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Trinity Tidings

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September, 2021

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

From Pastor Wright

*You shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you. **Deuteronomy 16.16-17**; cf. Exodus 23.15, Exodus 34.20*

Well, at least it was only three times a year that the [*male*] Israelites were expected to appear with something in their hands to offer to the LORD and not every week. Still, what if it was every week, every Sunday?

I've come to appreciate giving my offering every week. In years past people have observed with some shame and wonder that the offering plate often passed through so many hands without anyone giving anything at all. It was disheartening (especially to the treasurer!) There was a time when people who gave their offering on-line or by automatic bank transfer had little cards to put in the offering plate as a sign of their giving. At least that was something!

In rural Nebraska some farmers and ranchers would give their offering to the congregation just once a year after the harvest was in. They gave faithfully and generously, and once a year is still regularly, it's just that most Sundays the offering plates would be passed without anyone contributing anything.

I wonder if any of the Israelites in the time of Moses, or even today, heard that passage of Deuteronomy about not appearing before the LORD empty-handed and "entertained a mean thought" (Deuteronomy 15.9) by having something, anything, in their hands so as to appear to keep the commandment although their hearts were far from it?

Even in our Christian worship, we must be led by the Spirit to give to the work of the church. As St. Paul wrote to the saints in Corinth: "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver," (2 Corinthians 9.7). Not reluctantly or under compulsion, but willingly, cheerfully. After all, Paul also said, "If the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have," (2 Corinthians 8.12), even if it is nothing more than the poor widow's two copper coins (Mark 12.41-44, Luke 21.1-4).

I'd like to see everyone – adult and child, rich and poor – appear before the Lord with something in their hands to place in the offering plate every Sunday. Not reluctantly, not under compulsion, but freely, willingly, cheerfully. Even if you give just once a year after the harvest is in, still you should put some token offering in the plate every Sunday: "in thanksgiving for all God's benefits and for the strengthening of the work of his church in the world," "according

to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.” May God the Holy Spirit work in your heart to bring it about.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Kickoff

September 12th | 9:00 AM

9:00 - 9:15 am Singing & Offering
9:15 am Class Starts

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 803 West Third Street, Clifton, Texas 76634



WREATHS
across
AMERICA

For information on sponsoring wreaths or volunteering. Please visit the website & Facebook page below. Or you may contact one of the members of Trinity's Cemetery Association.

www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/TXC
TLC

<https://www.facebook.com/Wreaths-Across-America-Clifton-Texas-Cemeteries-103613768585712/>

*Thrivent Choice Dollars may be applied to Wreaths Across America. Contact Sharon Bartels for details.



Quilters & Tackers

Will resume on Wednesday,
September 8th at 9:00 am in Room 2.

If you can tie a knot,
you can tack a quilt!
Come join in on the fun!

Please keep the family of
Katie Outlaw in your prayers.
Ms. Outlaw passed away July
30th in Ft. Worth, TX. Her
graveside service was held
August 14th at Trinity
Lutheran Cemetery in
Clifton, TX with Pastor
Wright presiding.

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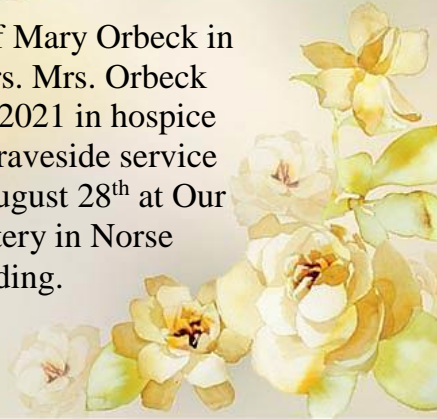


WITH **DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Please keep the family of Dorothy
Ann Brown in your prayers. Ms.
Brown passed away July 30th in
Clifton, TX. A memorial service was
held on August 8th during regular
Sunday worship at Trinity Lutheran
Church per Dorothy Ann's wishes.

With Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of Mary Orbeck in
your thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Orbeck
passed away August 25, 2021 in hospice
care in Waco, TX. Her graveside service
was held on Saturday, August 28th at Our
Savior's Lutheran Cemetery in Norse
with Pastor Wright presiding.





**Those who are sick, injured or
in need of strength**

Members

Larry Musselman, Mina Bergman, Blake Collier,
Cal Goerdel and Alice Willmann.

Non-Members

Deborah Garces, Gladys Stone, Rennick Daniels,
Marty Griffith, Kaylee Mullens, Ray Cummings,
Nancy Truitt, Gary Fraser, Julie Hinote, and Kathi
Conner.

Those in the Military

Dalton Andrews, Roper Crosthwaite, Mindy Dahl,
Logan Farrar, Travis Ohrtman, Zane Ohrtman and
Zachary Bonds.

Those in Nursing Facilities

Sunset: Joyce Bergman

Our Home-Bound

JoAnn Anz, Leroy Walsh, Brenda Herzog, and
Emma Speer

Local

Pastor & Church leaders (Church Council
& Executive Committee & Church Boards)

During the week, please take time to add these
persons to your prayers. To add yourself or
someone to the Prayer List, please call the church
office (254-675-8815). You must have the
individual's or a family member's permission.
Thank you!

NT/NL Prayer Concerns for September 2021

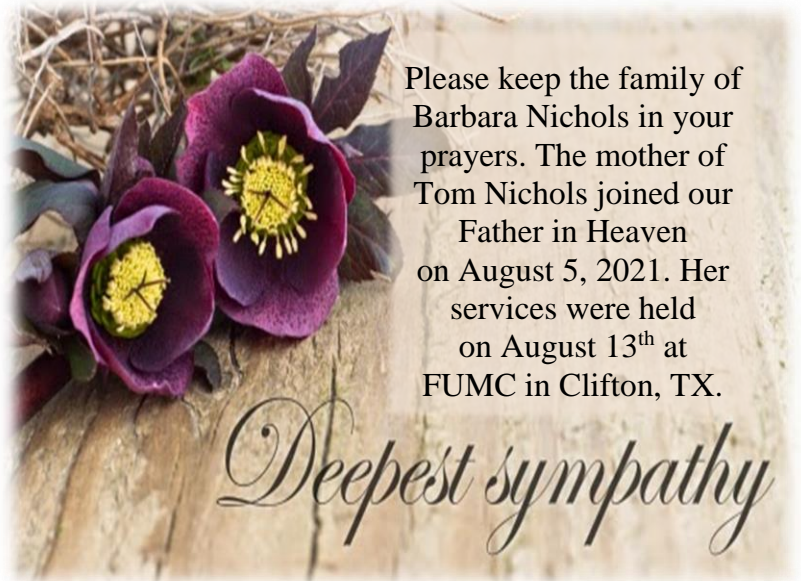
Pray for our emerging leaders in Campus Ministry
and Youth & Family Ministry

September 5 – Faith, Fort Worth; Good Shepherd,
The Colony; NT-NL Synod Council

September 12 – Good Shepherd, Irving; NT-NL
Mentors; ELCA Disaster Relief

September 19 – Trinity, Clovis; Our Savior,
Mesquite; Texas Lutheran University

September 26 – First Sagrada Familia, Garland;
Abiding Grace, Southlake; ELCA Conference of
Bishops



Please keep the family of
Barbara Nichols in your
prayers. The mother of
Tom Nichols joined our
Father in Heaven
on August 5, 2021. Her
services were held
on August 13th at
FUMC in Clifton, TX.

