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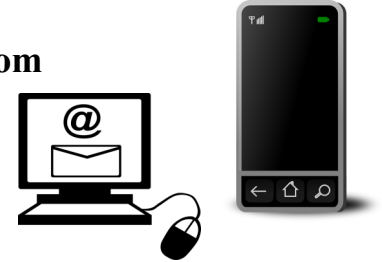
The TLC Connection

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All Saints Sunday

For all the saints, who from their labors rest... November 4th we will remember those who have gone before us to home of God: Margaret Austin, Dennis Peterson, Lois Wollum, Gladys Stanley, Gene Eggen, Lloyd "Don" Johnson, Joan Evanov, Mark Johnson, Sharon Zimmer and Sharon Weckwerth. Family or friends are invited to light a candle in remembrance and thanksgiving, in faith, hope and love. Both services will be dedicated to the celebration of memorial and life.



Thanksgiving Eve

Thanksgiving Eve services sponsored by the Milaca Ministerial will be at Zion Lutheran Church, Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 PM. The Thanksgiving Offering will be shared with the Salvation Army and Feed My Starving Children as an expression of meeting local concerns and reaching out to the world of need.



Sunday School Christmas Program – Save the Date

Mark your calendar for this year's Sunday School Christmas Program, which will take place during the 9:30 service on Sunday, December 9th. For all kids involved in the program (preschool-6th grade), please also mark your calendar for rehearsal the morning of Saturday, December 8th. We will be practicing for the program during Sunday School throughout the month of November and the first week in December.

Pastor Bauer, servant of Jesus Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church; grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.
Psalm 113:3



October 19th, we turned on a Solar Energy System at our house. We are making enough electricity from the sun to provide all our electric needs and send some back into the system. The opportunity to do this came from the inheritance we received from my parents. The reason we decided to do this is because... it is a way to address the issue of climate change, it is a way to care for the earth through the production of clean renewable energy production, it expresses my values and love for the world God made and called us to steward. There are other benefits economically, but the primary reason remains care of creation.

For me care of creation, the reality of climate change, and the livability of the earth for all living creatures, plants, animals, creatures of the waters and air and people are fundamental to my faith in God. God created the world and called it good. God made the world for all living things so all life could flourish. God gave humanity the responsibility to tend and keep the world and to exercise dominion as a king cares for those who have no helper, (Ps 72). The misuse of dominion for the purpose of exploitation and our own well-being has caused deep harm to the good world God has made: plastic ocean islands, climate change, extinction of species, even global insect populations that are in significant decline, (if the insects decline the ability of life to survive goes with them, they are that essential to everything.) Amazingly creation and life depend on the flourishing of the smallest creatures.

There are other things I am doing too. We have planted part of our yard into native prairie. We have meatless meals more often. We think about the efficiency of our vehicles, light-bulbs, and appliances. I write this not to boast, pat myself on my back, or make others feel guilty. Rather as pastor I write this in witness that care for the earth and its creatures is a spiritual issue of love, repentance/reconciliation, and relationship.

Not a day goes by when I do not think about this. I wonder what kind of world I'm giving to my children and those who come after us. Will it be as good and healthy as the world I received? What I do is less than an atom in a molecule of water in a drop in a bucket, but I cannot do or say nothing. And, I still have a long way to go...

Keep the faith. Say your prayers. Love like Jesus. Care for creation.
Everything depends on it.

Pastor Tim Bauer

Thank You!

Thank You Trinity members and friends for making this year's Lutefisk Dinner a success. We could not do this dinner each year without the help of you!

Thank You to everyone who donated "goodies" for the Bake Sale, as well as, everyone who bought items.

*Thank
you*

Hi, I want to tell you that I had the best meal I have ever had this evening and it was your Dinner! Everything was wonderful...the potato sausage was exactly like my parent's sausage of 60 years ago and the lutefisk was perfect. I have always thought my lufse is decent, but yours was far superior.

It was well organized and we enjoyed the music. We can't wait to come again next year.

Blessings, LeeAnn Simenson of Elk River

Community News



* ***This Side of Heaven*** will have its next country gospel sing-along on Sunday, November 4th at 3:00 PM at the Milaca Alliance Church. Free will offering.

* **Milaca Wolves Snack Pack Program** has begun ordering food through the Food Pantry. Items that are currently unavailable are: Instant oatmeal, multigrain bars, fruit cups, snack items such as pudding cups and microwave popcorn. Donations can be brought to church. Please remember items must be pre-packaged for individual use.

* **St. Mary's Church Election Day Supper** is Tuesday, November 6th from 5-7:30 PM at the Milaca High School Cafeteria. Turkey with all the trimmings will be served. Cost: Adults \$9; children 11 and under \$5; preschool: free. Takeout orders are available.

