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November 2018 Newsletter



[2]Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!
[3] For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
Psalm 95:2-3

From the Pastor's Desk

This month's newsletter is available to you beginning on Reformation Sunday. Reformation Sunday is always the Sunday before All Saints Sunday. At this time of the year we begin to see change. The almost unbearable hot days of summer have finally come to an end, at least for this year. The leaves change color and begin to fall. By now most folks are back into their fall routines, just in time to contemplate the busy holiday season that will begin in a few weeks.

It seems fitting that we have Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday back to back in our liturgical calendar at this time of year, since both of these festivals remind us of change. Reformation reminds us of change in that the church should always be reforming in order to stay true to the gospel. We have a tendency to create and then proliferate traditions. The problem with traditions is that we begin to believe that they can never change or be abandoned. However, when traditions eclipse the saving power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they must be abandoned! This is what happened during the Reformation. Martin Luther realized that the church had placed traditions over the truth of the gospel. People were led to believe that they had to "work" or "buy" their way into Heaven. The church had lost the truth that salvation was free to all who believed in the saving power of Jesus.

All Saints Day is the festival in which we remember all the faithful who have died in the Lord and now live with Him in His eternal kingdom. On that day we remember them. We remember our family members. We remember the people who led and influenced us on our journey of faith. Many people will name one person who influenced them significantly. However, most of us recognize a long list of family, Sunday school teachers, church members and pastors who taught and encouraged us along the way. As a pastor, I still find encouragement from the living saints here at Trinity as we live out our faith and share in ministry together. As is our tradition, on this Sunday, we will pray for each of the members of Trinity who has entered the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints Sunday.

As we continue our theme on change, we have a big change to our annual meeting this year. Normally we have our meeting on the second Sunday of November starting at 3:00pm. Prior to the meeting we have a dinner prepared by our Social Concerns Committee. This year we are going to have only one service on that Sunday at 10:00am. followed by a brunch and then our meeting. I believe this change is necessary for several reasons. First, having all the congregation worship together at one service prior to the meeting should enhance our sense of unity as a congregation. Second, the bulk of our members attend the 10:00 service, thus our hope is that more people we be inclined to stay for the meeting. In addition, in our busy world, it is getting tougher to get people to come back to the church for activities later in the day, subsequently, having the meeting immediately after the service may help get more people to the meeting. Third, many of our older members no longer drive at night (or are not comfortable driving at night). Even though our meetings begin during the daylight, it is usually dark by the time we are finished. This may help to boost our attendance. My hope is that this change will bring more people out, involve more people and help to keep more people informed.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy



November 4, 2018 - ALL SAINTS DAY
Ruth 1:1-18
"LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO"

November 11, 2018 – The 25th Sunday After Pentecost
Hebrews 9:24-28
"BEARING THE SINS OF MANY"

November 18, 2018 – The 26th Sunday After Pentecost
Mark 13:1-8
"TELL US MORE"
Children's Sermon: "**What Would Jesus Want Us to Know"**

November 22, 2018- THANKSGIVING DAY
Psalm 126
"RESTORE OUR FORTUNES, O LORD"

November 25, 2018 - CHRIST THE KING
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
"TURN OFF, TUNE IN, PRAISE GOD"

December 2, 2018- The 1st Sunday of Advent
Pastor on Vacation

December 9, 2018- The 2nd Sunday of Advent
Philippians 1:3-11
"ON THE ROAD TO PERFECTION"

December 16, 2018 – The 3rd Sunday of Lent
Zephaniah 3:14-20
"CHRISTMAS FEAR"

December 23, 2018 – the 4th Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
"THE BIRTHDAY BLESSING"

December 24, 2018- THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
Christmas Eve (Family Service)
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
"THE COWS OF CHRISTMAS"
FESTIVAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
"PUTTING CHRIST BACK IN CHRISTMAS"

December 30, 2018 – The First Sunday After Christmas
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
"GROWING IN THE LORD'S FAVOR"

Sunday School News

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 NIV

The apostle Paul wrote this message to the evangelist Timothy. He wanted him to understand that to be a workman that God could approve, he would have to be diligent in his service to God. Of necessity, he would have to learn correct usage of the Bible, which will involve much study, contemplation, and prayer; with an open mind, an open heart, and a faithful life to the word of truth. Implied in this is a proper understanding of the divisions between the Old and the New Covenants, understanding that the New Testament is the rule of faith and practice for Christians today. The evangelist Timothy was to remind his hearers of the sacrifice of Christ, the need for serving Him, and the need to work diligently to be an approved worker. Nothing will help us more to please God than to carefully and correctly use his word with the same reverence as the psalmist who wrote: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105).