Deepest sympathy

Altar Flowers for the Month of September & October

September 5 – Open

September 12 – Open

September 19 – Dorothy Stanley

September 26 – Open

October 3 – Open

October 10 – Open

October 17 – Open

October 24 – Open

October 31 – Open

Dave Soldano



Mission & Service Board would like to suggest that you mail a birthday card, call or perhaps visit one or more of our members, age 80 and older who have birthdays this month:

- September 9-** Donna Goerdel
405 Sunset Dr. Apt A
Clifton, TX 76634
- September 9-** Carolyn Kneller
518 N Ave Y
Clifton, TX 76634
- September 13 –** Mary Graston
102 S College Hill Dr. Apt C-31
Clifton, TX 76634
- September 13-** Pernie Stanford
414 W 3rd St
Clifton, TX 76634
- September 25-** Alice Willmann
101 S Ave T
Clifton, TX 76634



CHATTER

- ✝ Sunday School kick off on Sunday, September 12th at 9:00 am
- ✝ Thank you to all for your continued support to the church. Contributions at the end of the month were down but thankful we are still ahead of last year.
- ✝ Property Board ordered new A/C unit to replace the aging broken one that provides air & heat to the classrooms and hallway area.
- ✝ Next Council meeting Monday, September 20th at 6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kim Amundson	9/2
Cameron Ritz	9/6
Donna Goerdel	9/9
Carolyn Kneller	9/9
Landry Cockrell	9/10
Mary Graston	9/13
Don Olson	9/13
Pernie Stanford	9/13
Mike Bernhardt	9/15
Justin Ford	9/15
Reete Bennette	9/17
Dan Orbeck, Jr.	9/21
Gustavo Arreola	9/22
Kadence Collier	9/25
Alice Willmann	9/25
Allen Cummings, Jr.	9/28
Jennifer Ford	9/28
Milton Willmann	9/28
Dakota Ivey	9/30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gene & Cathy Finstad	9/1
Richard & Helen Haas	9/2
Cal & Donna Goerdel	9/4
Stanley & Kelli Dreyer	9/14
Gene & Barbara Aars	9/26



Responsibilities

Acolyte

September 5- Jack/Lily Domel
September 12 – Reete Bennette
September 19-Reed Willmann
September 26 – Chase Brooks

Altar Guild

September – Cathy Finstad

Audio

September 5 – Randy Outlaw
September 12 – Clyde Herzog
September 19 – Clyde Herzog
September 26 – Clyde Herzog

Communion Assistants

September 5 – Dorothy Stanley
September 12 – Mike Bernhardt
September 19 – Bill Williams
September 26 -

Lector/Prayer Leader

September 5 – Dorothy Stanley
September 12 – Mike Bernhardt
September 19 –Bill Williams
September 26 – Jan Zuehlke

Ushers

September 5 – Monroe Gaskamp & Brooks Symank
September 12 - Monroe Gaskamp & Brooks Symank
September 19 – Brett & Brody Amundson
September 26 - Monroe Gaskamp & Brooks Symank

Video

September 5 – Darlene Outlaw
September 12 –Howard Bennette
September 19 –Sheila Musselman
September 26 – Sheila Musselman

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Collection Day - Sunday, November 14th

We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Operation Christmas Child uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need all over the world. To participate in Operation Christmas Child, shoeboxes are packed with things like toys (stuffed animals, dolls, small cars, balls, etc), school supplies, hygiene items (no liquids or toothpaste), etc. and sent to children in need around the world.

Last year we packed 101 shoeboxes and our boxes were delivered to children in Gabon and Mexico.

Thank you for all of your help with this project in the past. We hope to pack many boxes again this year. Even if you don't want to pack a shoebox or buy items, would you please consider writing a note or several notes to put in the shoeboxes to tell the shoebox recipient that they are loved and that Jesus loves them? So many things take very little effort, but can make such an impact on others.

The printed cardboard shoeboxes will be available to be picked up at the church in the coming weeks or you can purchase the plastic shoeboxes.

Please choose an age range 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and boy or girl and fill the shoebox with toys, clothing, school supplies and personal care items and return to the church by Sunday, November 14.

