



Trinity Tidings

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For All the Saints

On the first Sunday in November we always recognize the saints that have gone before us and have died in the past year. These are the people that have been examples for us as we live out our own faith and from whom we have learned what it means to be disciples. They are family, friends, neighbors, and leaders within our communities. The saints of this congregation helped shape and form it over their many years of involvement.

The church celebrates All Saints Day in the fall when we are approaching the shortest days of the year, the weather begins to turn, and the colors on the trees become vibrant shades of red and yellow. It seems like just the right time to recognize the passages in our lives and those around us as we witness the changes of the seasons.

All Saints Sunday is also a day when we can reflect on our own saintliness. To do so in the light of the life and witness of our family, friends, and neighbors that have gone before us in faith brings us closer to the reign of God. We must remember that, as Christians, our family tree is not limited to, nor defined by, our biological connectedness. We are all grafted into God's family tree through baptism; we have all been adopted as children of God and sisters and brothers of Christ through the working of the Spirit in our lives. Therefore, we are related to all the saints—they are our sisters and brothers.

While we remember those that have died before us on All Saints day, let us not forget that every time we gather around the table for communion, we are surrounded by this same great cloud of witnesses. You are invited to light a candle on All Saints Sunday for those that have led the path for you.

Let us pray...

As one poor in spirit and gentle of heart, your Son, O God, came to live among us, that we might hear the charter of your kingdom and see those words made flesh in the mercy and peace with which he faced insult and persecution. As we celebrate the witness of all the saints whose lives were shaped by the Beatitudes form us according to Christ's teaching and their example, that, having shared in the communion of the saints on earth, we might take our place among them in the joy of your kingdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen. (*From Prayers for Sunday and Seasons, Year C, Peter J. Scagnelli, LTP, 1992.*)

*Peace,
Pastor Alex*



Communal Coffee continues...

Join Pastor Alex on Mondays from 10am-noon at Tim Horton's. It's a great time to share any ideas or thoughts you may have, and a great chance to get to know him better. Pastor Alex will be there every Monday except November 4th.

Thanksgiving Service



All are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Eve Service at First United Methodist Church on November 27 at 6:00 pm. Come join the community as we give thanks for this past year and the many ministries we participate in together.



- Richard Kuechenmeister for bee control at the church.
- Don Plonka for installing new smoke detectors in the church.
- Bob Gorr for continuing to fix the electrical and lighting issues outside.
- Tune-In Team for their continued progress in listening to the congregation.
- Everyone that participated in completing congregational assessments and surveys to help determine the course of the congregation.



Be sure to set your clocks back before going to bed Saturday, November 2nd.

What Disciples Believe ^{Do} A fall sermon series

What Disciples Do Fall Sermon Series

Although Christians are often identified by what they believe, Jesus seemed to care more about what his followers actually did. Faith practices, along with theological beliefs, are crucial to Christianity. These eleven weeks of Ordinary Time offer an excellent opportunity to explore what disciples do: practice generosity, wrestle with God, and take their faith public, to name a few.

The Sermon Titles for November are:

November 3: Disciples Affirm Resurrection Hope

November 10: Disciples Live by Faith

November 17: Disciples Take Their Faith Public

November 24: Disciples Give Ultimate Allegiance to Christ

Join us this fall as we begin a journey of what discovering what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.



November Altar Flowers and Fellowship Hour Schedule

Flowers

November 4 – Dan & Melissa Daugherty

November 10 – In memory of son Mickey Fields.
Given by Sue and family.

November 17 – Open, please sign up

November 24 – Sandy Opalewski, Glory To God!

Fellowship Hour

November 4 – Open, please sign up

November 10 – Open, please sign up

November 17 – Confirmation Sunday

November 24 – Melissa Daugherty





From October 8, 2019

1. Pastor Alex presented confirmands:
 - a. Kiera Hartman
 - b. Ella Hill
 - c. Carter Peterson
 - d. Evan Plonka
2. Mark went over financial reports. He also went over his first draft for 2020's budget.
3. Discussed putting up new smoke alarms in the church.
4. Discussed idea of decreasing number of council members again. We decided to bring this to congregation for discussion.
5. Discussed the new driver's Ed class being held in the Celebrate room. Level II class went well. We will let them return for a Level I session in October.
6. Discussed Pastor Alex's insurance.
7. Rhonda discussed the flowers in the church. Council decided to give the florist a \$10 raise for flowers with the option to cancel an order if no one has signed up for the week.

Beyond Sunday

How do we live out our faith beyond Sundays? Join us on Wednesdays at 7pm as we share what it means to not only follow Jesus but to grow in relationship with him. Even if you haven't attended before you can jump in at any time.



Member Spotlight

The TLCW (Trinity Lutheran Church Women) had the idea to highlight some of the newer people to our congregation each newsletter. It is fun to talk with our fellow worshipers when we know a little more about them.



Melissa Small Sullivan grew up attending Trinity with her parents Debbie and Don Small. She recently had her work days changed so she can now attend worship with her three children Anastasia, Donald and Ruby. Melissa works at both Ted's Coney Island and Chippewa One Stop - Red Barn.

Adult Forums

Once a month following worship we will be discussing Justice and the ELCA. The ELCA has approved several social statements since its formation in 1988. We will take the time to discuss what this means and how we live beyond Sunday in carrying out our faith. Our next forum will be November 24 at 11am – we will discuss the statement on Education.



November Scripture Readings

November 3All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalms 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

November 1022nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a

Psalms 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 17.....23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 24Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43



November 1 – Michael Graham

November 7 – Wayne Allen, Sr.

November 10 – Susan Greer

November 10 – Trey Stuart

November 12 – Philip Damato

November 14 – Kaylee Sparby

November 16 – Trevor Williams

November 19 – Ciara Kirkey

November 23 – Aiden Haase

November 25 – Ross Brown



Christmas Outreach

Detroit Rescue Mission in Roseville will be our outreach focus this Christmas season. We have helped this agency for the last four years. We have the names of 23 children in Macomb County whose families have requested Christmas help. As we did last year, you can take the name and information for a child and fill their Christmas bag. This project costs a bit more than some of our past projects, so many people can choose to join together to help. We will have the names available in late November.



Stewardship Month

November is Stewardship month. An envelope containing a brief letter and pledge card will be placed in each member's mail box at the beginning of November. Those not picked up will be mailed mid month. Your consideration for the 2020 financial support of the church is appreciated. We are asking for pledge cards to be returned either by mail or placed in the pledge offering plate by the end of November. Thank you



BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

November 2nd 10am – 3pm with a Luncheon from 11am – 1pm

This is a good money maker for supporting our church. **We need your help** with craft items, bake goods, and food for luncheon.

If you are working on craft items please bring to the church by Friday, November 1st.

Any questions please contact
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