



# Trinity News—October 25, 2020

*Growing in Faith ... Reaching Out in Love... Making Disciples*

**PREPARE FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK**

Revelation 7:9-17      Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
 1 John 3:1-3      Matthew 5:1-12

**Let Us Pray For Our Congregational Members:**

Shane Hissam      Nannie Hoffmann  
 Willa Hochheimer      Sandra Hogue  
 Gregory Hoffman      Scott Jr. & Rita Hohl  
 Rozella Hoffman Family      John & Lois Hohula Family  
 Darlene Hoffmann      Diana Hoke Family  
 Regis Dunn II, Preston Wannamaker, David & Cindy Berlin & family, Jimmy Gutowski, Brandon Nicely, Andrew Armstrong, Greg Krall, Michael Wirick, Brittney Robinson, Jonathan Skoloda, Dillan Bellotti, Melissa Durrett, Ivan Rupert, Karalyn Dick Vogel, Kenneth Dick II, Zack Vogel, Justin Brasile, Jarrett Patterson, Michael Brasile and others deployed in areas of unrest.

**RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS:**

LAH: Sandra Noel, Pat Howell  
 Westmoreland:

**ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday - 13      Saturday - 21  
 Sunday School - 33      Sunday 10:45 - 32

**Synod Assembly**  
**Saturday, November 14, 2020**

The Synod Assembly this year will be held via Zoom. Nine adult and one youth voting members from our congregation are needed to attend. Registration for assembly deadline is October 25, 2020. Kristen Opalinski, ELCA Manager for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations will be speaking at the assembly. Additional information is on our Synod Website, [www.swpasynod.org](http://www.swpasynod.org). A PC or tablet with both camera and microphone and a separate smartphone (for voting) are required. Please call (724-537-4450) or email ([office@trinitylatrobe.com](mailto:office@trinitylatrobe.com)) if you are interested in participating.

**Grief During the Holidays**

Fred Wineman will present a “Grief” seminar on Sunday, November 1 at 3pm. Fred is a retired professional bereavement counselor who has spent the majority of his career helping people through the various stages of grief. He is a member of Harrold Zion Lutheran Church where he routinely offered grief counseling groups. This will be open to the congregation. Please call the office at 724-537-4450 to let us know you will be attending in person or via zoom.

**Worship Updates**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has issued new guidelines for indoor and outdoor event capacity. The new guidelines indicate that we can safely have 20% of our capacity. While our sanctuary capacity is 400, we have been careful to leave our balcony open. An estimate of first floor capacity is 350 which would allow us to have up to 70 people indoors for worship. We do still require masks and distancing for your safety and the safety of our staff. The request for reservations has been lifted.

Wine has been added to our communion practice. The procedure remains the same with the added step of receiving a pre-filled disposable cup of wine that will be deposited in a basket before returning to one’s seat. Our 8:15am service will continue to be broadcast on the radio and livestreamed online to our Facebook page and will be open to in person worship beginning on Sunday, November 1.

**Drive-Thru Communion**

Thanks to you, our first Drive-Thru Communion was a success! Sixteen people participated. In November, we plan to offer Drive-Thru Communion twice, **November 1** (All Saints Sunday) and **November 22** (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). We will use the same procedure of entering the carport drive from the alley and exiting onto Weldon Street. If you have offering or other items to bring to church, a box will be available for you. We will be offering both elements to those who wish to participate in Holy Communion in this way. Even though we cannot be together in the same way, we share a relationship in the body of Christ and are strengthened through our participation in this Holy Sacrament. We look forward to seeing you—rain or shine.

**Thanks Be to God!**

Last week **10 Anticipated Giving Cards** were received in support of Trinity’s ministries in 2021. Please prayerfully consider how YOU can make a commitment and complete an Anticipated Giving card or call Carol at the office (724-537-4450) to do so.

**“...Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”**  
**I Thessalonians 5:18**

Please take a moment to fill out the white communion envelope in your bulletin.

SUNDAY - 25	MONDAY - 26	TUESDAY - 27	WEDNESDAY - 28	THURSDAY - 29	FRIDAY - 30	SATURDAY - 31
8:15 Holy Communion 8:15 Confirmation 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion	8:30 Head start	8:30 Head Start 10:00 Bible Basics 11:00 Pericope	8:30 Head Start 9:00 WELCA Project Day 12:00 AA Meeting	8:30 Head Start  3:00 Purls of Prayer	8:30 Head Start	
	7:00 Worship & Music	6:30 Health & Wellness 6:30 Stewardship		6:30 Holy Communion 7:00 AA Meeting		5:30 Holy Communion



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Thank you for your special offerings that are bringing God's love and hope to a hungry, hurting, and broken world.

