

THE LAMPLIGHTER

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Our Mission is to live and share God's Word in Jesus Christ

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Pastor's Corner

November 2011

Pastor's Corner – November, 2011

Sometime during his life St. Augustine wrote this prayer: *Blessed are all your saints, O God and King, who have traveled over the tempestuous sea of this mortal life, and have made the harbor of peace and happiness. Watch over us who are still on our dangerous voyage, and remember such as lie exposed to the rough storm of trouble and temptations. Frail is our vessel, and the ocean is wide, but as in your mercy you have set our course, so steer the vessel of our life toward the everlasting shore of peace. Bring us at length to the quiet haven of our hearts' desire, where you, O our God, are blessed, and live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.*

November is often called the "month of end times". We start the month with All Saints Day – a day for honoring all the saints, both those living and those who have gone to their eternal rest. Then, we bring the month to a climax (and the liturgical year as well) with Christ the King – the festive Sunday dedicated to looking forward (with great anticipation) to Christ's triumphant and glorious return to make all things (including us) new. And in between, we focus on Christ's judgment and salvation. It's a month that holds many spellbound.

I've always been held spell bound by Augustine's portrayal of God's "saints". For in a world so often consumed by veneration of seemingly superhuman individuals – those who have long since passed through this mortal life and entered into the life of the world to come – Augustine prays for himself, and for all of us who have had God's claim put on us in Baptism, but are still struggling through life in this broken and sinful world. You see, Augustine knew full well, from firsthand experience, that absolutely *no one* becomes one of God's "saints" (one of God's "holy ones, if the Greek is translated literally) by their own power and ability.

We're all born children of a fallen humanity; or, as the Apostle Paul puts it, *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23). Saints are not born – saints are made!

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To include your news item in your Church publications, please observe the following deadlines. Submission by email is appreciated!

Bulletin	9:00 am Tuesdays
Midweek	9:00 am Mondays
Newsletter	The 20th of the month

God's Holy Spirit, in the waters of Baptism, literally takes us "sinners" and makes us "holy ones" – "saints". It's the great gift of God, purchased by the sacrificial death and resurrection of God the Son, Jesus the Christ. It's a gift that's given in the here and now, in the waters of Holy Baptism, but does not come to completion until we've fully died to sin and risen to new life. In other words, in this life we're "Simul iustus et Peccator" (simultaneously saint and sinner). That's why Augustine prays as he does for himself and us – those of us *who are still in our dangerous voyage, and...lie exposed to rough storms of trouble and temptations.*

November, with all its eerie texts and images, is a month of promise and hope. For in it, we get a glimpse of the good things God has planned for us when He brings to completion the good work that was begun at our Baptism (Philippians 1:6). God bless you as we all continue *our dangerous voyage...toward the everlasting shore of peace...the quiet haven of our heart's desire* where God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – lives and reigns for ever.

Peace be with you all,
Pastor Ron

God's Work... Our Hands

Congregational Meeting:**Congregational Meeting**

Trinity will hold its annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 13th after the worship service. There will be one service that day, at 10:00 am. After the service, we will eat in the Social Hall and then hold our meeting.

A THANK YOU

Our beautiful lawn is once more cluttered with colorful Fall leaves. Despite this, we wish to thank all those who for the last six months have kept it cut and free of clutter. As we often do, we fail to continuously acknowledge the time and work put into these endeavors. We are blessed with a beautiful lawn and, like everything else, we are obligated to its maintenance care. So once more we thank those six teams of cutters who have done such a good job for us and for the community. Thanks one and all!

Thanks to everyone who submitted their pledge card and commitment paper. We look forward to receiving the rest of the cards and papers as soon as possible. Church Council will be using this information to make the 2012 budget.

COMMUNITY NEEDS:**Food Pantry Needs:**

Donations are welcome in the Food Pantry. The food pantry is in need of any type of grain items such as cereal, macaroni and cheese, plain macaroni, rice, noodles or any type of canned fruit. Anything you can spare is appreciated. They can also use boxed dinner mixes, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, canned or packaged tuna, instant potatoes, canned chili, spaghetti-o's, hamburger helper, and instant stuffing would be much appreciated and needed.

