



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER, 2022  
NEWSLETTER

*You are invited to God's house  
for Thanksgiving. Join us for  
the Lord's Supper.*

OH GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

November 23rd at 6:30pm

November 24th at 9:30am





## Gratitude Is the Mark of the Christian



My father was a busy man when I grew up, but he was around. He never missed the family things he needed to go to. In particular, I remember a catchphrase that pertains to our season today. Whenever I would complain about something, my father would respond with this: "Noah, gratitude is the mark of the Christian." No matter where he (or I) was in the house, he would say this. Sometimes, he would yell it, if he was in the basement workshop and I was upstairs. Whenever I complained, all I would hear is this. Sometimes I would hear his voice drifting up from the floorboards, through the heating vents, like he somehow could read my mind and knew I was grumbling. "Gratitude is the mark of the Christian!"

Luther agrees. One of the most striking things that Luther said (and that is saying something, Luther famously had a very large mouth that he ran all the time) is that Christianity in Germany would die. He said this was inevitable. One day, there would be few (if any) Christians in Germany. Why? *Unthankfulness* was his answer.

Not secularism. Not sin. Not gossip. Not debauchery or ignoring the Word of God or any of the things that we lament today. Unthankfulness. Not being thankful would be the downfall of Christian faith in Germany. Today there are few Christians in Germany, it is hard to say that Luther was wrong. But the reason always struck me. *Unthankfulness*. That was enough to erode and corrode the Christian faith of the people.

Unthankfulness is easy. Gratitude is hard. Focusing on what we have, rather than what we don't have, is natural to us sinners. We want what we cannot have, we don't want what we have. Lord, have mercy on us. Thankfully (har har) we have a great deal to give thanks to God for. It's all there, it just takes some work to notice it.

So notice it. Take your days this month of November to remember the things you still have, great and small. When you're tempted to gripe, make a list of what you have instead of what you don't. Make a list of what's going right instead of what's going wrong. Then pray (or recite) psalm 131 to yourself. Lord, let my eyes focus on what is in front. On what is there. Let me see the gifts You give. God trains your eyes to be grateful and your heart to be big. He trains your mind to do rather than complain. We all wish things were different. God teaches us to value what He gives, and He loves to teach this lesson again and again.

Grateful for you,

Noah Fremer

A large, stylized graphic in a reddish-brown color. The word "Choose" is written in a large, flowing script. Below it, "TO BE" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font inside a banner-like shape. At the bottom, the word "GRATEFUL" is written in a large, bold, blocky sans-serif font. The entire graphic is surrounded by decorative autumn leaves.





## Elder's Corner

Thanksgiving is a day we all reflect how grateful we are for our many blessings. Quite honestly, Thanksgiving should be every day. Even the things we complain about our blessings.

Doing dishes... Who likes to do dishes? Well what a blessing for dirty dishes, it means we have food. A laundry basket full of dirty clothes, it means you have clothes to wear.

Raking leaves. What a blessing that shade tree was this past summer on the hot days and this fall what a beautiful scenery God has given us.

Ever since the Covid Pandemic, when I go to the windows to clean off those tiny little handprints, my wife asks me to keep them there just a little longer. It is a reminder to her how thankful she is that we can see and hold our children and grandchildren freely again. Thank you Lord.

These of course are just a few things the Lord has blessed us with. There are thousands.

Scripture tells us to give thanks always.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

### **Psalms 118**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

James:1: 2-4

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

We offer two Thanksgiving Worship Services with Holy Communion. Wednesday at 6:30pm and Thanksgiving morning at 9:30am. Remember, the food you are preparing and eating on this special day is from the Lord. Come to church and thank Him before the festivities begin. He has invited you to His house for Thanksgiving to partake in the Lord's Supper. Are you going to accept or turn down his invitation?

Happy  
THANKSGIVING



## November Special Offering

### Concordia University, Mequon, WI

C.U.W. is owned and operated by our LCMS and it provides a Christian education for students preparing occupations in many walks of life.



