

TRINITY TIMES

November 2025

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Pastor's Note

Did you know that '**November**' comes from the Latin word, '**novem**', which means nine? Me neither. Why nine when it is the eleventh month of the year? Simply because the Gregorian calendar only had ten months and so November was the ninth month. Once January and February were added to the calendar November became the eleventh month. And to add in a wee bit of gory history: November was the month of heavy animal sacrifice with every village reeking of the scent of blood as people stocked up on food for the winter. These sacrifices ensured they could live through the hard, cold days – meat brought hope for the always uncertain future. This got me thinking about the month of November and what it brings each year, most notably Remembrance Day. The eleventh month of the year marks the phenomenal sacrifices that were made by so many so that there could be a future with freedom and hope. In John 15:12 we hear Jesus say, "*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" The cross still speaks to our world today showing what LOVE is, the very body and blood of Christ, the only innocent person to ever live, willingly and obediently laid down for the sins of the world! This. Is. Love.

November seems anticlimactic as the excitement of Thanksgiving celebrations, fall festivals, and All Hallow's Eve end, and Christmas is far away. After the beauty of All Saint's Sunday, where again we remember those who have gone before us in faith and trust, what does one do in November? As a kid I dreaded November as a dull, dark, long month to be gone through so December could begin. I now have a granddaughter born in this month and so it has a new meaning of joy for me, but I am not alone in the desire to push through this month. Look around and you will find there is a definite rush on the part of people to move immediately to Christmas with trees set up earlier each year, lights ablaze and parties galore. I wonder if this isn't motivated by our deep desire to push away the dark and seek warmth and light?

God assures us in Ecclesiastes 3 that there is '*a time for every purpose under heaven*' and I believe the deepening darkness and stillness of shorter November days combined with reflection upon the cost of sacrifice and love speak both softly and significantly with God's deep purpose. We often sing a hymn entitled, '*Still, my soul be still*' which encourages reflection and hope. '*Still, my soul be still, and do not fear though winds of change may rage tomorrow. God is at your side, no longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow... Still, my soul be still, do not be moved by lesser lights and fleeting shadows. Hold onto His ways with shield of faith against temptation's flaming arrows.*' There is both a need and a time for reflection, for stillness and for remembrance. It is said that one needs the dark to experience light. In John 1:5 we hear that "**the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.**" Reflection on darkness and light brings the reminder that we are sinners so easily drawn to 'lesser lights' and 'fleeting shadows'. It also brings the joyous hope that is ours in Jesus Christ who is the **Light** that the darkness cannot overcome. Jesus is the One who has laid down His life for His friends. Jesus is the One who calls me and you – friend! Our weary souls need November. I invite you to rest in the stillness of this month and to hear the promise of God's Word which is our constant hope in the always uncertain future ahead. Join me in proclaiming, "*God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shaken. Lord of peace renew a steadfast spirit within me, to rest in You alone.*" As November begins I shall be praying for the replenishing and strengthening of our faith that our souls may be at peace, PM





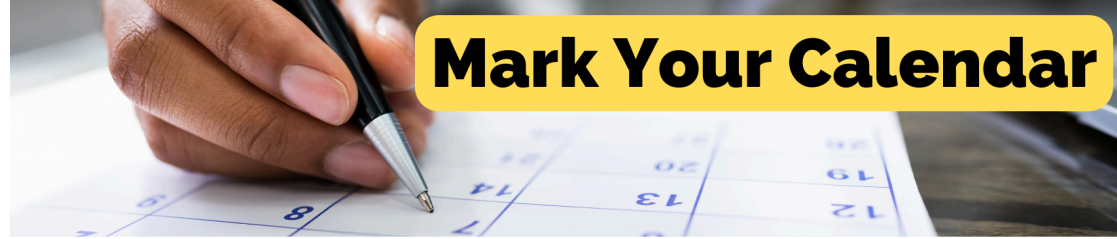
out of office

Please note
the extra
office closures
this month:
Nov 7, 11



Christmas Decorating

SET UP THE TREE
November 23
Following Worship
DECORATE THE CHURCH
November 26
9:30am



Mark Your Calendar



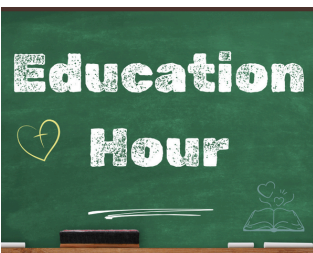
October 26
3:00pm - 5:00pm



Trinity is once again opening it's door, and it's parking lot, to the community to come trick or treat in the parking lot and more. There will be games and food as well as something new this year, Bert Peters will be here with his team to give wagon rides.