* **Milaca Food Pantry** needs volunteers on Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to unload trucks, and on Thursdays to carry out food. Contact Sara Lien, volunteer coordinator 320-362-1828.

* **Annual Veterans Day Ceremony** at Milaca High School Main Gyms on Friday, November 9th at 1:00 PM. This free concert is open to the public.

* **American Legion Auxiliary Sponsored Hot Dish Luncheon** at Milaca Legion Hall on Wednesday, November 14th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Cost: Adults \$6; Under 12 \$4. Proceeds to benefit Milaca DAC and other local charities.

* **Lutefisk, Ham & Meatball Dinner** at Glendorado Lutheran (1100 186th Ave. NE Princeton) on Saturday, November 17th. Serving from 3:00-7:00 PM. Cost \$15 Ages 13 & up for Lutefisk, Ham & Meatballs; \$10 Ages 13 & up for Ham & Meatballs only; \$7 Ages 6-12 years.

Sunday Morning Worship Tasks

November and December worship sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. PLEASE sign-up!

Volunteer Sign Up - A new and easy way to sign up to help with Sunday morning worship tasks. Go to trinitymilaca.org and click on Sign Up Genius. It will take you to our online sign-up sheet for usher/greeter, lector, communion or nursery assistant or to serve coffee fellowship. Check it out!



November

Group Leader: Pete Pedersen

Merle & Shirley Brink
Mike & Rita Cassens
RuthAnn Christianson
Dennis & Glenda Closson
Martin & Debra Gilchrist
Candy Jacobson
Duane & Carol Jerzak
Dan & Cindy Johnson
Duane & Cheryl Krotzer
Warren Liepitz
Robert & Katie Mason
Peg Monroe
Jake & Christina Moscho
Randy & Jennifer Nelson
Cory & Denise Pedersen
Pete Pedersen
Dan & Kaila Roeschlein
Dan & Nancy Ruis
Randy & Joyce Sundberg
Judy Swanson
Andy & Nikki Tellefson
Dave & Gail Totzke
Steve & Dee Voshell

December

Group Leaders: Chris & Amy Nord

Bob & Jan Anderson
Julie & Lydia Bauer
Tom & Jill Crandall
Dean & Audrey French
Duane & Lorraine French
Tony & Tracy Hass
Irv & Kathy Huser
Gerald & Laura Johnson
Nathan & Missy Johnson
Gary & Kristi Kragt
Ken & Linda Lamont
Terry & Jan Larsen
Andy & Kristie Larson
Victor & Linda Lease
Chris & Amy Nord
Pat & Pam Novak
Tim & Sue Nystrom
Dave & Connie Oistad
Joel & Connie Patnode
Becky Romosz
Mark & Linda Skinner
Shawn & Kerri Steinbrecher
Linda Wirz

January

Group Leader: Nancy Wagner

Amy Beck
Craig & Sherie Billings
Ben & Carla Biniek
Dene & Brooke Byers
Dan & Jenna Carlson
Heidi Carlson
Barb Hanenburg
Don & Sandy Herr
Amanda Kaas
Delwood & Sara Larsen
Andy & Kristie Larson
Troy & Shannon Lepper
Dave & Connie Oistad
Leah Palmer
Jerry & Michelle Peterson
Liz Ryg
Joby & Jackie Smith
Craig & Lana Talberg
Roger & Nancy Wagner
Jojean Ziegler
Randy & Kris Zimmer

Stewardship: God's Love Through Us to the Neighbor



Thanksgiving is November 22nd. It is the beginning of a season of heightened generosity and acts of kindness. Holiday Helping Hands is gearing up, we have a date for Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Saturday, December 15th, we will schedule a Feed My Starving Children date for Saturday, December 15th, as continue the ministries of love and feeding we already do, quilting, snack packs, Good Samaritan fund. Pray and prepare your hearts and pocketbooks for the season when God sends love to the world in Jesus born of Mary.

Adult Faith Study: Reading 1 Corinthians

Paul's letter to the Church at Corinth is significant and filled with stunning passages on conflicts with morality, Holy Communion, love, and the resurrection of the dead. Each Sunday we share a reading conversation of 1 Corinthians. Because of the short period of time we have for these conversations we will take this in small flavorful bites. Can't make every week? No problem, come as you are able. Bring a Bible, a cup of coffee and your faith.



Faith on Tap TVG

Faith on Tap is a conversation about the vocabulary of Christian faith, words that we use in church and religion that are as common in everyday life. What does this language mean? How do we connect it with the rest of the words we use? What does it mean to you? The plan is we meet at Timber Valley Grill from 7:00-8:00 PM the last Tuesday of the month, November 27th. This is a joint conversation with the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Come, check it out.

