

November 2019

Dear Friends of Trinity,

“Yeah, but...”

We’ve used that phrase before. We use it when we don’t completely agree with an assertion made by someone. Sometimes we even say it after hearing the great promises of God:

For we hold that man is justified by grace and not by works of the Law.

“Yeah, but...that sounds too easy.”

You are Mine.

“Yeah, but...I have to make sure I keep it that way.”

You are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

“Yeah, but...don’t I need to earn my keep?”

You can bet that our old sinful nature will continually try to insert itself into the means of salvation. It doesn’t like to hear that salvation is a gift of God given freely through Jesus Christ. But it always has been given to us freely because God is merciful, and He is faithful to His good and gracious will.

So, we can take that “but” away and just say, “Yeah” to the good news of Jesus Christ!

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 28th at 9:30 a.m.**



CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS WERE HELD ON OCTOBER 19th & 20th. The officers for 2020 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 10th 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 2020, please, fill out a request with your name, address, and telephone number and give it to Judi, the church secretary, or place in Tammy Doerrer, 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 Tammy.

Members using church envelopes may pick up their 2020 envelope boxes on the table in the hallway. 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 Tammy 815 263-8800 or Judi, Church Secretary
Thanks! Tammy Doerrer, Financial Secretary



Update from our Church Council President, Jeff McDonald

Progress continues on the kitchen, although there remains a good amount yet to do. The plumbing mystery was solved by Tom Buell, who was able to make a connection between the current kitchen and a working drain - trust that this was much easier said than done. I want to thank Tom publicly for his efforts at seeing this through. Many would have likely given up on it before now.

Our baseboard heat has been installed in the basement as well, and while this was not part of the original project, it is one less thing to have to repair in the future, as it was believed we were on borrowed time with the hot water lines that ran through the floors in fellowship hall (recall all of this was already replaced years ago in the church when it began to leak). This has been added to the kitchen as well as fellowship hall.

Cement work to repair the floors should be done shortly and framing of the new interior walls is also starting shortly. Thanks to Jeff Lorenz for taking the lead on that aspect of this project, and also to Dan Bay who has been involved in many aspects of this project so far. Cabinets, flooring, appliances and countertops are all next once we have the exterior of the room put together. More to follow, but I'm pleased to report we are making progress here.

If you missed her presentation on October 27th, Jamielynn Tinkey came back to Trinity to talk about the missionary work she is doing in Latin America. Her mission, simply stated, is to share the gospel, plant Lutheran churches and show mercy. Jamielynn is a Nursing graduate from Valparaiso University and she recently accepted an appointment as a career missionary. If you are interested in helping to support Jamielynn, please visit www.lcms.org/tinkey to learn more or to make a donation. Supporting Jamielynn's efforts is a great way to share the gospel yourself, so please consider helping her. Those in attendance on the 27th got to see a slide show with many details about the people she is helping.

Finally, if you haven't had a chance to check out the newly remodeled youth room, please go and see it for yourself. Our youth painted the walls and added new furniture to the room, making a vast improvement to this space over what we had before. Thank you to all who helped to make that possible!



Member Updates

Weddings: Nikki Conradi and Virgil Switzer, October 26, 2019

Baptisms: Cole Pezan, baptized October 19, 2019

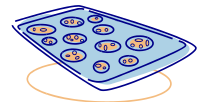
Deaths: Betty Hopkinson, October 21, 2019

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.



Mark your calendar!

The Annual Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 7th 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 10th. 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, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., or early Saturday morning before 8 a.m.** Any questions can be answered by contacting Donna Cuthbert at 815-651-6381 or at rusty351@ameritech.net.

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 2nd. 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 Saturday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. 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 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 2020 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 2020 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 mailbox 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. 22, 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 4th at noon and also Monday November 18th at noon. Your order will be available for 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".

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Social Ministry News:

Due to the kitchen remodel in process, we have decided to cancel the Christmas Party this year. It will return next year.

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.

There is a new area for donations of articles of clothing and other items that are not food related. It is in the old bathroom in the basement by the lift.



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 2019 the tuition per month is \$110 for two day students, and \$135 for three days students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2019. 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.



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.

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

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