



THANKFUL *for All Our* BLESSINGS

November 2021

Pastor Steele's Message—Written by Pastor Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, This is an update to my Jan. 21, 2021, letter. As OSHA prepares to announce the vaccine mandate that President Biden called for on Sept. 9, we have received many inquiries about what this mandate means for Christians. As before, these questions come from deep personal convictions about the sanctity of life and concern for religious freedoms. After consulting with our district presidents, many competent theologians and our own legal counsel, we are providing the following resources to help you navigate these complex issues. As I said in January, this is neither legal nor medical advice, and it should not be treated as such. This is pastoral counsel to help you make the personal decisions that align with your conscience. In addition to this letter, please read the updated COVID-19 fact sheet (produced in collaboration with the staff of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations), the Q&A document produced in consultation with Synod legal counsel, the essays and video provided by the LCMS Office of National Mission's Life Ministry, and the link to the resources provided by our friends at Alliance Defending Freedom. The questions you were asking in January are similar to those we are hearing today. 1. Are COVID-19 vaccines related to abortion? The science regarding this is complex. All three of the vaccines currently available in the United States have used fetal stem cells derived from abortion in some way. The Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine used the PER.C6 line of embryonic stem cells in development and production. Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna developed and produced their vaccines without using cell lines derived from aborted human fetal tissue, but they used the HEK293T line of embryonic stem cells derived from a 1972 abortion to confirm the final vaccine quality (perhaps surprisingly, so do many other commonly used medications and vaccines). For more information on how the COVID-19 vaccines relate to abortion, I encourage you to consult the website of the pro-life bioethicists at the Charlotte

Lozier Institute and the list they maintain there: lozierinstitute.org/updatecovid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/. Neither the Pfizer/BioNTech nor Moderna vaccine contains any substance derived from aborted human fetal cells. 2. Does the Synod have a position on the reception of vaccines developed using human fetal tissue? The Synod does not have an official position on such vaccines at this time. Official decisions of this nature come through the Synod acting in convention, and no convention action has yet been taken. However, our church body remains firmly committed to the sanctity of life, and we continually advocate for pro-life positions in the public square. 3. Can I obtain a religious exemption for the COVID-19 vaccine? Religious or personal belief exemptions are based on conscientious objection and do not require official support from the denomination. The absence of an official Synod stance does not impact your ability to seek an exemption. In fact, most requests for religious exemption must be for personal, deeply held religious convictions, and not for the position of a church body or church official. Please consult your employer, local lawmakers or public health officials for more information on how to proceed should the need arise. 4. Should I take the COVID-19 vaccine? This is a question only you can answer. Some may choose not to receive the vaccine because of concerns over its relation to abortion or because of other health complications. Others may be vaccinated despite such reservations out of concern for their own health or that of their neighbor. Since neither Scripture nor the Synod has explicitly addressed this issue, it remains a matter of Christian freedom, which you must decide according to your individual conscience. 5. How should I talk about the vaccine with others who disagree with my view? In a sensitive issue of this nature, we remember the words of St. James: "Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger" (James 1:19). Listen carefully and openly to others' points. Consider them. Share your positions patiently and objectively. Reflect upon your own penchant for error. Forgive others where they sin against you and ask for forgiveness where you wrong them. In



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this contentious issue, we must respect the consciences of fellow believers who share our same commitment to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, as well as our life together as a Synod. As St. Paul urges regarding matters of conscience, "Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor" (1 Cor. 10:24), and "let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother" (Rom. 14:13). At a time of cultural upheaval, I would encourage you not to allow disagreement even over undoubtedly important matters such as this to take precedence over the faith that unites us in Christ. In all things, we should heed the call to "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). Please study this collection of resources, which provides a summary of what we know about the COVID-19 vaccines, their relation to the issue of abortion, and what we can (and cannot) say about these matters from the Synod's perspective. I hope it proves useful to you as you wrestle with how to bear Christian witness in this world through your love of both God and neighbor. "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen" (Rom. 15:5-6). In Christ, Pastor Matthew C. Harrison
President The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod





Thanksgiving Blessings

It's hard to believe that in a few weeks we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. This year sure has moved along fast for us at Trinity with many changes that we can be thankful for and many to look forward to. Earlier this year when Pastor Bergelin announced his plans to retire in August we were unsure of how this would work. Philippians 4: 6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus".

I remember our first call meeting on March 23rd when President Rev. John Willie prayed with us about how our Lord already knew who our next pastor would be. This was very reassuring to know that our Lord is in control of everything even though at times we think we are.

