



From Tim Brown, ELCA Director of Congregational Stewardship Support:

In autumn, farmers would know the gifts that they would have on hand for the coming year, both monetary and otherwise, and so it was at this time of year they'd be able to make their pledge for God's mission in their local parish.

In many ways autumn remains a good time to talk about stewardship. But instead of "campaigns" or even "appeals," I think, the community of Christ should call them "invitations to renewed generosity." After all, our agrarian ancestors were really deciding how to use God's generous harvest to multiply that generosity through their faith communities. The same remains true for us.

I wonder if every stewardship appeal, every "invitation to renewed generosity" could be a scene of rejoicing as we, as a community, gathered around the generous, crucified and risen One, bring in the collective sheaves to continue changing lives in this world. Come rejoicing, Beloved, bringing in the generous sheaves God has given us!

Stewardship should be seen as an invitation to renewed generosity. It's our rejoicing as we, as a community, gathered around the generous, crucified and risen one, share our gifts to support Trinity's mission in 2024. **Stewardship Sunday is November 12.**



On All Saints Sunday, November 5, we will be continuing the tradition of displaying pictures of all friends and family who have died in the faith on the brick wall of the sanctuary. Please

bring in your pictures this Sunday.



Why I Pledge

I love to be in church with my fellow believers in God, my church family. At church, we worship God, we pray to God, we celebrate new life and forgiveness of sins when we take communion together. We sing our hearts out. We listen and appreciate beautiful spiritual music from the Trinity Singers and the Trinity Heavenly Handbells. We take care of each other and those outside our walls, young and old. We learn about God's kingdom through Sunday School, Bible Study, and the sermons preached each Sunday. We learn from each other's experiences. We work together to help those in need by virtue of our Service Ministry and our Stephen Ministry Program. None of this is possible without each of us contributing whatever we can to the financial stewardship of the church. Like any other organization, in order to plan for and do all of these wonderful things, the church needs people to pledge their contributions to the work of the Lord, so that Trinity is able to plan a budget and continue our wonderful ministry outside and inside the walls of this sacred space. This is why I pledge.

—Miriam M

Pledging may be an annual ritual but it is connected throughout the year to my relationship with God, my church, and my faith. To start with, we are called to serve God in a variety of ways. How and when might I remember this call? Well, I learned that

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” This reminds me to give thanks at each communion, even though I make offerings online now instead of passing a plate. Second, I see how precious the church is to people. I can’t imagine a world without the church in it. Finally, pledging is different from making a one-time contribution to a good cause. It means a regular practice of giving, staying true to that, and for me that is one expression of my faith.

—Kim B



Trinity Question & Answer Session, Sunday, November 5th, after worship

Are you new to Trinity or to the Lutheran faith? Do you have questions about this community or about the Lutheran Tradition? Then join us in the library after worship on Sunday, November 5th for an informal conversation with a few members. We’d love to answer your questions and get to know you better.



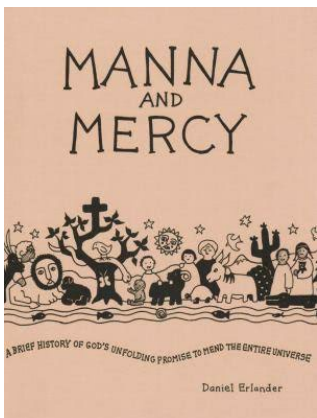
Faith Formation Bulletin Board

The bulletin board outside of Room 11 has information about our faith formation offerings this academic year. Individual flyers will be posted there about Adult Forum guest speakers. Please check it out.

Fall Back!!!



Don’t forget to turn clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 4.



Adult Forum

Please join us for Adult Forum, following service, Room 10. We will be exploring the whole Bible through the lens of Daniel Erlander’s book, *Manna and Mercy*. All are welcome!

On November 12, Jillian Copeland, Founder and Interim Director of Main Street, will be our guest speaker for Adult Forum. Main Street, located in Rockville, is a nonprofit that models inclusive practices, bringing together people with and without disabilities. They offer affordable housing, a membership-based community and a movement of inclusion. Please join us!



Community Family Life Services' Annual Give-a-Gift Program is November 12 – December 3

The holiday season, a time of giving and sharing, is coming upon us!

Community Family Life Services (CFLS) in Washington, DC, provides services for reentry to women, survivors of domestic violence, homeless residents, and their children. Trinity has a wonderful opportunity to help brighten this holiday season for the families served by CFLS.

Trinity is collecting new gifts, toys, games, books, and clothes for children infant through 18 years old. Some gift suggestions: Visa, Walmart, and Target gift cards, board games, coloring/art supplies, and sports equipment, Gifts should be new and in their original packaging, but not wrapped.

Collection Times

- **Sunday** Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26, Dec. 3
- **Saturday** Nov. 18, 9-12 Noon

Learn more about CFLS and the essential services they provide on their website www.cflsdc.org.

