Trinity's Weekly Connection

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday Christmas Angels Appeal following all services Traditional Worship, 8 a.m. Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m. Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice, 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m. Pastor Bob's Retirement Potluck, noon Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m. Confirmation Class, 3 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 6

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m. In The Image Volunteering, 1 p.m. Stephen Leaders Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m. Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Medicaid/Medicare, 10 a.m. Tai Chi for Arthritis, 10:15 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. Fit4Baby, 7 p.m. Oasis Training, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8

Power Bend & Stretch Fitness Class, 9 a.m. Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m. Pastor Bob's Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 9

Medicaid/Medicare, 10 a.m. Tai Chi for Arthritis, 10:15 a.m. Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. Resound Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m. Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, November 10

Women's Book Club, 9:30 a.m. Charge! Youth Conference Weekend, begins at 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 11 Charge! Youth Conference Weekend Medicaid/Medicare, 10 a.m.

<u>Sunday, November 12</u>

Veterans Appreciation Sunday (Reception 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) Charge! Youth Conference Weekend concludes Traditional Worship, 8 a.m. Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m. Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice, 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m. Substance Use Services at Pine Rest Presentation, 12:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 12:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 1:30 p.m.

Flowers for Worship This Morning

Today's Rejoice worship flowers are given by Steve and Amy Stephan in loving memory of their daughter Keely Marie on her 20th heavenly birthday. The flowers for Traditional worship are given by Suzanne and Scott Schenk in loving memory of their parents Ralph and Joyce Schenk.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

<u>8:00 a.m.</u>

Sacristan: Carrie Wygmans Lector: Dale Barkema Communion Assistants: Gloria Von der Heide, Sue Wait Ushers: Bill Bailey, John Potter, Joel Westra Acolyte: Ethan Schaefer, Delia DeBoer

<u>9:15 a.m.</u>

Rejoice band leading worship Sacristan: Lisa Postlewaite Lector: Kristin Linkfield Communion Assistants: Kathy Noble, Bob Pfau Ushers: Todd Brandstadt, Ed Lohr, Lisa Mead Morrie & Cindy Fongers, Ethan Guis Acolytes: Sam Bishop, Layla & Lily Lothschutz

<u>10:45 a.m.</u>

Cantor: Deb DeWitt Sacristan: Nancy Mattson Lector: Bryan Bredwell Communion Assistants: Laura Norton, Dolly Lowe Ushers: David, Bergen, Theo Marquardt, Brad Kessel, Dorothy Postema, Scott Stoll Acolytes: James Day, Vaiva Norris

Bread Baker: Jan Jacobson

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members in times of illness,

hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery: Nancy Anderson, Dan Babin, Sue Bailey, Dale and Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, Ben Battreall, Bob Beaudry, David Benkert, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bryan Bredwell, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Angela Davis, Gordy Engstrom, Donna Erickson, Joyce Fick, Diane Field, Diane Flatt, Richard Gehl, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn Griewahn, Mark Hahn, Beth Hall, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, John and Marilvn Leese, Jane Legault, Meri Leidel, Kristin Linkfield, Ken Lown, Tess Lundgren, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Jill and Peter McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, Charmayne Mulligan, Craig Mutch, Laura Norton, Toni Peterson, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Dorothy Postema, Rick Radke, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Pam Sellers, Bob Sielaff, Michael Smith. Dave Smoes. Rebecca Ulrich. Joanna Waite. John Walls, Fred and Kathy Wilcox, Robert Williams, Rick and Michelle Wolner, David Young, Kay Zeaman, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up <u>Trinity families mourning the loss of loved</u> ones: Maria Ashimine, Greg and Rachele Battreall, Carrie and David Boer, Beverly and John Bosserman, Liz and Jason Coles, Jack Danielson, Julie Earhart, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Jon Ferguson, Diane Field, Josh and Katie Gardner, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Susan and Terry Knoll, Joni and Steve Korb, Beth Krueger, Kristen Lamprich, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Dave and Julie Murray, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Craig and Patti Mutch, Debbie and John Potter, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Linda Taffs, Wollen/Billings families and Natalie Yeager.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Galen Knutson and the people of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Baptism Today at 9:15 a.m.

Today at 9:15 a.m. we welcome Owen Lucas Spalding into the Body of Christ by the waters of Holy Baptism. Owens' parents are Mike and Erica Spalding, his big sister is Lily, and his sponsors are Jeff and Stacey Spalding.