Through Gods blessings by providing us guidance from the South Wisconsin District and several area Pastors to lead us through the call process we got through the congregational profile, candidate selection, and interview process to call a new pastor. Our church council was very pleased by the number of people that came to the special voters meeting to call a new pastor. This shows that our congregation is serious about hearing and spreading Gods word at Trinity Howards Grove.

During all these meetings and much interaction from the congregation, our faith in the Lord has grown vastly by leaning on him in prayer and guidance. Please continue to pray for Pastor Douglas Bender, his wife Michelle, and their family as they pray for guidance on this new call to Trinity Howards Grove. Just as the gardeners and farmers gather their produce and crops for the harvest, we as Christians need to continue to nurture and talk to those with weak or little faith about what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us by dying on the cross for our sins. We need to pray for the words to say to the unbelievers in our lives that those who do not know about Jesus dying on the cross may receive eternal life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving in a few weeks, please reflect on all the blessings our Lord has given to each and every one of us this year. 1 Thessalonians 5 16-18 tells us to "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Gods will for you in Christ Jesus".

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

CWF met Monday October 11, 2021, with President Mary Lou Neumann presiding. Deede had opening devotions with the devotion called, "A Egg, A Carrot, & Cup of coffee."

For October the LWML Mission Grant Story was Healing the invisible Wounds of War through Horses Spirit Warrior, Central Maine. -\$95,000

Our monthly collections were put in the proper baskets and Kathy had the Federwitz Prayer.

Service committee: changed the Banners, Kathy told how the Funeral Pall should be folding and stored. Fellowship: Deede updated the Good Shepherd Banner.

Education: Project for the evening was cutting out letters for a New Banner.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUSINESS MEETING:

CWF observed LWML Sunday on October 17, 2021, with a purple flower on the Altar and Pastor Adam Scheblein praying for LWML, that the Mission grants will be paid for by receiving loose change mite boxes.

LWML Zone 9 Rally was October 9th at St Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, WI. Mary Lou attended and told of the highlights of the Rally.

CWF will be doing the LOVE Packets for college students signed up with our church's secretary. A sign-up sheet was passed around for items for the packets. Students can

pick them up after one of the Thanksgiving services.

We will be heading up the Thanksgiving Food Drive again this year, the Sunday before Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Day. Kathy & Shelley will deliver the food items to St Mark's food pantry.

November is our Election for new officers (Vice President & Treasure.)

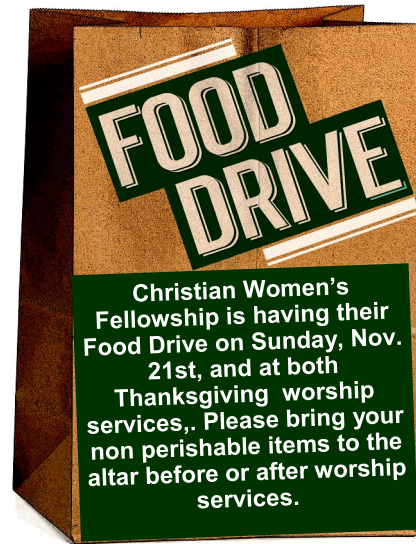
Thank you were shared to our Secret Sisters.

Our meeting was Adjourned. Deede closed with the ending of her devotion A Egg, A Carrot, & A Cup of Coffee.

The evening project: everyone worked on cutting letters out for a new Banner.



1. Start the month off by praying the Lord's Prayer.
2. Bless the work of those called to be missionaries.
3. Thank God for His unconditional love.
4. Remember Christian Day Schools in your prayers.
5. Pray for our Sunday school teachers.
6. Pray for our shut-in members.
7. Pray for all those who have birthdays this month.
8. Thank God for undeserved blessings.
9. Pray for our preschool and the teacher.
10. Sing your favorite hymn.
11. Start the day with Luther's morning prayer.
12. Read Psalm 23 as a family.
13. Thank the Lord for your family.
14. Invite a friend to attend church with you today.
15. Thank the Lord for giving you another day.
16. Pray for the church council.
17. Do something special for someone today.
18. Thank the Lord for the strength He gives your for doing your daily tasks.
19. Enjoy a special day with family and friends today.
20. Continue to pray for all the many blessings here at Trinity.
21. Attend church today as a family.
22. Give thanks for daily bread.
23. Visit someone who is lonely.
24. Let your smile reflect God's love to you.
25. Now thank we all our God.
26. Before you go to bed have family devotions.
27. Pray for those who are hurt and discouraged.
28. Support morning meditations.
29. Thank God for giving us a kind and loving church.
30. In your prayers remember "They will be done not mine but Yours Oh Lord."