Covenant House Needs:

Disposable shavers, large bottles of shampoo, towels, sheets, pots and pans, underwear (all sizes), children's winter clothing, various pieces of furniture. All items will be greatly appreciated.

How would you like to spend a few hours on Sunday helping with Trinity's Table? You can come right after church to help prepare, or around 4:30 p. m. and help serve. You will certainly have an interesting and good experience. When you see the folks who come by for a hot delicious meal it makes you truly thankful for what you have.



**REMEMBER TO FALL BACK SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!**



Rebekah Circle
Our next **Rebekah Circle** meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm. in the church Social Hall. Karen Stouch will present our Bible study *People of*

God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity, Session 5—Worship. Worship, which unites us with God, can divide us as God's people. Carol Kimberling will provide us with our tasty treat during fellowship. Hope you can come and join in our study and fellowship.

2011 WELCA dates to mark on your calendars

- November 19** *Put together bean soup mix at 10:00 am at the church*
- November 20** *Bean Soup Mix Sale*
- November 20** *Coffee Fellowship (Rebekah Circle)*
- December 18** *Christmas Coffee Fellowship, (Christmas Program)*

LUTHERAN LINES

The latest issue of *Lutheran Lines* (May, 2011) is available at www.Lutheransonline.com/mtnwelca A copy is also on the board in the Social Hall. Learn more about WELCA on the national website: www.womenoftheelca.org.

The Susanna Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 1st at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Come and join us for a study and tasty treats.

Sunday School News

Remember, no Sunday School on the 13th of November. Start watching the midweek for Christmas Program details.

October Hot Dog/Bake Sale

The Hot Dog/ Bake Sale was a huge success. The Women of the ELCA of Trinity has \$552.00 for their outreach community projects. Thanks for all the delicious goodies to sell and the fantastic kitchen crew for their delicious hot dogs and scrumptious biscuits and gravy. I understand they want to do it again next year! Thanks again and blessings to

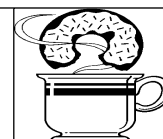


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Coffee Fellowship:

Rebekah Circle invites you to the coffee fellowship on Sunday, November 20th, at 10:30 in the Social Hall.



November Bean Soup Mix Sale



The days are getting cooler and it's time to get the soup pot out and begin filling the house with good soup smells. The Women of the ELCA of Trinity will be selling their tasty bean soup mix with recipe on Sunday, November 20 before and after each service. We are requesting \$5.00 for each bag and the proceeds will go to our out-reach projects. If you would like to donate beans to put in our mixes or make monetary donations for the beans, that would be great, too! Contact Pat Schillings, Eunice Burch or Karen Stouch.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Handbell News—Our handbell choir is off to a roaring start. We will ring for the first time this year on November 13th. This is the Congregational meeting day and remember that it is a 10 a.m. service. Plan on arriving a few minutes

early so you will be able to hear us. We did lose a few ringers this year but you can't tell it by what we sound like. I am calling this year's handbell group, "**Small but Mighty**"!

There is still room for a new ringer or two if you have an interest and commitment. We would love to have new members. If you happen to come by the church at rehearsal time, you will hear us ringing Christmas

music. We all love that and are eager to ring it in church for you. As a matter of fact, there will be 30 minutes of special music starting at 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Part of that will be bell music and the rest will be choral music—maybe a combined one or two. This will be before church starts.

The idea this year is to be able to come to church anytime before church actually begins at 7 p.m. That way, children will not have to sit through 90 or more minutes of a church service and won't be as restless.

FRIENDLY LUTHERANS

Friendly Lutheran News



We had a wonderful meal in October of baked spaghetti. For **NOVEMBER** we will provide a turkey breast. There will be a sign up list for you to tell us what you will be bringing to complement the meal.

