



—Bringing the Good News of Christ!

Trinity Tidings

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November 2021



Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

From Pastor Wright

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners. Mark 2:17

In March of this year the Gallup organization published an article entitled: “U.S. Church Membership Falls Below Majority for First Time.” The lead paragraph states: “Americans’ membership in houses of worship continued to decline last year, dropping below 50% for the first time in Gallup’s eight-decade trend. In 2020, 47% of Americans said they belonged to a church, synagogue or mosque, down from 50% in 2018 and 70% in 1999.

Why is that, I wonder? Is no one sin-sick anymore and no longer in need of a physician? When people feel something isn’t right in their bodies most people put off going to the doctor until the problem has gotten so bad they can’t stand it. We ignore our pain and discomfort. We try our own remedies, but we refuse to confess our problems to the doctor unless we absolutely have to.

Maybe some people have had a bad experience with doctors, or medicine, or hospitals. Still, what do you do if you’re really sick? Where do you go? Some stubbornly refuse to get the medical attention they need. They suffer for years and die too soon. It’s understandable, but it’s terribly tragic.

Just as we all get sick, we all sin. We all do things we shouldn’t and don’t do the things we should. We say things we shouldn’t and don’t say the things we should. And we feel bad on account it. We suffer with those feelings of regret, guilt and shame for a long time. We try to ignore it. We make excuses for it. We even try to justify it, but it seems like the hardest thing on earth to simply own up to it and make it right.

Maybe some people have had a bad experience with pastors or churches. Still, what do you do if your conscience is really bothering you? Where do you go? Some stubbornly refuse to get the spiritual attention they need. They suffer for years and die questioning God’s goodness and mercy. It’s understandable, but it’s terribly tragic.

Let us take our problems, our pain, our sin, seriously. Let us recognize our pain and the pain we have caused others. Then let us take our faith seriously and trust in the Lord who has promised to forgive and heal us.

Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one

another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:22-25

**YOUR
INPUT IS
REQUESTED**

Your Input Requested

Some of our members are concerned about the future of Trinity Lutheran Church. Average worship attendance is down to about forty people. Financial giving isn't as strong as it used to be.

Our members are getting older. Several have died. Some have become homebound. Some have moved away to be closer to family. There are fewer young people and children coming to worship.

Can anything be done to check this decline? Are there any changes you think would make a difference?

We'd like to hear from you. You can submit your ideas and comments by email to the church office: trinityclifton803@gmail.com or to Pastor Wright: rdonwright@gmail.com. You may mail them to the church office: 803 West Third St, Clifton, TX 76634. You may also drop them in the box on the office door.

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Please Help

Central Texans
with the products
people need most.
**NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD PRODUCTS**



- **Canned Meats**
 - Tuna - Chili
 - Stew - Chicken
- **Canned Vegetables**
- **Cereals**
- **Baby Food**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Dry Beans**
- **Rice**



Watch KWTX News 10 or Visit
www.kwtx.com To Locate The
Collection Site Near You.

- **Flour**
- **Sugar**
- **Corn Meal**
- **Pasta/Sauces**

Food For Families is a one-day food drive to help meet the growing need to feed people in need in Central Texas. You can help by bringing non-perishable food to the collection site nearest you on Friday, November 17, 2017. All donated food will be given to people in need who live in the county where the food was donated.



Friday, November 19th

6am to 8pm

**Collection Site: Food Pantry at 9th & Hwy 6 across
from First Presbyterian Church**

Food For Families

Friday, November 19th

Come out & help during Trinity's volunteer time from **10:00am till noon!** The collection site is located at the Food Pantry on the corner of Hwy 6 and 9th Street.

We continue to see a great need within our community. Please consider helping fill our pantry. If you would like to drop off your food or monetary donations off at Trinity before November 19th, we will make sure it is delivered for you. Or you may take your non-perishable food or monetary donations by the Food Pantry throughout the day on November 19th.

Mark your calendar and come help out during Trinity's scheduled time.

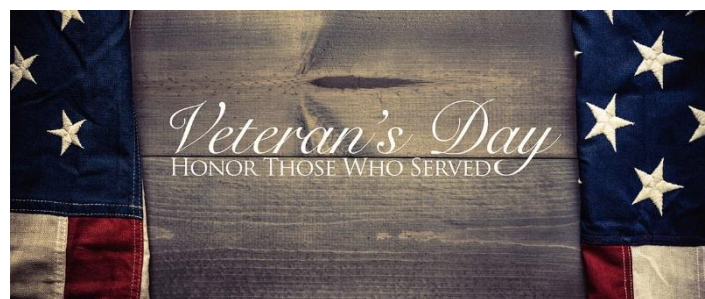


On Sunday, November 7th, we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. We thank God for the witness of those who influenced our Christian journey and who now rest in the light and presence of Christ. During worship we will lift up the memories of those at Trinity Lutheran Church who have passed in the last year. The following members of Trinity will be remembered during worship: ***Bernice Dreyer, Rev. Allen Johannes, Dorothy Ann Brown, Katie Outlaw, Mary Orbeck, and Larry Anderson.*** We also honored the Saints that are still with us that are 80 years young and older.



