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And so, our journey together continues....

November starts our entry into the joy of the holiday season. My joy will be in part, that my fall classes are done November 2, so for November and December I will be able to focus on the church work at Holden and Trinity. So, it will be a great time to come and 'bother' (seems to be the favorite expression) me. As Pastor Kaden, who served my church in Brooten said, "We are here to be bothered".

Just to go over a few things you should be reminded about if you do not know already. With Pastor Kathryn Skoglund visit on Sunday, she went over some things you and I should be aware of. One is that I am not a Pastor. The church would call me a Lay Minister, or in their most recent terms, a Vicar, which means I am standing in for someone who is supposed to be holding this position. Secondly, I will probably make mistakes that an ordained pastor would not make. Hopefully, during my learning process, I will make fewer. I ask your patience and understanding. Third, my time needs to be divided between serving you and my studies. So, there will be times I am away. But thankfully, this will not be the case in November and December.

Also, I just want to thank everyone for making this work so well. Josh and Jodi, who first contacted me and have continued to get me the support I need. To all on the councils who have been so helpful. To Melissa and all who work with the youth. To Rick who trains the acolytes, and to Haley who helped the confirmands with their stoles. To all of you at Trinity, who have given me support and encouragement. And for all of you at Holden, what a wonderful community that I so look forward to seeing every week. And to Bonnie, she better leave this in, you have the BEST secretary. I truly don't know how I could have done this without her help.

This is a good community, Trinity and Holden.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Jim



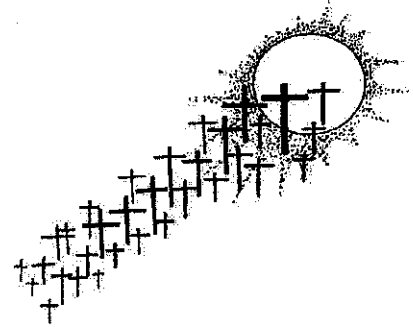
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 3, 2019

A candle will be lit in remembrance of those members who have died since last year's All Saints Sunday.

Holden ~ Russell Skundberg, Mary Jane Boothby
Wayne Herberg

Trinity ~ Isabelle Folkens, Darlene Olson, Marie Gustafson
Stella Jacobson, Edna Anderson
Wilma Anderson, Florence Nelson



YOUTH FALL SUPPER

Country Store

The Trinity Women will be holding a **Country Store** in conjunction with this supper. Donations are welcome and should be at the church by 3:00.

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

5:00-7:00

Trinity Church



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER at Trinity

Thursday, November 28th at 12:00 noon.

Turkey will be provided - please bring a dish to pass.

Hosted by Mike & Deb Maher

EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME !

Jr. High Youth Gathering - Fri, 11/22 - Sat, 11/23 or Sat, 11/23 - Sun. 11/24
7th - 9th Graders

Willmar Conference Center

Features:

Amanda Grace and the
SWMN Synod Youth Band
YOUTH LED Mass Gatherings
including worship, singing,
growing in faith, building
relationships and hanging out
with youth from our synod
Night life featuring swimming,
games, food, dancing, and
SO MUCH MORE!



Confirmed at Trinity
on Sunday, October 27th were:

Isabell Davis
Carter Gibson
Hunter Gibson
Jessica Moberg
Jayla Patterson
Kassandra Ross-Strand
Hayley Ward
Tyler Wills

THANKSGIVING

Forever on
Thanksgiving Day,
the heart will find
the pathway home.

To speak gratitude
is courteous and
pleasant, to enact
gratitude is
generous and noble,
but to live gratitude
is to touch Heaven.

Thanksgiving is the
meal we aspire for
other meals to
resemble.

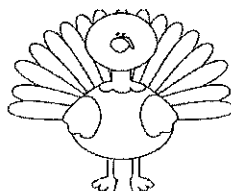
Showing gratitude is
one of the simplest
yet most powerful
things humans can
do for each other.