Thanksgiving Worship Services

Wednesday, November 24th at 6:30pm &
Thursday, November 25th at 9:30am.



Advent worship services are Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15 at 6:30pm. There will not be a 10:30am worship service.

Christmas Program—The Sunday Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 19th at 1:30pm. Rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 18th at 10:00AM.

Traveling Bulletins

Susie Sixel

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls.

Kathy Schmid

St. John Lutheran Church and School, Champaign Illinois.

Dan Born

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls.

Jerry Brandt

St. John Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids.

Al and Marianne Opgenorth

Grace Lutheran, Haven, WI.

Connie Schmitt

Blessed Trinity Parish, Sheboygan



PreSchool News



On October 6th, Ed and Karen Karsteadt from the Ada Fire Department came to our preschool. They told the children about fire safety, such as "Stop, drop, and roll," and having smoke detectors in their homes. The children got to try on fire fighters protective clothes. They also were able to sit in the fire truck, and squirt water out of the big hose. It was an educational and enjoyable morning.





BIRTHDAYS

THIS MONTH

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Joshua Allen Holly Brandt Allan Opgenorth	3 Geraldine Brendel Judy Lutzke Zachary Webster	4 Jayson Hansen Adam Jaeger	5	6 Elizabeth Bertram Andrea Binversie Brittany Buckner Dale Hopf
7 Brian Andrews	8 Jennifer Wenzel	9 Jonathan Reiss	10	11 Roger Grunewald Andrew Schelk	12	13 Noah Liermann
14 Richard Schoessow	15 Glenn Cudworth Michael Lutzke	16	17 Matthew Schorer	18 Ann Parnitzke	19 Dennis Bramstedt Lisa Brickner Jamie Englebert Anne McCraw Sharon Paske	20 Mary Goedeke Harvey Kolberg
21 Phyllis Becker Judith Endreas Susan Kober	22 Barbara Wolfert	23 Lincoln Hopf	24	25 Jerome Henschel	26 Faye Milbrath	27
28 Jacob Kober	29 Liam Beauvais Heide Dowdy Shelley Gessler Gary Hopf Annika Liermann	30 Jackie Moths				



ANNIVERSARIES

THIS MONTH

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Richard Boje and Marlene	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Mary Lou Neuman and Thomas John and Jill Pelnar	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Barbara Wolfert and Harvey Wolfert	30				

SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL



What are some important qualities for a young person to learn and attain? Honesty, integrity, critical thinking, problem solving, time management, and work ethic are high on the list. Here at LHS, we work with all

students daily to teach not just subject matter, but qualities of

personality to improve their world and culture. There are many opportunities for growth to be gained through our programs and then in turn to be witnesses to our community. Let's face it, we live in a complicated world and unusual time in history.

We are blessed at Sheboygan Lutheran High School that our culture includes a Spiritual aspect. We are united in a faith-based voice that is evident in our faculty and staff. Sheboygan Lutheran has a unique culture to learn in an intimate, safe environment that is based on the moral values of the Scriptures.

Let's reflect on those benefits. The strongest thing that stands out is that the Biblical worldview is integrated in every classroom. Every day in every classroom there is a faith element that is present from devotions to prayers that incorporate the scriptures. Another benefit is providing top-notch education which is evident by the ACT averages found on our school profile, as well as the scholarship money that is offered to our graduates. When speaking with LHS graduates, I often hear about experiences they had with our teachers that hit home as they went on in their education or vocation. The individual time and attention that goes into educating a child makes all the difference.

The extra-curriculars sponsored by Lutheran High operate with the same qualities as well. Integration of faith and service are cornerstones to each program's philosophy. The Bible is the source and norm for our social practice of respect. Extra-curricular activities help students apply values, dealing with successes and failures, differentiating what is right and wrong, and most importantly, it is their work ethic of using the gifts they possess to the glory of God, not just for their own glory.

"Preparing Christian Leaders ~ One Student at a Time" is our school mission. And our focus is to give God all the praise and glory for the gifts and talents that He has showered upon us. Let us reflect on those things God has blessed our school with over these past 40+ years. We are not perfect, just forgiven. To God be all praise and glory forever.

In His Service,
Paul W. Gnan, Executive Director

Student Leaders of the Month
have been chosen based on their service, behavior, leadership, attitude, and academic achievements.