We are well into our fall semester lessons. Our teachers are working hard to present lessons that will guide our children to grow in faith. It is a great pleasure to see the excitement our children have learning. As your faith leads you, please give support through offerings, donations and memorials. This will enable us to continue to purchase supplies needed for teaching our children. Students and teachers please remember to wear your new, Rally Day T-shirt every third Sunday.

Our new Outreach Ministry for this year is Mission Teens. Their motto is "Help for the Desperate - Those willing to seek God as the Answer to their Problems". They are a non-denominational Christian Discipleship ministry dedicated to helping people who struggle with life-controlling problems by ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them. Also, help feed the homeless in the streets of Camden. November 18th will be our next "UR Important 2 US" Sunday. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, bottles of water, packaged snacks, and pairs of socks are needed. Come join us the Saturday before to make PB&J sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM. Again this year we will be giving blankets as Christmas presents to the homeless. Donation envelopes for both Mission Teens and UR Blankets for Christmas are available in the main church. Make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Sunday School".

We continue to be in need of volunteers to teach, and support our youth group and other programs. I must emphasize that our children are of utmost importance, needing help and guidance to develop their faith. If you love Jesus and love to teach please get involved, we need your help! We have a current need for someone who is familiar with Microsoft Excel to help with our attendance.

Blessings to all in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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Sunday School Outreach Ministry

UR Important 2 US

"Feeding the Hungry in Camden"



GIVE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO THE HOMELESS, DONATE A BLANKET

Again this year we will be giving blankets to the homeless through "UR Important 2 US" as Christmas presents. Please donate $10.00 towards the purchase of a blanket. They are specifically manufactured for the homeless and are oversized cot blankets providing full coverage (60"x80"), made of 100% Polyester fleece, super soft and ultra-thermal, and machine washable. We are currently accepting donations. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Sunday School

God Bless You! Thanks!
Carl Nagel

JUNIOR CHOIR

November is just around the corner! The Junior Choir always sings at both the third Sunday services and again on Thanksgiving morning. While our number is much smaller than in previous years, this group of children have lovely voices and are working hard to learn the words.

November 18 we will be singing "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart". It is another "zippy" one and one that former VBS children will remember from those summers long ago.

Thanksgiving morning, we will be doing a hymn from the newest Lutheran hymnal "For the Fruit of All Creation". It is a lovely flowing melody and one you may remember with other words.

Some people have asked why the Junior Choir is not singing at the 8:30 a.m. Service any more. I'm disappointed about that with all of you. However, several children come the whole way from the Mullica Hill area and if families have been "out" the night before it is really hard to get up and going so early. We are so appreciative to have all of our children and those of you who attend the 8:30 Service will get to hear them on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

Know some other children who like to sing and are in grades 1-6? Give me their names and phone numbers and I will be happy to contact them about joining our group.

May each and every one be especially blessed in this season of harvest with the opportunity to share some very special time with family and friends. As the November song says, "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart" and may it be a motto for each of us this year!

Love and blessings to all,

Mrs. Schmidt

Kids Page

Fall Scavenger Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:

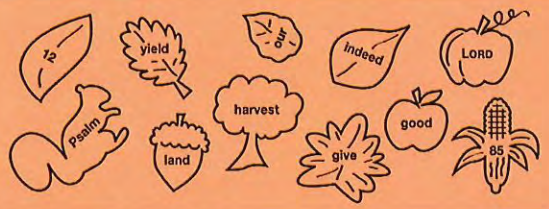
1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

Puzzle

HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



"The will

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: , NIV

Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV



CONFIRMATION CLASS

God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- created the world and all that is in it by the power of His Word. This Word also has the power to create in us faith in God and in the truth of His Word. Our heavenly Father loves us with a perfect love, a love that moved Him to send Jesus to pay the penalty our sins deserved.

We would like to introduce you to the Confirmation Class of 2018 Seventh Grade: Aiden Green, Keri Halko, Tyler Kell, Allison Reichert, Gavin Theisen, and Nicolas Veneziani and Eighth Grade: Alyssa Cepero, Julia Ciuffo, Drew Krause, Julia Schaffer, and Matthew Wright. This is a very hard-working group, already volunteering to help several groups of the church.