Let Us Gather & Give Thanks

You are cordially invited to a delicious Thanksgiving Luncheon following 10:30 am worship on Sunday, November 14th hosted by the Property & Fellowship Board and Office Administrator. Turkey, ham, dressing, rolls and gravy will be provide. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish and/or dessert to share with everyone.



Sunday, November 14th 10:30 am Worship

During worship on Sunday, November 14th, Trinity would like to honor our veteran congregational members. The church office would like to include a picture of our veterans in a slideshow honoring them.

If you could email a picture, their military branch and rank to the church office trinityclifton803@gmail.com, so they may be included.

Please have all pictures and information into the office by or on Monday, November 8th.

If you need the picture scanned, you may bring it by the church office and I will gladly take care of it for you.





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

Members

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

Non-Members

David Smith, Mandi Miller, 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 November 2021

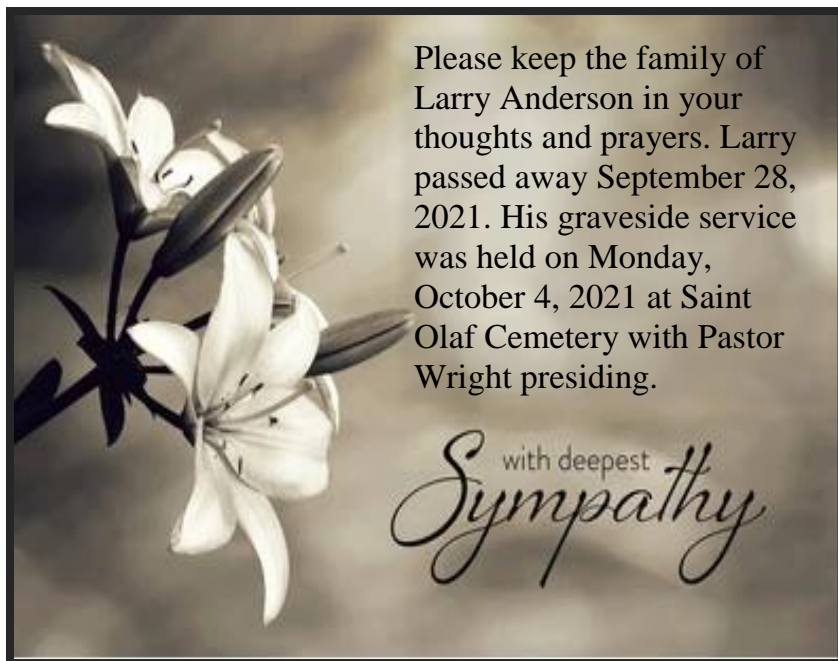
Pray for World Hunger Relief

November 7 – Emmanuel, Granbury; Bethany,
Dallas; Military Chaplains & those who serve in the
military

November 14 – Mount Olive, Dallas; Walnut Hill,
Dallas; Fund for Leaders in Mission

November 21 – New Hope, Keller; Gloria Dei,
Garland; ELCA World Hunger

November 28 – St. Andrew, Hurst; Bethel, Avoca;
ELCA disAbility Ministries



Altar Flowers for the Month of November & December

November 7 - Open

November 14 - Open

November 21 - Open

November 28 - Open

December 5 - Open

December 12 - Open

December 19 - Open

December 26 - Open



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:

November 9 – Janet Ellingson
 526 North Ave Y
 Clifton, TX 76634
 254-675-8900



WREATHS
across
AMERICA

Deadline for sponsoring wreaths is Monday, November 29th

Many volunteers will be needed on December 18th at 11am at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Honoring and remembering veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes as you say their name aloud.

For information on sponsoring wreaths or volunteering. Please visit the website & Facebook page below.

www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/TXCTLC

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Brittany Tanner Garrett | 11/1 |
| Doug Chaney | 11/2 |
| Marissa Collier | 11/2 |
| Emma Speer | 11/4 |
| Stacey Cockrell | 11/5 |
| Janet Ellingson | 11/9 |
| Roland Wiederanders | 11/12 |
| Adam Willmann | 11/12 |
| Heather Willmann | 11/13 |
| Sharon Bartels | 11/14 |
| Tracine Anderson | 11/15 |
| Melissa Ford | 11/21 |
| Megan Dendy | 11/23 |
| Angela Stahla Baumann | 11/23 |
| Savanna Sinderud | 11/24 |
| Colin Stanley | 11/24 |
| Dorothy Stanley | 11/24 |
| Tom Nichols | 11/28 |
| Matt Parks | 11/30 |



162 Wreaths Sponsored
 9.5% Over Our Goal!
 Exceeded by 14 Wreaths!
 For Trinity Lutheran Cemetery



Responsibilities

Acolyte

November 7- Chase Brooks
November 14 – Jack/Lily Domel
November 21 –
November 28 – Reed/Max Willmann

Altar Guild

November – Darlene Outlaw

Audio

November 7- Randy Outlaw
November 14 – Clyde Herzog
November 21 – Clyde Herzog
November 28 – Clyde Herzog