Senior - Noah Conto

Bethel Baptist Church

Junior - Ben Zabel

Bethlehem Lutheran - Sheboygan

Freshman - Gretta Rick

Trinity Lutheran Sheboygan - Downtown

Education Consultation Sundays

8th & 7th graders and their parents are invited to schedule an Education Consultation to see what Sheboygan Lutheran High has to offer. Take a tour of the school with Principal Bult, ask any questions that you may have about the school, discuss options for classes, chat about financial aid, and discover the vast array of extra-curricular activities that LHS has to offer, during a private tour* for you and your family! Schedule a tour with the school office by calling 920-452-3323 or by emailing Principal Bult directly at bult@lutheranhigh.com. Sunday afternoon tour dates available by appointment only:

Neat Repeats Thrift Shop

Neat Repeats is OPEN! The shelves are stocked for the holidays. Check out their supply of greeting cards, linens, dishes, artificial trees, lights, and decorations for indoor and outdoor use. Store hours: Tuesday - 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Sundays & Mondays

TRUNK or TREAT

Trunk or Treat was a big heat. There were 9 decorated cars and 30 trick or treaters and their families. The kids were able to feed a baby calf as well as trick or treat.

Trunk or Treat Prizes

Best Car—Haag/Born Family, sweet baby calf

Best Costumes—

Spencer Cassity, Knight
Carson Grunewald, Body Guard
Savannah Heffernan, Bat Girl

Thanks to all who participated.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30am Preschool	2 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Sunday school meeting 7:00pm Men's club	3 8:30am Preschool 4-4:55pm 6/7 Grade Confirmation 5-6pm 8th grade	4 8:30am Preschool	5	6
7 8 & 10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class	8 8:30am Preschool 6:30pm CWF	9 8:30am Preschool	10 8:30am Preschool 4-4:55pm 6/7 Grade Confirmation 5-6pm 8th grade Confirmation	11 8:30am Preschool 7:15pm Dartball-Bye	12	13
14 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class	15 8:30am Preschool	16 8:30am Preschool 6:00pm Education Meeting 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:30pm Council meeting	17 8:30am Preschool 4-4:55pm 6/7 Grade Confirmation 5-6pm 8th grade Confirmation	18 8:30am Preschool 7:15pm Dartball—Tigers @ Falcons	19	20
21 8 & 10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class Food Drive —Bring your non Perishable food items to the altar before or after worship. The food drive will go through November 25th.	22 8:30am Preschool	23 8:30am Preschool	24 8:30am Preschool 4-4:55pm 6/7 Grade Confirmation 5-6pm 8th grade Confirmation 6:30pm Thanksgiving Worship with Holy Communion	25 9:30am Thanksgiving Worship with Holy Communion 	26	27
28 8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class	29 8:30am Preschool	30 8:30am Preschool 10:30am Hands for Hope—Set up for the Christmas Sale.				

Acolytes	Greeters
7- 8:00am Addison Lallensack, Macey Schueler 10:30am Ethan Fenn, Sam Parnitzke	7- 8:00am Scott and Linda Plocar 10:30am Mark and Angie Schorer
14 – 8:00am – Allison Schobert, Kaitlyn Koenig 10:30am Annika Llermann, Matthew Schukow	14- 8:00am – Dave and Robie Scharinger 10:30am —Larry and Kris Bender
21 – 8:00am Greyson Reiss, Matthew Koenig 10:30am Ethan Fenn , Joey Senkbeil	21— 8:00am – Open 10:30am Vince and Kathy Shircel
Thanksgiving Eve: 24th 6:30pm – Kaitlyn Koenig Thanksgiving Day – 25th 9:30am – Addison Lallensack	Thanksgiving Eve: 24th— 6:30pm – Barb Wolfert Thanksgiving Day – 25th - Betty Butler
28– 8:00am Dylan Elias, Evan Erdmann 10:30am Chloe Grunewald	28 - 8:00am — Allan Bramstedt 10:30am—8:00am Dylan Elias, Evan Erdmann
Ushers: 8:00am —Team 1 10:30am —Team 4 Elders: 8:00am —Tom Weber 10:30am —Mark Plocar	Altar Guild : November 1-7—Connie Bitter, Linda Plcoar November 8-21—Rita Milbrath, Susie Sixel November 22-Dec. 5—Linda Hopf, Kathy Franz
Video Operators: 7th, Scott Timm 14th, Craig Lallensack	21st, Jim Post, 28th, Lance Liermann

Stewardship Information

Pastor Steele will be having Stewardship meetings similar to in the past. This year there are a few changes.

