



The Trinity Tidings

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“Meals that Matter” are
available downstairs.



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:00 am

Fellowship Hour 10:15 am

Trinity Church School 6:00 pm Wednesdays



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.





From Pastor Dave...

On Sunday mornings and during confirmation we have been focusing on the 10 Commandments; how should we understand them in the light of Christ; what did they mean in their original context and what do they mean to us today? It has been great to go through these rules and commandments so that we can understand the Law (how we have failed God) and the Gospel (how God still offers us grace and forgiveness). I want to focus on one of our commandments, the 8th commandment - You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

This seems like an easy rule to follow, but Martin Luther pushes us to see it in a different light. In the small Catechism Luther writes, “We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.” Now that is much more complicated... We don’t want to interpret everything our neighbor does in the best possible light. For evidence of this fact, look on the news, check social media, listen to the gossip that we share...

Martin Luther wrote this because of what he saw in the Good News of Jesus Christ. He saw Jesus sitting with sinners, eating with tax collectors, loving those that society had written off as “bad people.” Jesus recognized their humanity/sinfulness, but also knew that they are beloved children of God. He reminded us to love God with everything that we have and to love our neighbor as ourself. This means interpreting everything they do in the best possible light.

As we look forward to the season of Advent and the coming of our Lord at Christmas, let us look with hope at the people around us. Let us assume the best of others rather than looking for the worst. Let us not be fueled by hate and judgement, but by love and forgiveness.





Thanksgiving. Gathering family, food, fun; my favorite holiday. The table is full. Lively conversation and smiles and hugs. No matter what we have faced together as family we come together in love. Isn't this what God expects as we welcome all of His family? *And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to live kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8b

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.



The **Hunchback** *of* **Notre Dame**



Springfield Community Theatre and Springfield Public School present *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, at Springfield Public School's Performing Arts Auditorium.

Friday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. OR Saturday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. (Public Ticket Sales begin 11/7/25 at 10:00 a.m.)

Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m. (Public Ticket Sales begin 11/7/25 at 10:00 a.m.)

The Hunchback of Notre Dame is a powerful musical based on Victor Hugo's novel and the beloved Disney film, featuring the Academy Award-nominated score by Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz, along with new songs and a dramatic script by Peter Parnell.

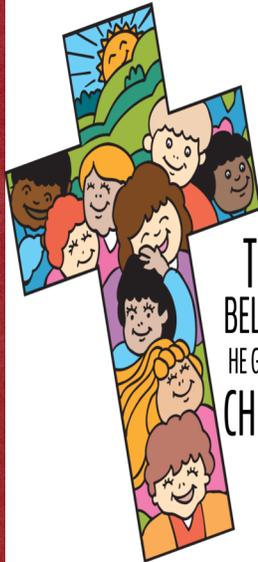
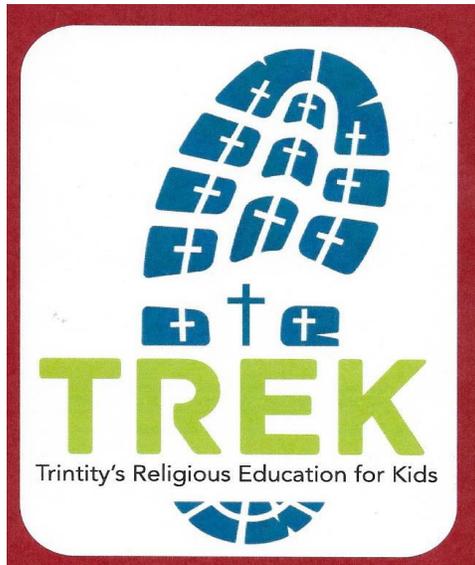
Set in 15th-century Paris, the story follows Quasimodo, the isolated bell-ringer of Notre Dame, who escapes his tower for one day to join the Feast of Fools. There, he meets the kind and spirited Esmeralda, who also captures the attention of Captain Phoebus and the sinister Dom Claude Frolo. As Frolo's obsession grows dangerous, Quasimodo must find the courage to defy him and protect Esmeralda and her people. With soaring music and a timely and timeless message, this unforgettable musical is both heart-wrenching and uplifting.