Readings & Hymns for November 5

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

- #422 For All the Saints (red book)
- #785 When Peace Like a River (red book)
- #631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (red book)

Giving Thanks for Our Newest Brothers and Sisters in Christ; Those Baptized Since All Saints Day, November 2022

Phoebe Jean Yu January 1, 2023

Cooper Edward Cox January 8, 2023

Ralph Lee Thomas February 5, 2023

Emelyn Joyce Tague February 26, 2023

Liam Daniel Zielinski February 26, 2023

Ella Lucia Severns April 16, 2023

Schuyler Steven Severns April 16, 2023

Scarlett Hartley Meleca May 14, 2023

Nathan Sahir Bennett May 21, 2023

Grant Owen Packard June 25, 2023



Abigail Renee Ulmer August 6, 2023

Emerson Andrew Gohlke August 27, 2023

Emilia Rose Sechrist September 16, 2023

Zara Jean Abbate September 17, 2023

Lydia Lynn Smith October 8, 2023

Russell Roby Lamb October 15, 2023

Eleanor Joy Lamb October 15, 2023

Hayden Elizabeth Engle October 22, 2023

> Billy Allen Harris October 29, 2023

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

We remember Trinity members who have gone before us since All Saints Day, November 2022.

"If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him."

Joyce Stella Schenk October 8, 1937 – December 25, 2022

Madelyn (Midge) Reges September 12, 1929 – January 1, 2023

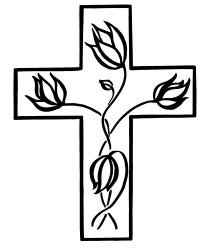
Marjorie Mae Enell March 8, 1929 – February 18, 2023

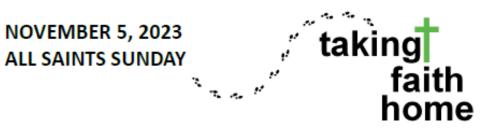
Janet Marie Konen July 3, 1936 – February 18, 2023 **Carolyn Eleanore McCready** April 27, 1936 – March 29, 2023

Alberta May (Bertie) Nelson April 1, 1938 – April 25, 2023

James B. Billings January 11, 1943 – September 7, 2023

Roy F. Lamprich June 29, 1968 – October 27, 2023





We are blessed by the saints we have known.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes
Monday	Revelation 7:9-17	God will wipe away tears
Tuesday	1 John 3:1-3	Our hope in God
Wednesday	Romans 1:1-15	Prayer of thanksgiving
Thursday	Psalm 16	Psalm of trust
Friday	Colossians 1:24–2:5	Paul's interest in the Colossians
Saturday	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Honor the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	A parable of the ten bridesmaids

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of grace and glory, you promise us a future filled with peace and joy; we thank you for giving us saints to bless us along our life's way through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food we taste and see that you are good. We give you thanks for this meal and all our blessings through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 34:8)

A Blessing to Give:

May the mercy of God and the power of the Holy Spirit save you from every trouble through Christ our Lord. (Psalm 34:6)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Behold the Host Arrayed in White



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- In what ways do you feel you have been blessed?
- Is there someone you feel God has placed in your life to bless you? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 5:1-12.

The Beatitudes (meaning blessedness) listed in this reading are a series of blessings announced by Jesus. A blessing is defined as a gift or favor bestowed by God. Society often misinterprets a blessing as a possession of the wealthy, the healthy, and the assertive, but Jesus blesses the poor, the sick, and the meek and promises a reversal of fortune. The source of that reversal is God. This includes the work of saints called by God. The saints are the children of God sent to us to heal, to forgive, and to renew life in Jesus' name. As we remember those saints who have come before us, we give thanks that they have been the source of blessings to enrich us, comfort us, and be merciful to us. Their actions reflect the kingdom of God. We take time to give thanks for all the saints, especially those who have personally touched our lives with God's love in Christ. This divine love promises to reverse the way things are to make them consistent. with the ways of God.

Discuss: Who are some of the saints who have touched your life?

Pray: Eternal God, we thank you for your many blessings, especially those that have come to us through saints we have known and loved through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others to bring comfort and hope?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saints Day is a time to remember all the saints in our lives, both the living and the dead. Think or talk about memories you have of someone who has blessed your life. Light a candle and pray: Dear God, thank you for the life of [name]. I am grateful for all the blessings that came to my life through them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