1. Your name will not be put on the pledge forms, your envelope number will be.

2. You will be given a statement of your offerings through October, 2021 at the meeting.

You will still get a final offering statement in January. There are sign up sheets on the table in the narthex. The dates and times are as follows:

November 10 & 17 at 10:30am and November 11 & 18 at 6:30pm. You may also email or call the church office to get registered.

Dear Members of Trinity,

Thank you very much for the gift of money for my retirement. It is very much appreciated. Also, thank you for the wonderful day of celebration that you provided for me. I cannot express enough how much I appreciate your outpouring of Christian love. Your well wishes, cards, and gifts have overwhelmed me with feelings that I cannot even put into words. The Lord is so good to me. If I had another 42 years of ministry ahead of me I would not change a thing. I would want to spend them here with you, the finest people, at the finest congregation in the LCMS. May the Lord continue to bless our growing in faith together here at Trinity. TO GOD BE THE GLORY. Pastor Darrel Bergelin.

Peaceful Release

A peaceful release was given to Kayla and Harper Freitag.

Wedding

Congratulations to Ashley Rietbrock and Jordan Liermann who were united in marriage here at Trinity on Saturday, October 9th. Pastor Bergelin officiated. May God bless them as they begin their new life together.

Scrip

Don't forget to put in your scrip order for your Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping. Buying Scrip is a perfect way to raise money for our church. We receive a percentage of all cards sold. Scrip cards are gift cards just like you buy at the store. They make perfect gifts. Scrip is sold before and after our worship services.

Concordia Organist

We will be using a program called Concordia Organist for the weekends we do not have an organist. Concordia organist is an add on to Lutheran Service builder which we use for our bulletins. We of course would rather have an organist/pianist, but if a weekend can't be filled this is a great alternative.

Altar Guild Guidelines

There is a new list of guide lines for the Altar Guild members in the narthex - pick one up if you did not attend the meeting. Also we will be needing a new treasurer as of Dec 31, Judy Luecke will retiring from that job. It's not a lot of work but we do need one. If you would be willing, contact Robie Scharinger or Susie Sixel. Thank you.

Church/Office Keys

The property committee is asking everyone that has keys for church and or the offices, to please let either the church office know or Craig Lallensack or Mark Schorer. Thank you.

LHS Fall Play

Everyone is invited to two performances of "Superheroes: With Great Power Comes Ordinary Responsibility" in the new LHS Worship and Fine Arts Center's Theater. For superheroes, saving the world is tough; but the time spent away from work is harder. For example, The Hulk has to do taxes and Batman is going stir-crazy because there aren't enough criminals to take down. "Superheroes" is a funny, fast-paced series of vignettes that explores how the caped crusaders deal with life in street clothes. A "Meet & Greet" with the Superheroes and free cookies and water will be served after each show in the LHS Atrium.

Show Times:

7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 & 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20

General Admission Tickets:

\$10 adult

\$5 students & Senior Citizens (age 65 and over) *Tickets on sale NOW on the LHS Website under the Events tab or [click here](#) *





Above: Wartburg Castle where Luther translated the New Testament

Continue the Reformation

Martin Luther sparked the Reformation with 95 theses on the Wittenberg door. Lutherans across the globe celebrated the 500th anniversary of that event in 2017.

But the Reformation may not have continued. Luther tacked those theses to the door in 1522 but an understandable Bible was not available to most. "Luther knew that a new, vernacular translation of the Bible was absolutely essential at this time. A return to the true teachings of Scripture required a meaningful rendering in the language of the people," notes Bible translation scholar Ernst Wendland. Five years later, Luther translated the New Testament into the vernacular. The Bible was understood.

A new, vernacular translation of the Bible was absolutely essential...

The Reformation thrived. People engaged with Scripture. Lives were transformed. Their world changed.

Let's celebrate the impact of Luther's New Testament translation. Lutheran Bible Translators will provide opportunities for you to celebrate and participate in the Bible translation movement through 500th anniversary events.

There are still millions of people without God's Word in a language they understand. They are hungry for Scripture in their mother tongue just as the Germans of 1522.

You can partner with those language communities in Africa, Asia and Papua New Guinea through your prayer and your gifts. God's Word becomes accessible through a language they understand. Their world changes. **m.**

Continue the Reformation. Put God's Word in their hands at lbt.org/give.