Readers Forum: *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Annie Lamott

Pastor read an intro essay in the October National Geographic and knew this book needed to be read and shared. "I do not presume to say what capital-T Truth is. But I do know my truth, and it's this: Everyone I know, including me, has lived through devastating times at least twice, through seemingly survivable loss. And yet we come through because of the love of our closest people, the weird healing properties of time, random benevolence, and of course, our dogs." (Annie Lamott) We live in a world that needs hope. Hope is what we proclaim. The book is brand new, published in October. The cost is reasonable \$12. The writing style and length doable. This is a book to read in times like this and as an exercise of faith, discipleship and community. Sign up. Discussion in January. (Give it or ask for it as a Christmas gift)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart ...
Come, ye thankful people, come ...
Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise...*



Trinity Lutheran Church Women

TLCW met on Wednesday, October 10th with 10 members present.



With the Lutefisk Dinner coming up on October 27th many plans were discussed.

- Cookie Baking Day on Monday, October 22nd at 9:00 AM was discussed. We will be making several different kinds of cookies: Kringla, Fattigmand, Sandbakkels, Rosettes and more.
- The Cookie Room will be filled with all those delicious treats. A crew of helpers and young girls will offer trays of cookies to all of the guests.
- The Bake Sale will be set up before the guests arrive offering a great variety of goodies to choose from.
- The Quilt Raffle table will be selling raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt offered this year. The drawing for the quilt will be held at the Thank Offering Service on Sunday, November 25th at 9:30 AM.

We were all sad to hear that Candy will be stepping down as our leader at the end of the year. It was suggested that maybe we should have co-leaders in the future. If you are interested in leading our group please contact Candy Jacobson.

The next TLCW meeting is Wednesday, November 14th at 11:30 AM.



Senior High Youth Retreats (9-12)

- **Camp Onomia** High School Plunge Saturday, December 1st to Sunday, December 2nd. Cost \$75. Getting deeper with your faith: Impacts of Jesus' birth, then... what impacts you now? Explore the Bible about preparing for Christmas with our minds and hearts. Bring your best friend and leave with 20 new friends. Register online. 7 youth register and 1 adult gets to go free.
- **2019 Cardio Deo** March 1-3, 2019 Big Sandy Camp, McGregor. *Equipped!* To share the Heart of God in the world. A full weekend of fun and faith nurturing activities including Bible Study, a mystery event, service learning, worship, and camp life. (Think Middle School Youth Gathering except for a weekend and a little more mature.) Early Registration - \$125 before February 1st. Registration opens January 1st. \$50 non-refundable deposit. For more info check out: <http://www.nemnsynod.org/cardia-deo.html>

Council President

Greetings!

As you read this the Lutefisk Supper will have taken place and hopefully it went well. THANK YOU to all who helped make it a success. October can be a quiet time for our council. Probably the most exciting topic was the street improvements taking place next summer. There is supposed to be about a seven-day period of very limited access and I'm sure of many other days of mud and construction equipment and dirt piles in our midst! One offshoot of this construction project is that we should consider some kind of work on our parking lot. Sometimes contractors will discount work since they are already there and don't have to haul their equipment around. We will be checking into this over the winter and hopefully something can be worked out.

Two other topics discussed are the annual budget and new council members. We will be going over the budget later this month. Anyone interested in serving on the council can contact any council member or Pastor or Christine. It is a great way to get to know how things are done at Trinity and does not require a lot of time. Just a few hours a month!

Don't forget...clocks BACK one hour 11/4/18 at 2:00 AM.

Thank you and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Respectfully submitted, Mark Skinner



Trinity News & Notes

Audrey Batty 85th birthday celebration Sunday, November 4th at 9:40 AM (between services) in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! Hosted by Audrey's family.

Quilters meet Thursday, November 1st and Thursday, November 15th at 9:00 AM.

Join us for Trinity Men's Coffee Fellowship on Thursday, November 8th at 9:30 AM. Pastor Tim will join us in the Trinity Room for a short devotional time and then we'll enjoy coffee time.

Dorcas Circle meets Wednesday, November 14th at 9:30 AM. **TLCW** at 11:30 AM.

Trinity Day at the Dining Site at the Hi Rise is Wednesday, November 21st. Serving begins at 11:30 AM and the cost of the meal is \$4.00 for persons 60 or older.

Flooring Project - A pledge has been made **to match donations dollar for dollar** to raise the balance needed to complete this project. If you'd like to donate please **make check payable to Trinity Memorial Fund** in memo area write **Flooring Project**. Thank you!