On November 10th, members of the Ada Fire Department gave a presentation on fire safety to our preschool students. They practiced "Stop, drop, and roll" if their clothes catch on fire, talked about the importance of smoke alarms, and explained why children should not be afraid of firefighters in their protective clothing and masks. They also let the children sit in the fire truck and squirt the big water hose. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort our volunteer firefighters put forth.







## **HOLIDAY WORSHIP TIMES**

**THANKSGIVING EVE (HOLY COMMUNION) 6:30PM**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY 9:30AM (HOLY COMMUNION)**

**ADVENT 10:30AM & 6:30PM**  
**NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 7, DECEMBER 14**

**CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:30 & 6:30PM**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30AM (HOLY COMMUNION)**

**WE WILL BE SERVING A SOUP AND SANDWICH MEAL FOR LUNCH AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE AND AGAIN FROM 5 - 6:15 BEFORE THE EVENING SERVICE. THERE IS A FREE WILL OFFERING. ANYONE WISHING TO BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT ARE WELCOMED TO DO SO, THANK YOU.**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE: 4:30PM (HOLY COMMUNION)**





# TRUNK OR TREAT

Pictures are on the monitor in the narthex.

## November 2022 Stewardship Committee Report

**Ushers schedule** – The usher roster has been reviewed, each member was contacted to see if they wish to continue as an usher and if they still would like their current service.

We do have a few more ushers, however we welcome all men, women, and confirmed boys and girls to join our usher teams. Please contact Lee Schoessow, 920-565-4115 or a stewardship member to join us.

**Trunk or treat** – October 28<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Trunk or Treat. We had 8 families decorate their cars and pass out candy, Tom Weber also brought a village fire trunk. Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies, and punch were enjoyed by all. This year we also had games and background panels for photo opportunities.

### **Prizes**

**Best Car** – Jan and Debbie Grunewald

### **Best Costume**

Logan Fremer – Ninja

Riley Lisowe – Sonic

Rylan Bahr – T Rex

**ADVENT MEALS** – Nov 30, Dec 7 & 14



We will be serving a soup and sandwich meal for lunch after the 10:30 service and again from 5 – 6:15 before the evening service. There is a free will offering.

Anyone wishing to bring a side dish or dessert are welcomed to do so, thank you.

**Christmas Caroling-** We will again be recording several songs to add to our website for shut ins and others to enjoy.

Anyone interested in joining us please contact, Lee Schoessow or the church office. We will need carolers, chime players, and other talented members.

We will have a signup sheet in the narthex when the practice and recording dates are selected.





1. Welcome new month! "Go into all the world, and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation!" Mark 16:15
2. Call a friend or drop a note to someone you think of today. Pray for them and tell them that you are doing so.
3. Pray Luther's Morning Prayer.
4. Pray for the homeless as colder weather is here.
5. Pray for our LCME pastors, seminaries, missionaries and other schools. Set clocks back one hour tonight!
6. Daylight Savings time ends. God brings us day and night ever since creation.
7. Pray Luther's Evening Prayer.
8. Election Day. Keep all voting today in your prayers and give thanks for our country's privilege to elect our officials.
9. Give thanks for Christian Leaders.
10. Today we observe Martin Luther's Birthday. Say a prayer of thanks for the thesis' he boldly posted.
11. Veterans Day. Thank a Veteran and pray for all of them who have served our country. Remember those in service now as well.
12. Read Psalm 85:12.
13. Pray for Pastor Fremer and our elders and other church leaders.
14. CWF meeting is tonight. 6:30—All women of the congregation are welcome! Pray for LWML and remember to help with Mites donations toward some great mission projects. Box is always near the library in back of church.
15. Keep your neighbors in your prayers. Be in touch or just do something nice for someone. Kindness breeds kindness!
16. Prepare for out annual Thanksgiving food drive. It blesses many.
17. Rejoice in the Lord for He is good!
18. Pray and Ponder, The Lords Prayer.
19. Pray for safety and fruitfulness for our LCMS.
20. Spread the joy of being a Christian—smile at all you pass! Smiles are contagious!
21. Give thanks for the birds that remain here in the north all winter. Feed them?
22. Open your Bible to the center. You may find a meaningful Psalm there to read and take to heart.
23. Sing or recite a favorite Thanksgiving hymn. There is always something to be thankful for.
24. A Blessed Thanksgiving! Count those blessings.
25. Give thanks for your family and Church family.
26. Remember Christian Educators in your prayers—the influence so many. Encourage someone.
27. The first Sunday in Advent. Begin faithful Advent Devotions as we await the birthday of Christ.
28. Lord, watch over those travelling the season.
29. Plan to pray for and remember our congregation's shut in members. Reach out and brighten someone's day in the coming month.



