip cards are the same gift cards that you can purchase from retailers, including grocery & department stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, home improvement stores, etc. In addition to giving them as gifts, they can be used for daily or holiday shopping. We order the gift cards at a discount and you pay face value so there is no additional cost. The proceeds from this fundraiser are going towards the Youth Gathering coming up in July.

Because the holidays are quickly approaching, we will have 2 order dates in November. The deadlines for turning in orders, along with payment, will be Monday November 12th at noon and also Monday November 26th at noon. We will also have an order on December 10th. Your order will be available for

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pick-up the weekend after the order is placed. Order forms are on the hallway table below the Youth bulletin board. You may place your order/payment in the gold envelope which is hanging on the end of the desk credenza in the church office. If interested in placing orders online, you will need to ask for an enrollment code. Direct any questions you may have to Angie Minett (minett411@yahoo.com or 815.467.2537) or Gary Purnell (815.485.9017). You can also learn more online at shopwithscrip.com.



Religious Humor:

A Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments to her five and six-year olds. After explaining the commandment to “honor thy father and thy mother”, she asked, “Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?”

One little boy shouted, “Thou shalt not kill”.



Social Ministry News:

Save the Date – Dec. 2nd from 5-7 pm, the annual Trinity Christmas Party!! Pizza will be served followed by games in the gym for the kids and caroling in the church for anyone. There will be a signup sheet on the hall table. We are asking that families attending bring a dessert, salad or drink.

The Giving Tree will be up again this year with the money going to support MorningStar Mission.

The “Stars of Hope” will be another chance for anyone interested in helping the children at MorningStar. Watch for more details coming soon.



MORNINGSTAR SERVING DATES:

MorningStar Mission Serving Trinity has been helping with serving meals at MorningStar twice a month for a number of years. We have been serving the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month and need 3-4 volunteers each time. You must be at MorningStar by 3:45 pm. If you are interested in volunteering in another way, please call MorningStar at 815.722.5780. More information may be obtained by visiting their web at www.morningstarmission.org other volunteer positions. November sign-up sheets are on the hallway table.



Trinity Pre-School – spots still available. Please tell your friend and neighbors. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. For the school year beginning September 2018 the tuition per month is \$110 for two day students, and \$135 for three days students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2018. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 184.485.6973.



Choir: The Choir practices on **Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church balcony. The choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing. New voices are always welcome.



SIGN UP SHEETS FOR NOVEMBER are on the hallway table. Stop and sign up to be a Greeter or a Reader or a driver for Mr. Christman.



Prayer Chain: Please feel free to contact Ginny DeCarlo or Pat Fuerst if you have a prayer request. You may call Ginny at 815.485.2001 (or email at vdecarlo1952@gmail.com) or Pat at 815.485.6441.



If you have brought food items to church in the past few weeks, your empty container(s) may be on the counter in the gym kitchen area or on the table in the downstairs kitchen. Please stop and pick it up.



Upcoming Local Events:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is sponsoring a benefit dinner for the Skogen Family on Sunday, November 4th. This family of eight has a four year old daughter and twin infant sons with medical conditions requiring special treatments. Pastor Skogen is a Lutheran minister from Portage, Indiana. There will be a dinner with two servings at 3 and 5 PM, a silent auction, raffles, sundae bar and entertainment by Bernie Glim. Tickets are available in advance or at the door.

Adults - \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door

Kids 4-10 - \$6.00

Kids 3 and under are free

Donations may also be sent to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 177 Luther Lane, Frankfort, IL 60423.

Church office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am till 2 pm.