Please include \$9 per box for shipping as well.




NOW is a great time to purchase school supplies and summer clothes and toys since they are on SALE!

Thank you for your help!

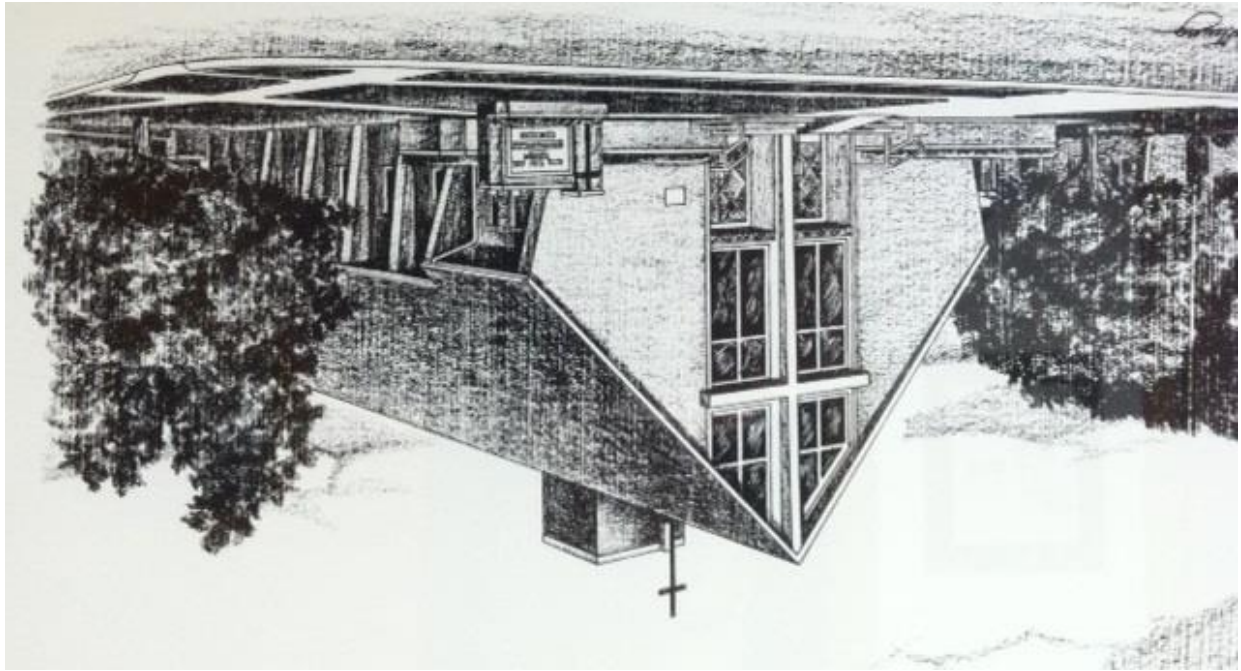


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 803 West Third Street, Clifton, TX (254) 675-8815 E-mail: trinityclifton803@gmail.com Website: trinitylutheranclifton.org Pastor: Rev. R Don Wright rdonwright@gmail.com (267) 897-0131			1	2	3	4
					Office Closed	Fellowship Hall Reserved
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship		6:00pm Al-Anon	9:00am Quilt&Tacking		Office Closed	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School Kickoff 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Property 11:30am Mission & Service	2:00pm Worship/Music	6:00pm Al-Anon	9:00am Quilt&Tacking	Council Reports Due	Office Closed	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00am Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship	6:00pm Church Council	Newsletter Items Due 6:00pm Al-Anon	9:00am Quilt&Tacking		Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30		
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If you have any information you would like to be included in the newsletter, please bring it by the church office or email it to the church at trinityclifton803@gmail.com. The Church office is open Monday – Thursday from 8:30am – 4:30pm. Closed for lunch from noon till 1pm. **The deadline for the October newsletter is September 21st.**



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