Here is the website for Hunchback tickets: <https://cur8.com/25222/project/134769>

TLC members Levi Johnson and Cheryl Neidt are involved in the production.



Children, Youth and Family



TO THOSE WHO
BELIEVED IN HIS NAME,
HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME
CHILDREN OF GOD.

JOHN 1:12



TREK and the children's education committee have been having a great fall!

At the beginning of October we had a Bible Buddies adoption event and gave out almost 30 beanie babies to children in the congregation. The kids promised to "feed" their Bible Buddies with the word of God by regularly reading the Bible to them. They were given a tracking sheet to fill out and can return it when it's completed for another prize. See Alyssa if you would still like a Bible Buddy or need a new tracking sheet.

Starting this month, the children will be singing in church the first Sunday of each month. We are excited to share the joy of music with the congregation. We will meet in the library at 8:45 on these days and gather afterwards for a snack and activity.

TREK is hosting a November food drive! Bring nonperishable food items to TREK anytime in November to help the hungry in our community. The class who brings in the most food will win a prize!

We are already hard at work for our Christmas program, so mark your calendars for December 14th for A Charlie Brown Christmas at Trinity! We're looking forward to sharing the true meaning of Christmas with familiar characters, songs, and a whole lot of Christmas spirit!

Alyssa Nissen,
Director of Children's Ministry



Tailgate at Trinity's table!

Join us for a brunch potluck



November 16th, in the Fellowship Hall following the service.
We'll get you home in time to watch the Vikings play the Bears!

Bring your crockpots, salads, desserts and more! Beverages will be provided.
 Contact Ashley Fischer with questions.

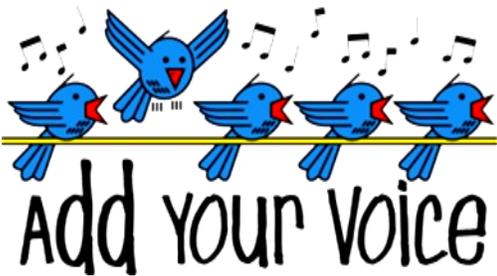
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRINITY FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



It's Time for Christmas Food Boxes

It is time to start thinking about filling a Christmas Food Box for the families of our weekend food kids. Boxes will be available for you to pick up and fill starting Sunday, November 16. There are those in our community who are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. In the state of Minnesota 1 out of 7 children is at risk for hunger. One in four Minnesota households with children are food insecure. Currently we are feeding 49 children from 36 families. We are asking you to shop for a family and put items on the list in a box provided for you. These boxes will be given to the families prior to the Christmas break when children do not have access to breakfast and lunch at school. The FFA will be giving each child a fleece blanket and personal care products.

Thank you for being the hands of Jesus.



Trinity Choir is Sundays

All are welcome to practice in celebration of the music to come!

Call Mary at 507 227-9880 with any questions.

Bell Choir is Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.

All are welcome to ring in the music to come!

Call Rose at 507 276-0013 with any questions.





GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Principles for Contemporary Stewardship

1. **Stewardship is proportionate to income.** St. Paul reminded the Corinthians that the Macedonians “give according to their means.” (II Corinthians 8:3). Stewardship is not giving to budgets or any other external goal designed to elicit contributions. God asks us to look at our income and give proportionately.
2. **Stewardship means the gift of yourself: It is an attitude.** The Macedonians gave for the poorer brethren, St. Paul says, but first they gave themselves to the Lord (II Corinthians 8:5). Nothing—and no amount of money—is pleasing to the Lord until we give ourselves to Him.
3. **Stewardship is the proof of the genuineness of our love.** The manner in which we “put our money where our mouth is” is the tangible demonstration of what is really in our hearts. St. Paul pointed out to the Corinthians that their participation in the offering was the way they would prove “that your love also is genuine.” (II Corinthians 8:8).
4. **Stewardship is self-sacrificing and is based on the self-sacrifice of Christ.** Though our Lord Jesus Christ shared the eternal glory of the Godhead with the Father yet for our sakes He became “poor”; He gave that all up to make us “rich” toward God through His cross and resurrection (II Corinthians 8:9).
5. **Stewardship takes people who are ready—“prepared”—for stewardship.** The Holy Spirit makes stewards out of people through their faith. It is always unwise to attempt to “squeeze” contributions out of people. Men and women must be “prepared” for stewardship through the Word. St. Paul said, “For if the readiness is there it is acceptable according to what a man has...” (II Corinthians 8:12).