They will be helping to serve at the Fall Breakfast Sunday, October 21, beginning at 9:30 as part of their service requirement. Some of the other activities they have been asked to help on are: Congregational Brunch Nov.11 After 10AM service, packing of Thanksgiving food baskets Nov.18, Breakfast with Santa Dec.15, 9:00AM, and packing and distributing Christmas gifts and food baskets on Dec. 23.

In class, we are working on the memorization of The Apostles Creed as we study it. Some classmates almost have it memorized. Next will be The Ten Commandments.

Thank you for your help and support.

Confirmation Teachers: Carl Nagel, Jim Shisler, and Anna Marie Wright

Greetings in Christ,

Since our last newsletter in August, our committee continues our monthly goal of maintaining our church properties. Some of our projects that have been done, including our workday on October 13th:

- We repainted the parking lot bollards with primer paint
- Cleaned out the rain gutters on the flat roof
- Cleaned and mopped the kitchen floor and mats
- Tested emergency lights and sump pump
- Cleaned and weeded the hedgerow at the end of our parking lot
- A new faucet was installed in the ladies restroom in the rear of the church by an anonymous volunteer
- Cleaned out the shed
- Trapped and removed 6 squirrels from the food pantry property
- Weather stripped downstairs basement door in front of the church
- Cleaned out one of the closets in the 4th grade classroom and moved the prayer shawl ministries into that closet from the storage room
- Started cleaning out our storage room
- We removed bundles of insulation from under our storage stairwell to the shed. This was leftover from our 7th grade classroom renovation. The surplus will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.
- We installed a new 2'x4' light fixture in maintenance room by the choir dressing room. There wasn't any lighting in that room except for a small window.
- I left our completed project for last. Our beautiful handrails that have been installed on the altar are finally finished. It was a long journey from planning to final coat of shellac. They look terrific and like they have been there all along. Thank you for all involved and a special thanks to Dave Daly for his talent and skill on this project.

As you have read, these are some of the things that the property committee does throughout the year. Some jobs require a skill set but most of the things we do simply require old fashion elbow grease. The committee makes this more than just a day of chores but a day of fellowship, and feeling of accomplishment in good works, and good stories at our coffee break which includes delicious treats from Deluxe bakery.

We do this for the Glory of God to make Trinity a beautiful place to worship.

Won't you join us next time? Our next work day is Saturday, November 3rd. Any time you are able to give is welcome.

Yours in Christ,

Rich Greiner on behalf of the Property Committee



SOCIAL CONCERNS

We hope everyone enjoyed our October breakfast! A special thank you to the kids who helped serve. November starts our Harvest Home collection. Our Turkey will be arriving on November 4th. All turkeys and canned goods will be due back by November 18th. We will be packing them on Sunday, November 18th, after the end of the 11:15 service. It takes us less than an hour so please think about staying to help.

October was our Pantry Month. Pat Schmidt spoke to everyone about what our pantry and clothing closet mean to the community. Thank you to everyone who donated. Your donations are what keep our ministry working.

Any clothing items dropped off need to be clean and stain-free. The Clothing Closet is open to anyone. We have a large selection of gently used and a few new clothes. Help stretch your budget and give some of our clothing a new home. Clothing items are always welcome. They can be dropped of at any time. Just leave them in one of the bins on the 17 Knight Avenue porch. Please remember…

WHEN BAGGING UP YOUR USED CLOTHING
PLEASE DON'T OVER-STUFF THE BAGS.
The volunteers who carry, sort and organize the clothing cannot carry the bags into the house when they are too heavy. They would really appreciate it if you could divide the heavy bags into two more manageable bags. Thank you VERY MUCH.

On November 11th, we will be cooking for our Annual Congregational Meeting Brunch. If you would like to help in any way please come and join us, there is lots to do.

Some dates to remember:



November 4th – Turkey feathers and Thanksgiving table
November 11th – Annual Congregational Meeting and Brunch
November 18th – Pack Thanksgiving Baskets
November 20th- Distribute baskets
November 23rd- Set up Angel Tree 7:00 pm
November 25th – Angel Tree
December 15th- Breakfast with Santa 9:00am
December 23rd –Angel Tree items due by 10:00am. Pack and distribute Christmas Gifts and Baskets after 10:00am Service.



Please plan on being with us this Holiday Season. You will receive much more out of giving than you can image. The feeling is priceless.