Reflect upon your
present blessings –
of which every man
has many – not on
your past
misfortunes,
of which all men
have some.

When you love what
you have, you have
everything you
need.

We should certainly
count our blessings,
but we should also
make our
blessings count.

If the only prayer
you ever say in your
entire life is
thank you,
it will be enough.



Trinity Newsletters

Notice of change!!!

Many newsletters have not been
picked up in the mailboxes and then
must be thrown away - as many as
50-60 per month.

So, members have several options:

1. Receive by email (please give
your address to the office)
2. They will be available on the
table in the narthex.
3. You may still receive by mail.

We want everyone to receive one but
are looking at the cost and waste of
throwing so many away.

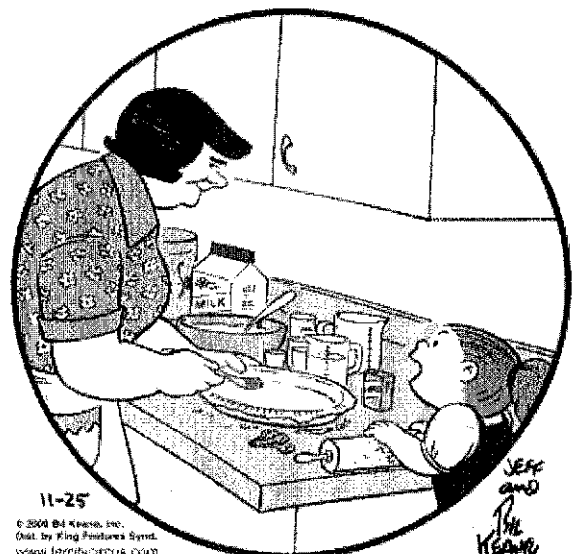
**Please let the office know
which option you desire.**

**Call the office (325-5178)
and leave a message,**

send an email:

trinity008@centurytel.net,

**or there is a clip board in
the Narthex to put down
your choice.**



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**"This is a HARD way to make pumpkin
pie, Grandma. Don't you know how
to make the frozen kind?"**



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

November

- 2 Cory Fuhrman, Elliot Sibson
- 3 David Moberg
- 4 Tyler Mack, Kim Morrissette
- 5 Piper Goodhart, Verna Schlimme
- 7 Katlyn deNeui, Birkley Herberg
Lochlan Maus
- 8 Wesley Herberg, Todd Sandberg
- 9 Damien Smith
- 11 Randy Stotesbery, Janine Teske
- 12 Sue Johnson, Ashton Nordly
Curt Peterson, Joette Strobel
- 16 Donna Lindholm
- 17 Arnold Anderson
- 19 Lindsee Gustafson
- 20 Greta Botker
- 22 Mark Botker
- 25 Isaiah Athey
- 28 Calvin Bohlen
- 29 Ava Leuthardt, Kenedi Stotesbery
- 30 Stephanie Cardwell, Isabell Davis
Wyatt Krueger

These birthdates come from the computer
membership program, *Revelations*. Please give
your information to the office if your name has
been missed.

TRINITY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – All Women Welcome!!!

Monday, November 11th - 10:00 in the Trinity Fellowship Hall
Potluck 10:00 lunch

**BIBLE
STUDY**

Gather Magazine November Lesson - Copies available if needed.



February 1, 2014, we launched Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA with the goal of significantly increasing support for existing and new ministries. Through this first-ever effort, we made a commitment to invest in the future of this church, deepen our relationships and expand ministries that serve our neighbors and communities here at home and around the globe. Now, at the conclusion of this effort on June 30, 2019, we have been richly blessed. We have witnessed a significant impact across this church unlike anything we've seen before. Together, we are achieving things on a scale and scope we could never do otherwise.

Thank you for your support!

The goal of raising **\$198 million by June 30, 2019** focused on four priority areas:
congregations, hunger and poverty, global church, and leadership.