Plan to worship at our midweek Advent Services—continue daily devotions.

# NOVEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR



## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CWF met Monday October 10, 2022, with President Mary Lou Neumann presiding. Deede had opening devotions "When the Going get Tough."

For October the LWML Mission Grant Story was "Ends of Earth" Scholarships Mission Opportunities Short Term (Most) Ministries - \$50,000.

Christine had the Federwitz Prayer.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUSINESS MEETING:

22 Ladies attended Zone 9 Fall Event, "Life Together in Christ's Mission", October 6, 2022 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Two Rivers. A Bible study was led by Rev. Shive. For the service project they tied Fleece blankets for World Relief.

CWF up served LWML Sunday on October 9, 2022 with a purple flower on the Altar, and the big Mite box in back of Church. Christine made a new LWML banner.

Our members signed up to bring items to our November meeting to make up the Love Packets, that will be given to our church's College Students that have sign up with Toni. The Love Packers can be picked up at one of our Thanksgiving services. CWF will again be having the "Thanksgiving Food Drive", the Sunday before Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Day. The food items will be donated to St. Marks Food pantry.

Thank you were shared to our Secret Sister.

Deede's closing devotions: Was a prayer that Grandpa Bergelin said.

Denita had a reading "Grace thru Faith: from Martin Lutheran 95 theses.



## Traveling Bulletins

Donna Bitter, Allison, Emmet, Clayton, Hadley Kunze, New Life Community Church, Plymouth

Kathy Schmid, Christ Lutheran Church, Peroria, IL

Nathan and Jennie Cassity, Trinity Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Dells

Anne and Jim McCraw and Judy Luecke  
Trinity Lutheran Chapel (No address on bulletin)

Carson Grunewald, Trinity Lutheran, Wisc. Dells.

Sheboygan County Fair Worship, Wallace and Margaret Born, Liz Haag, Dan Born

Scott and Linda Plocar, Sun Prairie

George and Sandy Marthenze, Trinity Lutheran, Sheboygan





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Joshua Allen  
HollyBrandt  
Allan Opgenorth

**3**

Geraldine Brendel  
Judy Lutzke

**4**

Jayson Hansen

**5**

Harrison Schrrers

**6**

Dale Hopf  
Jeff Korb

**11**

Roger Grunewald

**13**

Noah Liermann

**14**

RichardSchoessow

**15**

Glenn Cudworth  
Michael Lutzke

**17**

MatthewSchorer

**18**

Ann Parnitzke

**19**

Dennis Bramstedt  
Jamie Englebert  
Anne McCraw  
Sharon Paske

**20**

Mary Goedeke  
Harvey Kolberg

**21**

Phyllis Becker  
Judith Endreas  
Susan Kober

**22**

BarbaraWolfert

**23**

Lincoln Hopf

**25**

Jerome Henschel

**26**

Faye Milbrath

**28**

Jacob Kober

**29**

Liam Beauvais  
Shelley Gessler

Gary Hopf

Annika Liermann

**30**

Ruby Bender  
Jackie Moths





# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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*Richard and Marlene Boje*

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*MaryLou and Tom Neuman*

*Harrison Schrrers*

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*Barb and Harvey Wolfert*



## November Flowers

### November 6 - Altar

The altar flowers are for Dale Hopf's 65th Birthday. Happy Birthday Dale.  
Blessings on your special day.