Communion Assistants

November 7- Clyde Herzog
November 14 – Bill Williams
November 21 – Dorothy Stanley
November 28 – Jan Zuehlke

Lector/Prayer Leader

November 7- Clyde Herzog
November 14 – Bill Williams
November 21 – Dorothy Stanley
November 28 – Jan Zuehlke

Ushers

November 7- Ken Klose, Bill Williams,
Monroe Gaskamp
November 14 – Ken Klose, Bill Williams,
Monroe Gaskamp
November 21 – Ken Klose, Bill Williams,
Monroe Gaskamp
November 28 – Ken Klose, Bill Williams,
Monroe Gaskamp

Video

November 7- Darlene Outlaw
November 14 – Sheila Musselman
November 21 – Sheila Musselman
November 28 – Sheila Musselman

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

Collection Day is Sunday, November 14th! Printed cardboard shoeboxes are available at both entrances to the sanctuary. If you would like to pack a shoebox, please choose an age range 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and boy or girl and fill the shoebox with toys (stuffed animals, dolls, small cars, balls, etc) , clothing, school supplies and personal care items (no liquids or toothpaste) and return to the church by Sunday, November 14. Homemade bags, dresses, toys are a great addition to the shoeboxes as well.

NOTES TO INCLUDE IN SHOEBOXES

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? We will have a basket in the narthex to collect these notes from now until collection day or the notes can be dropped off at the church office.



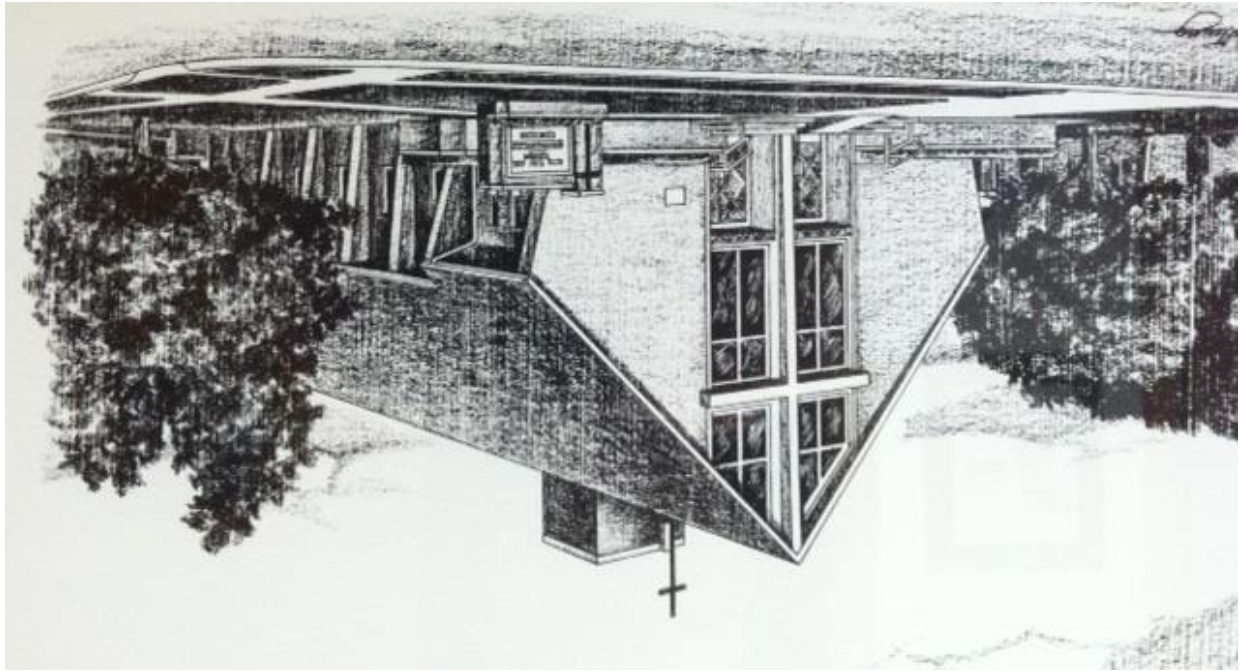
Sunday, November 21st

Please consider staying after worship on November 21st to help the Worship/Music Board with decorating the Church for the Advent/Christmas Season.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|  <p>November 21st Following Worship</p> | | 5:00pm Al-Anon | 9:00am Quilt&Tacking | | Office Closed | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| All Saints Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:30am Mission & Service Board | 2:00 pm Worship/Music | 5:00pm Al-Anon | 9:00am Quilt&Tacking | Veterans Day Council Reports Due  | Office Closed | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 9:00am Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:30am Thanksgiving Luncheon | 6:00pm Church Council | 5:00pm Al-Anon | 9:00am Quilt&Tacking | |  <p>Trinity Volunteers 10 am - Noon</p> | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 9:00am Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:30am Hanging of the Greens | Newsletter Items Due | Food Bank Trinity Staffs 10:00am LSH Worship 5:00pm Al-Anon | 9:00am Quilt&Tacking | Happy Thanksgiving  | Office Closed | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 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 | | | |
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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 December newsletter is November 22nd.**



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