(to be continued next month)

The various boards that do the work at Trinity are busy planning for 2026 at their meetings. The personnel committee will be working with staff for evaluations as well as wages. The property board is busy planning projects for next year including patching the parking lot. Each board has line items to check to see if there need to be increases for the coming year. Stewardship will be combining all of the requests into a proposed budget for the annual meeting in January.

Through the end of October, receipts for the general fund have been \$214,717.49 and expenses total \$247,315.80 plus payroll for the month to be added. The next two months will determine if we can reach our total budget of \$305,000.00. Thank you for your faithful contributions and continued prayers for our church.

Board of Stewardship



THIS & THAT

Read the Bible in a Year



S John 8:39-47

Week of November 2

Su Luke 19:1-10
 M 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
 Tu Jude 5-21
 W Luke 19:11-27
 Th Acts 22:22-23:11
 F Acts 24:10-23
 Sa Luke 20:1-8

Week of November 9

Su Luke 20:17-38
 M 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Tu 2 Johns 1-13
 W John 5:19-29
 Th Romans 1:18-25
 F 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12
 Sa Luke 17:20-37

Week of November 16

Su Luke 21:5-19
 M Ephesians 4:25-5:2
 Tu 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
 W Matthew 23:37-24:14
 Th Hebrews 9:23-28
 F 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Sa Luke 18:15-17

Week of November 23

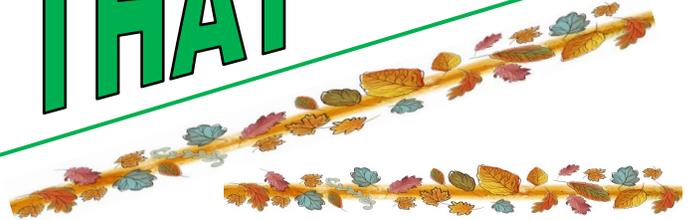
Su Luke 23:33-43
 M Revelation 21:5-27
 Tu Revelation 22:8-21
 W Luke 1:1-4
 Th James 4:1-10
 F Hebrews 11:1-7
 Sa Matthew 24:1-22

Week of November 30

Su Matthew 24:36-44
 M Romans 6:1-11
 Tu Romans 6:12-19
 W Matthew 24:23-35
 Th Acts 1:12-17, 21-26
 F Acts 13:16-25
 Sa Luke 1:46-55

For God so loved the world.

JOHN 3:16



Our WELCA board is looking for a Sunshine Lady! Connie Johnson has been faithfully sending cards to our members, but is looking for the next generation to continue with this outreach. Cards and postage are supplied. For information about the position please contact Darlene Brummund in the church office or 507 276-8013. Thanks!



Trinity is looking for someone to serve on the St. John Lutheran Home Auxiliary Board in 2026. For information about the position please contact Judy Weedman at judyweedman@gmail.com or 507-227-1659, or contact Darlene in the church office.

ST. JOHN'S CIRCLE OF CARE ST. JOHN'S CIRCLE OF CARE AUXILIARY

Breakfast is served.



at **The Maples**
 of St. John's Circle of Care

SUNDAY, November 9th

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

301 S. County Road 5 - Springfield, MN

\$10



5 & Under:

\$5

All proceeds go to the St. John's Auxiliary whose mission is to promote and advance needs and programming of the residents and tenants of St. John's Circle of Care.



RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!

Our Services are broadcast on Channel 8 each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or on our webpage anytime. Share the Good News with those who are unable to join us in person!



Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of Tidings will be emailed by the 1st of the Month. Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month.

Thank you.