New members are always welcome. We meet on the third Sunday of the month at 11:15. Please come out and join us. Remember God loves a cheerful giver. You will love the fellowship and the great feeling you get from helping others

Luke 3:11
And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

Caring and Sharing
Diane Kochon



The Prayer Shawl monthly meeting was held on Friday October 5, 2018. In attendance were: Barbara Anconetani, Ann Carter, Val Colasuonno, Eleanor Epley, Nancy Fallon, Linda Finch, Dolores Keller, Helen McGarvey, and Mary Raws. Our Ministry is so fortunate, we have added another member, Peggy Cochran. Peggy who supported our ministry previously, will now be coming to our meetings.

The meeting officially started at 10:05 a.m., with The Lord's Prayer.

We received the following:	2 Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket,
	4 Baptismal Blankets
Cathedral Kitchen:	34 Hats, and 3 scarves
Osborn Family Med:	7 Baby hats and 2 pair of mittens
Purple Crying Caps	9 Baby Caps

Yarn and Gift Bags were also donated

As always, we thank our members for their finely crafted productivity and to our friends, Marie Thatcher, Beth Shute and Dot Offer who make donations. A special acknowledgement is needed to our own Barbara. Earlier this year we received a donation of many octagon Granny Squares with no directions for completing the blanket. Barbara volunteered, and the result was a beautiful lap blanket.

Distribution: 4 Fleece Blankets were given to an advocacy group in Camden for foster children. Also, Osborn Family Medical Center received 35 Hats and Purple Crying Caps received 27 hats.

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Anconetani reported there was no new correspondence.

Baptismal Historian: Mary Raws reported that there were no baptisms in September.

We discussed with Ann Carter, a faithful volunteer at Cathedral Kitchen, the timing of our donation. Ann suggested, Thursday, December 13th, since she will be assisting at the Kitchen.

We were informed by Linda Finch that Cooper Hospital has a group called Child Life that is accepting baby hats for infants and small children. We will be happy to support the group.

Pastor Andy had joined the meeting and bought us up to date on a few matters. After the meeting we joined Pastor and admired the new Corporals that we had purchased for the altar. It was a good investment.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcomed to stop by, see what we do and perhaps participate. Our closing reading was from Psalm 139:5 and we adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Val Colasuonno
Vice President Prayer Shawl Ministry
"May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand"

November BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jean Kennedy
1 - Dana Staino
2- Janice Powell
3 - Liam Clark
5 - Gary Beeby
5 - Yvonne Fasulo
6- Abigail Dalbey
6 - Lorie Ann Medlar
7 - Joanne Thornley
7 - Ed Ward, Jr.
9 - Susan Hobgen
9 - Harry Rivell, Jr.
11 - Emily Wright
12 - Mark Harris, Jr.
12 - William Guenette
12 - Julia Dixon
12- Tyler Schroeder
13 - Ronald Palmer III
15 - Darren Jankowski
15 - Janet Lott
16 - Erin Collins
17 - Colin Doms
17 - Alexia Glaze
18- Thomas Sampson
18 - Julia Schaffer
18 - Gina DeValerio
20 - Connor Hartzell
20- Alana Ficarro
21 - Ashley Cundiff
22 - Teresa Schaffer
22 - Lisa Epley-Ramtahal
22 - Cindy Spino
22 - Ruthann Quintavalle
23 - Dolores Keller
23 - Joann Strater
24 - Christopher Dalbey
24 - Cathy Daly
25 - Marie Lydon
25 - Christopher Dickson
25 - Christine Shockley
26 - Julia Meidt
26 - Karen Theisen
26 - Samantha (Spino) Higginbotham
26 - Cecelia Carter
27 - Austin Hui
28 - Bob Quinton
28 - John Thatcher
29 - Paula Gift
29 - Skyler Ludwick
30- Adrien Higginbotham
30- Samuel Higginbotham
30- Nicholas Pierce

November ANNIVERSARIES

1- Alexander & Gina Amato
1 - Dennis & Susan Raebiger
5 - Elaine & Paul Ranck, Jr.
6 - John & Mary Griffin
8 - Michael & Andrea Willis
8- Scott & Sandi Hill III
9 - Russ & Joanne Thornley
11 - Brandon & Christine McAllister
18 - Joseph & Donna Lux
22 - Jim & Nancy Fenton
27 - Andrew & Cherie Richards

Funerals

On October 5,2018
CHARLES H. "JEEP" BAKER (93)
Of Runnemede, NJ

On October 13, 2018
LINDA A. MOREHEAD (68)
Of Glendora, NJ

On October 18, 2018
VIVIAN G. REED (56)
Of Runnemede, NJ

On October 22, 2018
JOAN B. LIND (75)
Of Bellmawr, NJ

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of those listed above.



Cover Photo- *Thanksgiving at Trinity*
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