The campaign goal represents a **64%** increase in designated funding for these existing and new ministry initiatives.

\$250 million total impact, including:

\$195 million - current gifts and multiyear commitments to the campaign

84% - of ELCA congregations gave to a campaign ministry

\$55 million – planned gift commitments for campaign priorities

90,500 – total number of individual donors to the campaign

Campaign Gifts in Action: 281 new-start congregations, 1,300 seminary student scholarships, 953 ministries working to end hunger in the US, 189 Lutheran women scholarships and training, 453 young adults in Global Mission, 100 Disability Ministries grants, 14 African countries helped with malaria programs, 135 long-term missionaries, 29 Renewing Congregations grants, 11 new Global Ministry evangelism projects, 46 Youth & Young Adults ministries programs, and 62 countries around the world supported by ELCA World Hunger.

View the entire impact report at: www.elca.org/Campaign-for-the-ELCA

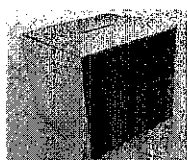
All about Thankofferings...

The idea of collecting donations in small offering boxes goes back to the very early 1800's when women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to raise money. The women-led "cent" societies published their own literature, Bible studies, and other materials advocating around issues such as child labor, literacy, and prison reform. From this grew larger missionary and ladies aid societies who continued to fund needs in their local churches as well as local community projects.

Beginning in the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes. Women would add coins almost daily for particular blessings. From this came the idea of an annual collection at a church service.



Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. It is an integral part of the Women of the ELCA's constitution. *"All income, whether received by the unit, cluster or conference, synodical or churchwide organizations, shall be viewed as being given to the total program of the Women of the ELCA and used to support the ministries of this organization."*



Trinity's WELCA Thankoffering collection will be Sunday, November 24th.
Women will take part in a processional offering during worship.
Their will be a basket for your box, checks, or cash.

Women of the ELCA 

Veteran's Day Prayer...

*Dear Jesus, Thank you profoundly for our brave American heroes!
As we honor them, give us all a fresh and renewed spirit of love for them and for our nation.
Open our eyes to the sacrifices they have made to keep us free to worship you in peace. Thank you for our beautiful land, a land of abundance and freedom, and a beacon of liberty. Thank you for our veterans and active duty heroes who put their lives on the line to keep it that way. Help us now to retain that blessing by honoring your gift to us, by not allowing ourselves or our elected officials to slip back into sloth and graft and other sinful practices that rob the people of their heritage. Keep us vigilant, in Jesus name. Amen.*

Veteran's Day - Monday, November 11, 2019

THANKSGIVING

☞ When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around.

☞ An attitude of gratitude brings great things. ☞ If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share. ☞ What if, today, we were grateful for everything? ☞ I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage. ☞ No one has ever become poor by giving. ☞ Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. ☞ Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. ☞ Vegetables are a must on a diet – even on Thanksgiving. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie. ☞ We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives. ☞ Give thanks for a little, and you will find a lot. ☞



Trinity Council Meeting September 11, 2019

Present: C Folkens, R Stotesbery, K Moberg, H Zimmel,
K Stattelmann, D Maher, J Morrill, Jim Rach
Also Present: Bonnie Stotesbery

Call to order by Jodi
Opening devotions: Jim

Secretary's report approved as submitted.
Motion Kelly, second Chuck
Treasurer's report approved as submitted.
Motion Haley, second Randy

Committee Reports:

- Education: Sunday School teachers are covered. Rally Sunday is September 15.
- Evangelism & Worship: Rick and Pam will be helping with worship Rally Sunday. Jim indicated he would like to do a short worship on Wednesdays for those unable to attend on Sundays.
- Stewardship: none
- Outreach: Paw Pantry table will be set up for donations for the schools.
- Parish Board: none
- St. Pauli: none

Old Business:

1. Jim Rach: We will be meeting with Holden to set salary. Still need to have internet and phone hooked up in parsonage. Jim will need October 5 off for a retreat.
2. Offer on Nelson Property: There is mold in the house. Service master will come and clean up and we will cover the cost of approximately 2500.00.
3. Dahl/Roscoe Wedding: The ELCA Pastor from Wheaton has agreed to officiate at the ceremony.