Be thinking about different vegetables, rolls or bread, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, different desserts, yummy snacks to have before the meal and perhaps a salad or two. If I left anything out, please remind me.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner is on November 16th starting at 11 am with our "before" snacks. Just a reminder, our Christmas meeting will be a gift "white elephant" exchange. More about that at our gathering.



The Men's Breakfast will be held on **November 19th at 8:30 am**. Y'all come and bring your appetites. It is a great way to start your Saturday with fellowship and good food.

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Do you enjoy the **Children's Sermon**? See Laura Knauff or any of the presenters listed to volunteer.



November 6	Adam Knauff
November 13	Sara Busse
November 20	Pastor Ron
November 27	Laura Knauff



ALTAR GUILD

Looking for a new and different way to serve the church? Want to know more about why we do what we do during Communion or the services? Want to get involved with making new banners, paraments or liturgical art?

Then you need to be a member of the Altar Guild! Contact the office, Linda Cook or Eunice Burch if you are interested. We'd love to get you involved!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES, cont.

Jonathon Moyers' Ordination

Jonathon Moyers has been with us at Trinity for a few years now. All the while, he has been pursuing his call into the ministry. He first came to us when he was fulfilling his clinical pastoral education at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington. Several months ago he moved to Lexington, Kentucky to continue his studies at the seminary. During the time he has been with us he has preached on Sunday mornings, led us in music on Wednesday evenings, and has enjoyed being with us as much as we have enjoyed being with him. His ordination will take place at 2:00 Saturday, November 12 at the Church of the Disciples of Christ, 148 Victory Avenue in Lexington, Kentucky. Pastor Ron will be the preacher in the service of ordination. Everyone from Trinity is invited to this event.



You are invited to join us in our nursing home ministry at Meadowbrook Acres Nursing Home on **Friday, November 18 at 2:00 pm**. We will celebrate birthdays as we sing songs, offer prayers, and eat cake. For more information, please call Jonalee Young at 304-346-1851 or Pat Schillings at 304-345-9003.



There are many open dates on the readers list for both services. Stop by and look at the chart which is located on the Bulletin Board opposite the Secretary's Office. Please sign up to be a reader. At this time you will have your choice of

dates!! If you are not comfortable singing the Psalm, the Pastor will do it for you. If you are looking for something to do for your church, this is one thing you can do. Thank you.



To dedicate the altar flowers or sanctuary candle to someone, place their name and information on the sign-up sheets across from the church office. Flowers are \$46.00 and candles are \$2.00. You may place the money in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

TYG has placed envelopes on the Social Hall and Office Bulletin Board. Anyone who would like to do so may place a donation of any size in the envelope, marked for TYG, and place it in the offering or church office. Thank you again for all of your support!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Thank You to our local vendors

While you are doing your shopping in the weeks ahead, try to remember to shop at the local vendors who have been so generous to Trinity's Table. It is always wise to shop local, and extra nice when you do it for a good cause.

Remember these local shops:

Charleston Bread Capitol Market T&M Meats



CARE LIST



The dear ones below would love calls, cards, or prayers from their friends at Trinity. Won't you contact one of these folks today?



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer on a Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer card and hand it to the usher (as we have done for some time). The usher will give the cards to Pastor Ron, who will mention those names in the prayer of the church that morning. If you or the person whose name you present is in need of prayer over a long period of time, please call the church office so we can put the name on Trinity's prayer list.

Please let us know if a name needs to be added or removed.



Please pray for:

Rose Anadei
 Cathryn Angel
 Bob Busse
 2nd Lt. Jonathan Chapman
 Martha Cox
 Kitty DeBolt
 Ruth DeBolt
 Dewey Dixon
 Jonathan Lee England
 Nancy Entley
 Rachel Farnsworth
 Heather Harper
 Florence Heilman
 Barron Helgoe
 Sharon Henson
 Vera Howe
 Judith Judy

George McKinney, III
 Shawn McKinney
 Michele Kelling
 Penny and Alan Meadows
 Avrie Nelms
 Cynthia Pratt
 Linda Ruthers
 Shirley Schweizer
 Jeanette Simpson
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