Coffee Hour and Fellowship

While we all enjoy coffee and a snack after service, all would agree it is really the fellowship that is most enjoyed. Please consider hosting a coffee hour using the link or sign up on the Connections Bulletin Board. If you'd like to find a partner or need a reminder on how to make the coffee, please reach out to Margaret F at gmitzw85@gmail.com.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4caba82f4-coffee#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4caba82f4-coffee#/)

Some upcoming opportunities for all to participate:

Sunday, November 26 *Thanksgiving Left Over*
Coffee Hour - create something to share from your Thanksgiving Day leftovers.

Sunday, December 3 Pot Luck before the Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 17 Bring an advent treat to share



Care Packages for Our College Students

We are continuing our care packages for our college students; however, there will be a couple of changes this year. I am asking the congregation to contribute the snack items that will go into the bags. We have 8 students, so we need enough of each item for 1-2 for each person. We want prepackaged snack sizes or single servings only. Please see the Sign-up Genius link below for more information, for the list of requested items, and to sign-up to make a donation.

All items are needed by start of worship on **Sunday, November 19th**. I will have a basket in the Social Hall on Sunday mornings for your donations. Alternatively, you may bring them by the office on weekdays during office hours (clearly mark that they are for the care packages). Additionally, I will have white gift bags and pens out on Sunday mornings for you to write a message of encouragement to our students. I invite everyone to participate in this project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Valerie S using the following email: valerie@vmwishes.com. Thank you!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CABA82F4-45500908-college#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CABA82F4-45500908-college#/)



November 18, Monthly Food Drive

Food insecurity is still very real in Montgomery County. Thanks to the many congregation members who continue to support our monthly food drives that support Bethesda Help. We are also pleased that each

month we welcome donations from members of the neighborhood. Each month we drop off between 300-500 pounds of food and 10-20 gift cards. Bethesda Help is very appreciative and recognizes Trinity each month in the BH newsletter.

Contact Margaret F at gmitzwm85@gmail.com for more information.



Little Free Library and Pantry

Near the entrance to our large parking lot, facing Old Georgetown Rd., you may have

noticed our little library and pantry. They are ready for you to add items or help yourselves to an item. The library is for new or gently used books for both adults and children. The pantry is for non-perishable items, including no fresh produce. A detailed list of what is needed can be found here:

[See the list of critical food needs here.](#)

Please consider the season, ease of use, and shelf life/best by date.

Intergenerational Sunday School – Thanksgiving Leftovers and Conversation, November 26

In the spirit of presence as service, bring your leftovers to share, pull up a chair, and enjoy treats and conversation with one another.



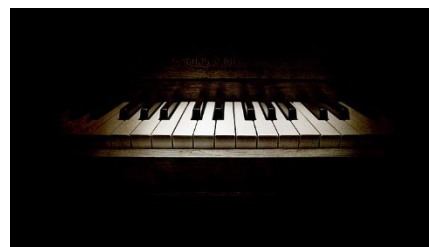
Sing to the Lord a Jubilant Song!

The choir would like to thank you all for the many kind compliments on our anthem on October 15. If you enjoyed hearing the music, you

should try singing it! It's an exhilarating feeling to raise your voices to God in song!

Now is the perfect time to join our vocal choir. We are starting to prepare our Advent and Christmas music, we are working on a special anthem with the children in November, and we will be helping the musician search committee to evaluate candidates for the Minister of Music position. All voices are welcome, all ability levels, and all ages from 15 and up! Please speak to Mary B about how you can join in the fun and fellowship. Thank you.

*All the earth worships you,
They sing praises to you,
Sing praises to your name
—Psalm 66:4*



Minister of Music Search

In preparation for welcoming a new pastor, Trinity has re-opened our

search for a new Minister of Music. A search committee has been formed, consisting of Mary B, Kim B, Jerry B, Carol B, Marilyn C, and Julie N. The committee will be interviewing candidates and inviting them to play for upcoming Sunday morning services. You will notice someone new at the organ from time to time in the next several weeks as the search proceeds.

Please direct your comments about the search process or the candidates to any member of the search committee.



Trinity's Children and Youth Newsletter

November '23

Hello Everyone!

How is it November already? Here come the holidays, just around the corner.

The children will be joining the choir for a hymn on Nov. 19th. They will continue to practice for a few minutes each Sunday after worship leading up to the 19th. Our lectionary year ends with a number of parables you might engage in conversation over. This month and next, we will have 3-4 of the children's sermons focus on worship...what we do and why. Those will be Sundays that Pastor Peter Bastien is with us.

I invite you all to help send love to our college students by participating in the care package project we are continuing for them. Please see the link below for more details. Finally, I will have a family Advent kit ready for you to pick up on Nov. 19th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CABA82F4-45500908-college#/>

An abundance of blessings,
Valerie



Faith Practice Corner: Service

"Feed my sheep." Jesus tells Peter.

Help keep our little pantry stocked by having each member who comes to church, bring a non-perishable food item every Sunday in November. See the list of items on the Service board.

November Dates:

11/26: Intergenerational Sunday School

In the Works:

December 2: Children's Koinonia (gift making)

December 10: Congregational Lunch and Meeting



SAVE THE DATES!