10 Worship Assistants



NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 11/2 Natalie Fulmer
- 11/9 Levi Johnson
- 11/16 Ryder Braun
- 11/23 Miles Krzmarzick
- 11/26 (7 pm) Thanksgiving Eve Volunteer
- 11/30 Jaxon Peterson

Readers

- 11/2 Diane Evers
- 11/9 Gavin Fischer
- 11/16 Phyllis Kleven
- 11/23 Sarah Lendt
- 11/26 (7 pm) Thanksgiving Eve Volunteer
- 11/30 Mark Miller

Communion Assistants

- 11/3 Isaac Johnson at the rail
- 11/17 Neil Neidt, Lee Johnson

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

Ushers

Dale & Diane Eckstein

Greeter

Brian & Carol Polesky



November: Nicole Stevermer, Joleen Dittbenner
December: Joleen Dittbenner



Group Three will be the next servers.
Group Three Co-chairs are Sandy Brinkman & Andrea Butenhoff

December 2025

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 12/7 Hudson Braulick
- 12/14 Madelynn Mangen
- 12/21 Maddy Jensen
- 12/24 (4 pm)
- 12/28 Brecken Peterson

Readers

- 12/7 Karen Voge
- 12/14 Children's Program
- 12/21 Eric Wahlborg
- 12/24 Darlene Brummund
- 12/28 Rose Wall

Communion Assistants

- 12/7 Larry Baumgardt at the rail
- 12/21 Neil Neidt, Harold Pettis

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

Ushers

Dennis Mangen, Mark Miller

Greeter

Chris Mangen



*Now may
the Lord of peace
himself give you
peace at all times
and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you.*

2 Thessalonians 3:16



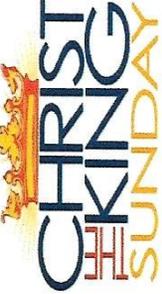
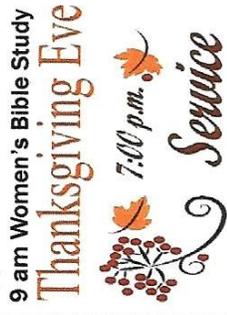
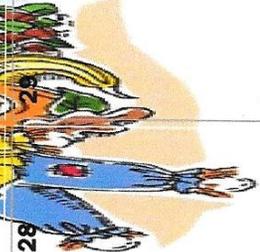
BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO FINDS WISDOM,
AND THE ONE WHO GETS UNDERSTANDING...

*She is a tree of life
to those who lay hold of her;*
THOSE WHO HOLD HER FAST ARE CALLED BLESSED.

PROVERBS 3:13, 18



NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p>  <p>All Saints Day</p> <p>9 am- Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 am Quilting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2 pm Lay Ministry</p>  <p>ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 am Women's Bible Study 10:15 am Evangelism 5:15 pm WELCA 6:30 pm Bell Choir 6 pm TREK 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Davlight Saving Time Ends</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8 am- Worship 9:15 am Education 10:30 am- Worship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am Quilting 4:45 Social Ministries</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3:30 Prokinship for Kids</p>  <p>VETERANS DAY</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Choir 6 pm TREK 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Budgets Due</p>	
<p>16</p> <p>9 am- Holy Communion 10 am</p>  <p>All-Church Potluck</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 am Quilting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 am-Men's Bible Study 3 / 4 pm Divine/Care Center</p> <p>Tidings Articles Due Budgets Due</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Choir 6 pm TREK 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>	
<p>23</p> <p>9 am- Worship 10 am Fellowship</p>  <p>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am Quilting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3:30 Prokinship for Kids 7 pm Stewardship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 am Women's Bible Study</p>  <p>Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 p.m. Service</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Thanksgiving</p>	
<p>30</p> <p>9 am- Worship 10 am Fellowship</p>  <p>Advent</p>						

Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 p.m.

Service



OUR PIE FELLOWSHIP WILL FOLLOW THE THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE. PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A PIE TO SHARE. THANK YOU!



Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM
Fellowship Hour 10:10 AM

WORSHIP ON LINE
ANYTIME ON TRINTYSLEEPYEYE.ORG
See the front cover for contact numbers.



TREK
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
Confirmation Classes
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