New Business:

1. Money counters on Sunday: There should be a list of people who have agreed to help.
2. Basement bathrooms need attention: Agreed that they should be closed off.
3. Gift for Josh Bohlen for mowing and snow removal for Nelson Property. Motion by Chuck second by Kelly to give \$250.00 to Josh in appreciation.

Close with the Lord's Prayer
Motion by Kelly to adjourn, second Randy
Respectfully submitted by Debra Maher, secretary.

Trinity Activity of Funds September 2019

General	Bal. 9/1	53,228.71
	Income	8,232.02
	Expenses	- 7,872.27
	Trans. to Special Funds	- 543.00
	Bal. 9/30	53,045.46
Chaperone	Bal. 9/30	3,652.95
Discipleship	Bal. 9/30	10.28
Long Range Repairs	Bal. 9/1	- 365.46
Olai Steen Scholarship	Bal. 9/30	5,311.54
TLC Scholarship	Bal. 9/30	1,484.66
Memorials	Bal. 9/30	4,206.05
Thrivent	Bal. 9/1	9,220.21
	Income	153.00
	Bal. 9/30	9,373.21
Total balance of all special funds:		\$24,063.23
Combined General & Special Funds:		\$77,108.69
St. Pauli Maintenance Fund:		
	Bal. 9/1	\$10,078.85
	Income	134.00
	Interest	.43
	Bal. 9/30	10,213.28
Memorial Money Market		
	Bal. 9/1	\$ 105,182.66
	Income	.00
	Interest	17.87
	Bal. 9/30	105,200.53

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Keep informed with church news, events, pictures, and videos across many platforms.
We're on:
Facebook at
Facebook.com/Lutheran;
@ ELCA on Twitter;
@ ELCA on Instagram and
YouTube.com/ELCA.

*Lord, help me remember that childlike faith is what pleases You.
Help me put aside all my sophisticated thoughts and theories
and simply come to You as a child -
full of faith and trust. Amen.*


NOVEMBER

HOLDEN

Altar: Liz Athey & Nikki Radosevich
 Janitors & Ushers: Liz Athey/Bill Combellick
 Nikki Radosevich
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TRINITY

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 Communion Assistant: Deb Maher
 Acolytes: Grace & Chloe Cardwell
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Confirmation Schedule November – 6, 13, 20 4:00-4:45 7 th Grade Conf. 4:45-5:30 8 th Grade Conf.					1	2
3 All Saints Sunday 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity SS, Coffee Hour, and Youth Meeting 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship	4	5	6 YOUTH FALL SUPPER at Trinity, 5-7 pm & Trinity WELCA Country Store 7:00 Worship at T	7	8	9 Wedding of Marissa Dahl & Ramsey Rosco at Trinity
10 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School & Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship	11 10:00 Trinity Women's Bible Study  Potluck Lunch Veterans' Day	12	13 9:00 T Quilting 6:30-7:00 Comm. Worship at T 7:00 Trinity Church Council	14 1:00-5:00 Holden Quilting at Schoons	15	16
17 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Holden Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School & Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Worship	18	19	20 9:00 T Quilting 6:30-7:00 Comm. Worship at T	21	22 Jr. High →→	23 Youth Gathering →→
24 Christ the King 8:45 Holden Worship 9:30 Trinity SS, Coffee Hour, and WELCA meeting 10:30 Trinity Worship THANKOFFERING	25	26	27 9:00 T Quilting 1:00-5:00 Holden Quilting at Schoon	28 12:00 Community Thanksgiving Dinner at T Hosted by Mike & Deb Maher	29	30