Daylight Saving Time Ends | November 4
All Saints Sunday | November 5
Trinity Question and Answer | November 5
Stewardship Sunday | November 12
Food Drive | November 18
Intergenerational Sunday School - Leftovers and Conversation | November 26



Remember in Your Prayers

THE CHURCH

our synod & bishops: Bishops Elizabeth E & Leila O

our missionaries: Stephen D/Marta G, Cent. Amer

our congregation: Trinity Church

THE NATIONS: Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Korea, Libya, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela

THE SICK AND SUFFERING

nursing/rehabilitation center/hospital

Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

home

Isabel F, Tigist G, Lineth M, Anya N, Vimala P, Elizabeth R, Gio S, Margo W

Donald B, *brother of Marilyn C*

Viola Cleo B, *online prayer request*

Gene B, *friend of Kim and Pam B*

Pam C, *sister of Mike M*

Pastor Sarah F-M, *friend of Anita S*

Josefa F-V, *friend of Len S*

Betsy G, *friend of Margaret F*

David G, *friend of Tad and Vi D*

Bishop William G, *Bishop of the Maryland-Delaware Synod*

Luke H, *friend of Trinity*

Lucina I, *friend of Sabrina R*

Joe J, *friend of Sarah M and Tom K*

Terry K, *brother-in-law of David and Leslie C*

Anne L, *friend of Len S*

Randi L, *friend of Mike and Valerie M*

Juan-Maria M-M, *friend of Len S*

Kathy M, *niece of Margaret and Greg F*

Beatriz N, *Vera and Ben's grandmother*

Linda P, *cousin of Julie N*

Martha R (Sterling Care), *friend of Trinity*

Cristobal R-M, *friend of Len S*

Cristobal R-S, *friend of Len S*

Karen and Harold S, *friends of Pamela B*

Paul S, *brother of Steve S*

Lola S-G, *cousin to Ani and friend of Len S*

Alex V, *friend of Sunhee P*

Victor V and family, *friends of Kim and Pam B*

marriage

Juliana C and Louis S, October 1, 2023, *daughter of Marilyn and Bob C*

deaths

Emu V, + October 21, 2023 +, *friend of Nancy N*

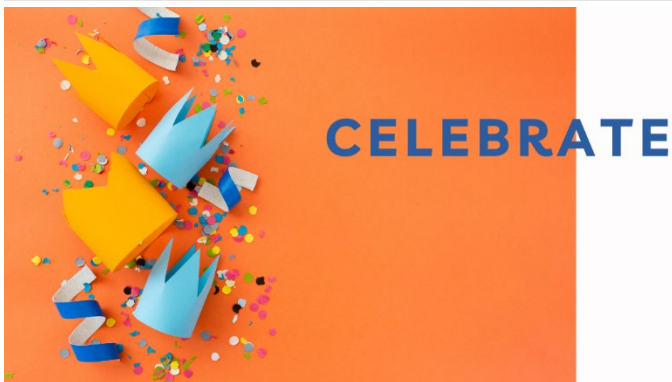
First responders

Lisbeth N-D

Greta S & Linda A, *sister & sister-in-law of Anita S*

Vanessa B, *friend of Elizabeth & Ben R*

**For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. To renew, please complete another card/call the office.*



November Birthdays

01	Amanda M	19	Atticus D
03	Thomas M	19	Logan D
09	Daniel N	22	James K
09	Lisa S	23	Nancy K
10	Barbara B	23	Christopher S
11	Brian S	24	Pr. Peter B
13	Steven N	24	Rebecca P
14	Yulie N	27	Matthew B
16	Mary Louise D	29	Angela B
16	Mark J	29	Robert P
16	Marjorie W	30	Christine B
18	Susan A		

November Baptism Anniversaries

03	Stella B-A	24	Laura T
05	Brian S	24	Mary W
09	Nicholas C	27	Linnea S
11	Gina C	28	David K
16	Leslie S	29	John B
16	Lisa S		
18	Alissa C		

November 2023

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Worship | 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Forum | 11:00 AM

Trinity Question and Answer | 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 24 PENTECOST

Worship | 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Forum | 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | 25 PENTECOST

Worship | 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Forum | 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | CHRIST THE KING

Worship | 9:30 AM

Intergenerational Sunday School | 11:00 AM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Music Search Committee | 5:30 PM

Trinity Singers Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Heavenly Handbells Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Stephen Ministry | 10:00 AM

Staff Meeting | 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Trinity Men's Group | 1:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Music Search Committee | 5:30 PM

Trinity Singers Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Heavenly Handbells Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Staff Meeting | 11:00 AM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Stephen Ministry | 10:00 AM

Music Search Committee | 5:30 PM

Trinity Singers Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER

See the full calendar here:
www.trinityelca.org/calendar

November

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Food Drive | 9:00 AM
Stephen Ministry | 10:00 AM
Stephen Ministry | 2:00 PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Heavenly Handbells | 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Stephen Ministry | 10:00 AM
Staff Meeting | 11:00 AM
Congregational Council Meeting | 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

THANKSGIVING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Heavenly Handbells | 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Staff Meeting | 11:00 AM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Trinity Singers Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

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