**ELCA World Hunger Offerings: \$8,071.34**

Offerings collected are used where help in the world is needed the most.

**ELCA Disaster Response: \$1,169.75**

Offerings received will help those suffering from natural disasters, including domestic disasters such as hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, and flooding.

**ELCA Missionary Support: \$1,070.36**

**YOU** can make a difference in spreading the gospel around the world through your offerings to help support our missionaries.

**Take the Thank Offering Challenge**

The Sunday School children have been given boxes to decorate. We are asking them to name something they are thankful for each time they make a deposit. Pastor Paula has taken and decorated a box and will match dollar-for-dollar the children's offering up to \$200.

We do not want other church members to feel left out so if you want to join the challenge. A limited number of boxes are available in the front narthex or use any container that you have in your home (if you are crafty feel free to decorate it!). Every time you are thankful for something in your daily life you can make a donation into the container. More information on returning the containers will be announced before Thanksgiving.

**Praying this encourages the practice of thankfulness and generosity.**

**Union Mission & Food Bank Requests**

Union Mission currently has a need for laundry detergent and paper towels.

In November Food Pantry items are dish detergent and paper towels. Please drop your donations off by/in Mother Hubbard's Cupboard located in the front narthex.



**Join us for Leaf Raking**  
**Saturday, November 7, 10am**

Enjoy the outdoors with your friends and family and **make a difference** in someone's life!

We will be assigned one residence. Recipients have been asked to please provide rakes, but if you have extra to bring to your site that would be helpful. Residents will provide their own bags, and pick-up will be coordinated with the town authorities.

**Due to the pandemic**, we have decided to cancel the pizza lunch. Lite snacks and water will be dropped off at each residence for the group volunteering there. The health and safety of each volunteer is most important to us. More information will be available soon. Please call the church office at 724-537-4450 to sign-up for this fun day!

**Our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner**



The Thanksgiving Day Dinner will take place as take-out only. To order a meal for pick-up, please contact the church office at 724-537-4450 by Friday,

November 20. Meals can be picked up between the hours of 11:30am and 1:00pm. Please provide the office with the number of meals you would like and an estimated pickup time. Delivery will be available on a limited basis for those with transportation issues. If you would like to **donate a 20 lb. turkey or a turkey breast**, please contact the church office. Volunteers will be needed in the kitchen to debone turkeys, place food in containers, and wash dishes. Additional volunteers will be needed in Fellowship Hall to help organize the meals for distribution on Weldon Street as recipients arrive to pickup their meals. Masks and gloves will be required. To volunteer, contact Mary Ann Coulston at 724-423-8671 or Jane Lawson at 724-217-2574.

**The Men's Group**

After a 7 month hiatus, we're happy to announce that the Men's Group will be getting back together beginning Saturday, November 14 and will return to its normal schedule of meeting on the second Saturday of every month at 8:00am.

Please be advised that the group will be meeting at Trinity in **Fellowship Hall**. Please use the outside ramp entrance. We welcome all men to join us for an hour of fellowship, fun, and discussions. Trinity protocols of wearing masks and social distancing will be followed. In addition, we ask that you bring your own beverage.

**Meals on Wheels are Back!**

Trinity's week for Meals on Wheels is November 9-13. Cookies and sandwiches are needed for each day. Please call the church office at 724-537-4450 for more information. Monetary donations are welcome.

**Trinity North Side Christmas Wish Lists**

Please watch Trinity News for when the lists will be available in the church office. We will have the lists of 20 children wishing for a joyful Christmas.

**New CareNotes are Available**

These booklets are written for people dealing with intensely emotional situations who are looking for concise, easy-to-read guidance and support. They offer strength, help and healing for those who are hurting. CareNotes provide a wealth of emotional, health, grief and eldercare support and information. CareNotes are available for grief and loss, spiritual care, personal healing and growth, end of life, aging, and depression as well as holiday care notes, and prayer notes. There are CareNotes for kids and teens as well as for their parents. You are welcome to share them with family or friends as needed. You can call the church office at 724-537-4450 for information on getting a CareNote to fit your situation.