Want to decorate a trunk or plan a game? Please do! If you are wanting some ideas the internet is full of family friendly ideas. We do ask that there are no dark themes please.

So put on your costume and bring your friends for a some fun.



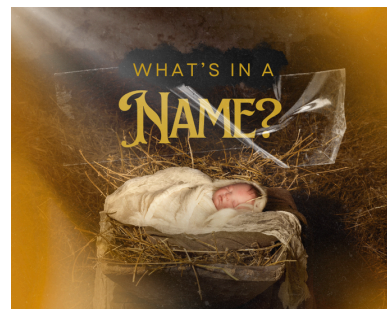
This year the times are as follows:

- **Grade 5 - Adult at 9:00am**
- **Age 3 - Grade 4 during Worship following Children's Story**

November 29
10:00am

Join us as we prepare our hearts for the season of Advent exploring the names of Jesus in "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".

There will be a brunch to follow of quiche and fruit as well as beverages and a chance of fellowship. The Trinity quilters will also have quilted items for sale to raise money for supplies for their ministry.



December 7
4:00pm

This special family service is open to all. We will be making Christingle oranges and joining in Worship with our children.

There will be a shared meal to follow.

Watch the TLC Connections and the December Trinity Times for more information.

*Coming Home
For Christmas*
CHRISTMAS IN ISAIAH

Our Sunday services in Advent will be based on a series from 1575.org. Watch for more information and for the devotionals written by 1517 to be available. The cover is the photo to the right.



Ladies

The next Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) meeting
November 12 at 1:00pm
All women are invited

AGAPE (Ladies Bible Study)

Wednesdays at 9:30am

Meet in the chapel and join us for tea and study.

Ladies of all stages of life are welcome.

Quilters

Tuesdays 10:00am - 3:00pm

Join us!



It is a come and go when you can. All levels of experience are welcome. Talk to Sue Armstrong if you have any questions.

The quilters will be selling quilted items at the ladies Advent service as well as after Worship on November 30 and December 7. The proceeds go to purchasing more supplies for thier ministry.

Ladies & Mens Study

Here are a few options to dig deeper into the word:



Ladies : Wednesdays at 9:30am

Men: meet Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Young adults: Thursdays - Talk to Liam or Maddy

All Adult: Sundays at 9:00am & Nov. 20 at 6:30pm

Take
Note!

important!

Midweek Advent
Services will be on
THURSDAY this year.

Youth

Sunday at 9:00am

Join us for study for grade 5+. Come and bring your friends and dig into God's Word.

Confirmation



Confirmation is running weekly at our regular class time of 4:30pm -6:30pm. Please note in December this will change for Advent.



Youth Mystery Challenge

**November 15
5:30pm-8:30pm**

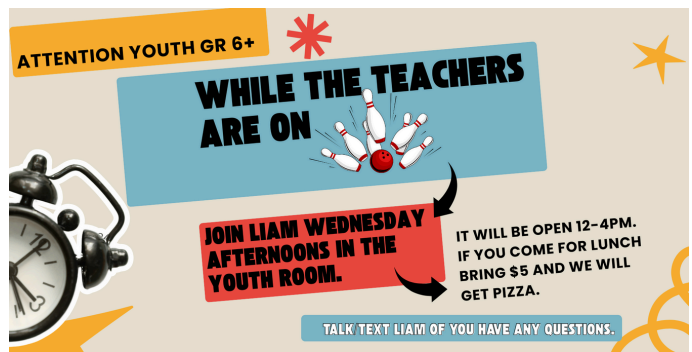
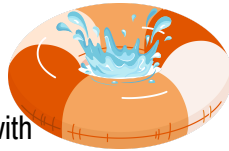


We will meet at Kroschel's for some burgers and a challenge. What is the challenge? You will have to come and find out! Bring a snack to share. Text Liam if you need directions.

Youth Pool Party November 23 at 1-3pm

Come to the pool for a splashing good time with your friends. All youth must be sure to have their green form in and if you bring a friend they need one too.

Don't forget your towel.



WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEER DUTIES

November 2 10:00 am with Communion
Acolyte: Hunter L
Lector: Lidia S
Storyteller: Brianna
Sound: Vince
Video: Joey
Worship Assistant: Dennis
Ushers: Brent Altwasser Family
Scripture Readings: Rev. 7:(2-8)9-17 1 John 3:1-3

November 9 10:00 am
Acolyte: Wyatt S
Lector: Daniel K
Storyteller: Julie
Sound: Dennis
Video: Hazel
Worship Assistant: Brenda M
Ushers: Elgersma Family
Scripture Readings: Exodus 3:1-15, 2 Thes 2:1-8, 13-17

November 16 10:00 am with Communion
Acolyte: Hunter S
Lector: Leona F
Storyteller: Pastor
Sound: Hofer
Video: Joey
Worship Assistant: Doug
Ushers: Anne M/Leona F
Scripture Readings: Malachi 4:1-6, 2 Thes 3:1-5)6-13

November 23 10:00 am Worship
Acolyte: Madison S
Lector: Mona E
Storyteller: Brianna
Sound: Vince
Video: Ryan
Worship Assistant: Dennis
Ushers: Doug & Mona Erlandson
Scripture Readings: Malachi 3:13-18 Colossians 1:13-20

November 30 10:00 am Worship
Acolyte: Eliza S
Lector: Melanie
Storyteller: Julie
Sound: Randy
Video: Hazel
Ushers: Mark & Melanie Altwasser
Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Philippians 4:4-9

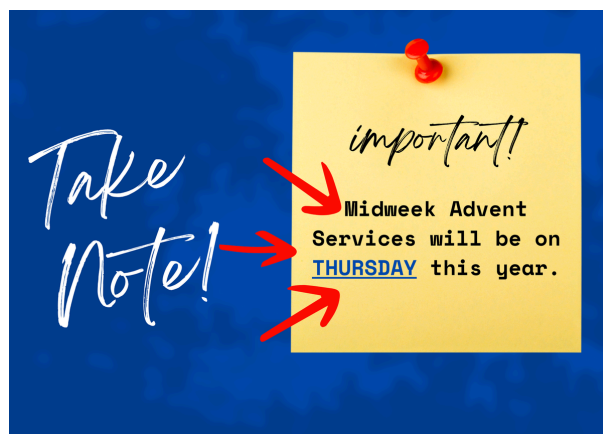


NOVEMBER

birthdays & anniversaries

Dee Ravensborg	Nov 01
Harold Stedel	Nov 03
Kathy Schellenberg	Nov 03
Barry Heal	Nov 06
Jackie Kay-Clyne	Nov 16
Wendy Metcalf	Nov 23
Curtis Tornquist	Nov 28
Audrey Flatla	Nov 29
Terry Shepherd	Nov 29

Donald & Mary Anne McMahon	Nov. 02
Sommers & Brandi McCord	Nov. 04
Len & Sue Armstrong	Nov 09
Mike & Beth McKnight	Nov. 22
Colin & Charlene Musgrove	Nov. 27
Russell & Miranda Pammenter	Nov. 29



Offering

Responding in trust and faith please remember the following ways of supporting your church.

- E-Transfer: tlcoffering@gmail.com (no password required)
- Auto Debit: Contact the church office to receive a form.
- Snail Mail: Mail your cheque to 811 Cassils Road W, Brooks, AB, T1R 0E4

NOVEMBER 2025



SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT 1
9:00am Ed Hour gr 5+ 10:00am Worship with Communion 3:00pm Trunk or Treat 	Office Closed	OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am Quilting 1:00pm Youth Pastors 8:00pm AA	9:30am AGAPE 4:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Mens Study	8:00pm AA	 Pastor Maggie away	
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November

ATTENTION YOUTH GR 6+

**WHILE THE TEACHERS
ARE ON**

**JOIN LIAM WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOONS IN THE
YOUTH ROOM.**

IT WILL BE OPEN 12-4PM.
IF YOU COME FOR LUNCH
BRING \$5 AND WE WILL
GET PIZZA

TALK TEXT LIAM IF YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS 363-4062

Trinity Lutheran Church's

trunk TREAT october 26 3-5pm

Join us for trick or treating, games,
wagon rides and more!

All are invited to decorate a trunk and join in.

Fun for the whole family!

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SET UP THE TREE

November 23

Following Worship

DECORATE THE CHURCH

November 26

9:30am

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Weekly bulletins.



SCAN ME



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Weekly blog.

Family CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

DECEMBER 7

4:00PM

This special service is open to all. We will
be making the Christingle's as above and
having Worship.
There will be a shared meal to follow.

Trinity Lutheran
Quilters

Christmas SALE

November 29, 30 & December 7
Following 10am Worship

TALK TO THE CHURCH
OFFICE FOR MORE INFO