### November 20 - Altar

The altar flowers are sponsored by Tom and Mary Lou Neuman in honor of  
their 48th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Tom and Mary Lou.  
God's blessings to you .

### November 20 - Tall pedestal

The tall pedestal flowers are for Anne McCraw's birthday from her mom  
(Judy Luecke). Happy birthday Anne. Birthday blessings to you.



## November 2022 – Acolyte Schedule - C-Communion

If you cannot be at your scheduled time in November, PLEASE let me know. I have it scheduled so there is a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student with a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student as they are new at acolyting. Thank you! Toni

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
<b>6 - C</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
8:00am Andie Koenig Matthew Koenig 10:30am Rylan Bahr Matthew Schukow						
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
8:00am Emmet Kunze Greyson Reiss 10:30am Emily Harris Chloe Grunewald						
<b>20 - C</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23 - C</b>	<b>24 - C</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
8:00am Cooper Schmidt Brody Timm 10:30am Bryce Peter Joey Senkbeil			Thanksgiving Eve 6:30pm Macey Schueler Emily Harris	Thanksgiving Day 9:30am Andie Koenig Matthew Koenig		
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
8:00am Ethan Fenn Kaitlyn Koenig 10:30am MyKenna Weigert Emily Harris			Advent-6:30pm MyKenna Weigert			

### November Elders

8:00am Tom Weber, 10:30am Mark Plocar

### November Ushers

8:00am Team 1 10:30am Team 4

### November Greeters

(6) 8:00am Jean Hiebing, 10:30am Dale and Linda Hopf

(13) 8:00am Richard Boje 10:30am Judy Luecke

(20) 8:00am Scott and Linda Plocar 10:30am Dick and Sherry Horness

(23) 6:30pm Dave and Robie Scharinger (24) 9:30am Mark and Karen Plocar

(27) 8:00am Jan and Deb Grunewald, 10:30am Dick and Lee Schoessow

(30) 10:30am Dale and Donna Bitter 6:30pm Nathan and Jennie Cassity

### Altar Guild

(6) Connie itter, Linda Plocar (7-20) Linda Hopf, Kathy Franz,

(Nov. 21-Dec. 4) Rita Milbrath, Susie Sixel.

### Video Operators

6, Scott Timm, 13 Craig Lallensack 20 Jim Post, 27 Lance Liermann, 30 Lance Liermann



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30am - Preschool 6:00pm - Sunday School Meeting 7:00pm - Men's Club	2 8:30am - Preschool	3 8:30am - Preschool	4	5 8:15am Fireside Christmas Show Bus picks us up here at Trinity
6 8:00 & 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class	7 8:30am - Preschool 1:00pm Quilters	8 8:30am - Preschool	9 8:30am - Preschool	10 8:30am Preschool	11	12
13 8:00 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class	14 8:30am Preschool 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm CWF	15 8:30am - Preschool 6:00pm Education Committee 6:30pm - Elders 7:30pm - Council	16 8:30am - Preschool	17 8:30am Preschool	18	19
20 8:00 & 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class	21 8:30am Preschool 1:00pm Quilters	22 8:30am - Preschool	23 8:30am - Preschool 6:30pm - Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Holy Communion	24 9:30am Thanksgiving Worship with Holy Communion	25	26
27 8:00 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class	28 8:30am - Preschool 1:00pm Quilters	29 8:30am - Preschool	30 8:30am - Preschool 10:30am & 6:30pm Advent Worship Service Advent Meals Following the morning service & 5:00pm			