



The Trinity Truth

Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Giving Thanks

It is a great tradition we have, setting aside the fourth Thursday in November as a National Day of Thanksgiving. It should prompt all of us to be a bit more grateful for all the blessings and benefits we enjoy. Yet, in this “national” climate of thanksgiving, I wonder if we have forgotten that gratitude, in and of itself, is not really that important. Who we are grateful to is what makes all the difference.

I know this runs contrary to much of what we hear today. We, as a people, have raised the attitude of gratitude to the level of a virtue; without contemplating the One we are really thanking. So many Thanksgivings and celebrations leave this last, and most important person unrecognized. We hear litanies of the things for which we give thanks, we count our blessings, we applaud our good fortune; but we forget the the Giver! Could anything be more ridiculous? Could any people be more self-indulgent and self-focused? How insulting must this be to the Lord who watches over us all!

The Apostle James tells us in chapter one, verse seventeen: “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,”. James correctly focuses our attention, not on the gifts, but on the Giver of all those good and perfect gifts. True and genuine thanksgiving recognizes the giver first, and then the gift. It is to Almighty God that we owe, and direct our thanksgiving precisely because it is from His hand that we have received all that we enjoy.

Let us take this a step further. It is from this gracious God that we receive even those things that today we don’t consider as blessings. Yes, even the hardships and trials that we must endure are things for which we give thanks. We do so because we know that in the hand of God, even these events will be turned to our good. This is what true thanksgiving is all about, focusing on the Lord.

Not just on November 25th, but always, we direct our gratitude toward Him. As David said in Psalm 107, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.”

Have a blessed, true, and meaningful Thanksgiving!

Pastor Tom

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Announcements from Amy



Middle School Youth Event – All 5th-8th Graders are invited to join us on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 3 – 5 pm for the Area Wide Middle School Kickball Game and Cook-Out at Mount Calvary in Phoenix! Please invite a friend and plan to join us! The carpool will leave Trinity at 2:10 pm and return by 6:00 pm.

Confirmation Classes for 5th-8th Graders will continue to meet in November. Classes meet from 3:30-4:30 pm on Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 29. Classes will not meet on Nov. 22.

Family Advent Event! We hope you will plan to join us on Sunday, Nov. 28, for the Family Advent Event following Sunday School and Bible Class (11:30 am). We will be talking about what Advent is, making a display to help us celebrate Advent, sharing how we can spend time together as a family this Advent season, and enjoying a delicious lunch!

Save this date: Please mark Sunday, Dec. 12 on your calendar and plan to join us at 4:00 p.m. for the Children's Christmas program followed by the Celebration of Christmas dinner.

Stewardship Committee



It's time for each of us to begin thinking about how we can serve the Lord with our talents in the coming new church year. As the snowbirds flock back into Fountain Hills to roost for the season it is time for all of us to consider the many needs of Trinity. We need to keep our existing worshipers and potential new worshipers best served so that rewarding experiences fill their spiritual lives.

The Stewardship Committee will meet in November and begin planning for the participation of all.

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The monthly calendar may be accessed using the following link:

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1I3F0I3H2K5G1G1>

NOVEMBER



- 07 Nancy Danley
- 08 Gina Duxbury
- 09 Carolyn Hallock
- 12 Vonnie Bowman
Shari Weisbach
- 16 Al Axelson
Nita Borkehagen
- 17 Tyler Bragonier
Betty Daly
Ron Olson
- 18 Chuck Knutsen
Christopher Scheidt
- 19 Nancy Thompson
- 20 Brooke Lyons
Gary Pedersen
- 21 Cindy Wade
- 22 Sam Matthias
- 26 Eleanor Lemke
- 27 Steve Krause
- 29 Hannah Toth

- 14 Ron & Laura Olson
- 20 Corky & Monty Petersen
- 27 Christopher & Valerie Scheidt
- 29 Chuck & Betty Blank

THIS MONTH USHERS

- Nov. 7 Nancy Zaw
Chuck Knutsen
- Nov. 14 Fred & Cheryl Herdt
- Nov. 21 Bob & Jeanne Edgren
- Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving Eve)
Fred & Cheryl Herdt
- Nov. 28 Darrell Kahl
Pete Visser
- Dec. 1 (Wed. Advent)
Bob & Jeanne Edgren



ATTENDANCE

September 26	118
October 3	130
October 10	92
October 17	124
October 24	137

Thank You... to Bob and Joyce Ketchum for opening their lovely home to host this year's TLC Oktoberfest! Thanks to everyone who helped with set-up, cooking, and clean-up. The event included delicious food (lots of it), wonderful Christian fellowship, and fun games. Oktoberfest was enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to the winners of the pumpkin decorating contest! Thank you all for participating!



Everyone is invited to join us after the Thanksgiving Eve Service for a Pie Social! Volunteers will be needed to bring pies- please watch for a sign-up sheet in the church lobby to bring a pie to share. Volunteers will also be needed to sample the pies, so we hope you will join us on November 24!

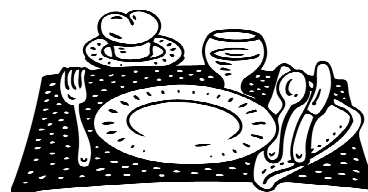
Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Thank you for the thoughtful and loving cards of appreciation. You are appreciated greatly for your friendship and fellowship in Christ.

Pastor Jim

**December Newsletter
Deadline**

November 21 (firm)



**Advent
SUPPERS**

will begin on

Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Watch for more information
and sign-up sheets for help.

Supper will be followed by
Advent Worship at 7 pm.



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Return Service Requested

Dates to Remember

Nov. 20: LWML Meeting
(making Christmas Cards for
residents of FVV)

November collection for VA
Maternity Project: Nursing pads,
Baby Oil and Baby Powder

Nov. 24, 7 pm: Thanksgiving Worship
Followed by Annual Pie Social

Dec. 1: Advent Supper followed by
Advent Worship

Dec. 5: Annual Voters Meeting
Election of Officers and
Adoption of 2011 Budget

Bible Studies

Sunday morning at 10:15 am

Tuesday morning, 10:00 am, Pastor Jerry

2nd & 4th Tuesday, Women's Study,
7 pm at Starbucks in Safeway

Wednesday at 11 am with Pastor Tom

Thursday evening at 7 pm with Pastor Tom

Please call (480) 837-1230
to confirm times and places.

