

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thankoffering Sunday, November 10! This is a tradition that Lutheran women have been observing for over 100 years. This service helps all of us stop and reflect on our ministries and on how we have all been blessed by God. During both worship services on November 10, there will be an opportunity to:

- * Donate non-perishable food to Trinity's food pantry
- * Give a donation to support WELCA and ELCA missions

After each Thankoffering service, all members of Trinity and guests are invited to a special Fellowship time where we will celebrate how grateful all of us are for the blessings we have as a family, a church and a community! Contact Connie Ruch if you would like to help.

WELCA is looking for volunteers/help!! There have been several inquiries as to whether we will be having an "Advent Tea" type of event this year. We would love to do this and really feel it is a wonderful way to start the Advent season, which starts on Dec 1st, but we need help to do this. Specifically, there is a need for someone, or more than one someone, to head this up and volunteers to help make the event happen. PLEASE prayerfully consider whether this is something you could do and then contact me, Holly Wohlfert (text 269-808-3889, or email, wohlfert@sbcbglobal.net), or any WELCA board member (Connie Ruch, Kathy Aivars, Sandy Wallace, Linda Ward) and we will help you get things started. Thank-you in advance for your willingness to consider this.

Come and learn about the Kalamazoo Gleaners organization! Arrangements have been made for members of Kalamazoo Gleaners to share information about the program and to answer questions that you may have. They will be joining us on Sunday, November 10th (which is also Thankoffering Sunday) at about 12:20 pm with a short presentation (about 15 minutes) and then a Q&A time. We would love to have lots of people in attendance to show our support!

From Linda Ward: Christmas Child Shoeboxes due November 10th I hope many of you already have a good start on your shoeboxes. Remember to include \$10 for shipping & handling. *I will be happy to fill a box for you. I could do this for a suggested total of \$30.* You can reach me with any questions at 344-8684 or email thelaw1944@aol.com. Our goal is 60 boxes (stretch 75). There are boxes available in Fellowship Hall along with a list of suggestions and the label brochures for boy/girl and age intended. You may drop off your box at any time in the church office or bring them in on Sunday. What a wonderful way to show Christian caring for children who need to experience God's love!

Family Service Project: Making Car Kits Together - Sunday, November 17th from 12:30pm-2pm Join us for an afternoon of making car kits for our friends at Samaritas! What are car kits, you ask? They are special baskets for children to use and play with. The baskets will be available to them when their caseworker drives them to appointments. After some yummy lunch, we'll get to work putting these baskets together. We'll need your help to make 20 baskets, so don't forget to sign up on our Facebook event page or email me at hmfuerst@aol.com. 😊

K'zoo Folklife Loaves and Fishes Benefit Concert On November 9th, the annual Loaves and Fishes benefit concert is back at Trinity. Doors open at 5pm, concert starts at 5:30pm and put on by K'zoo Folklife Organization with a variety of great acts! They'll be collecting food donations or monetary gifts for Loaves and Fishes. Everyone is invited to come on out!

Men's Bible Study - We will meet on Wed October 30, November 13 and 27. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. We meet @ 7:00 AM and try to finish around 8:00 AM. All are welcome. "No experience necessary". We're just a group of men trying to apply what we read in Scripture to our present lives and to hopefully become a light for others

Personal Care Item Donations Needed As part of our care for our neighbors in need, the Christ Clothes closet has expanded its offerings to include personal care items. Items needed are:

Feminine hygiene products, Soap, Toilet paper & Toothpaste.

Donations can be brought to the church weekdays during office hours or Sunday mornings.

***If you have access to Thrivent Grants, please consider using one to help purchase needed items and supplies for church outreach and events! Contact the church office if you are looking to find out more.*

Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers: Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall and help share God's love for our community. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events. *(And if you enjoy baking, we're always happy for help to stock our freezer for Sundays that might not have a fellowship host!)* *Altar flowers are \$ 20 per bouquet and should be ordered one week in advance. Call or email the church office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you wish to put altar flowers on for a Sunday.

Please remember that articles for the Newsletters are due by the 16th of each month; articles for the Sunday bulletins are due one week in advance, by end of day Sunday.



Green Team Meeting! The next meeting will be Tuesday November 12th from 10-11am at Trinity. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Meeting of the Men! Meeting of the men is an “informal, come as you are, when you can” kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know one other guys who call Trinity home! We’ll plan to gather at Bell’s Brewery on Thursday November 14th from 5:00-6:30pm for a relaxed time of fellowship and conversation.

Meeting of the Women – All women of all ages are invited to join us for a relaxed time of fellowship and friendship. On November 14 from 6-8 we’ll gather at Thunderbird (701 E Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo). Come as you’re able and stay as long as you like!

The TLC Prayer Shawl Ministry meets November 4 at 10am We gather the first Monday of each month in the lounge at 10:00 to receive and pray over completed shawls, encourage one another as we work on new shawls, reflect on the gratitude of prayer shawl recipients, and, yes, socialize! Don’t know how to knit or crochet? Here’s your chance to learn—instruction will be provided! If you would like more information, please call Sidney Mueller at (269)806-0023.



Choir has started up again at 9:25 a.m. in the choir loft. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Nate Mattson (nathan_mattson@hotmail.com)

All Sunday School classes being in full on September 15 from 9:45-10:45!

- **Adult Bible Study** will be in the Lounge with Pr. Ken. The class will be focused on a series by Max Lucado.
- **Confirmation** will be with Pr. Jake on the second floor of the education wing. Confirmation is for all youth 6-8 grade!
- **High School Sunday school** will be in the Youth Room with Mr. Grubaugh.
- **Elementary Sunday School** will be for K-5th grade students on the second floor of the Education Wing with Mrs. Wineland.
- **Preschool Sunday School** will be in the nursery with Mrs. Wright.
- **Parent small group OR Infant/Toddler small group** meet alternating Sundays in the Family Ministry Room on the second floor of the Education Wing with Heidi Albertson.

All Saints - Courtyard Service of Remembrance

As a way to recognize and give thanks for the many saints who are dear to us, Trinity will be holding a short service of remembrance in the courtyard on Sunday November 3rd. The service will take place at 12:15 at the courtyard columbarium and will include a rendition of Amazing Grace played on the bagpipes in honor of those who are at rest.

The All Saints Book is now available in the Narthex for you to write the names of family members and friends who have died since last All Saints Day. The names inscribed on the register will be read at each service on All Saints' Sunday, November 3.

Ladies Lunch will be November 13 at 11:30am at Rooster's Call (6050 Gull Rd.). We hope to have a large group of old friends and new for some fun and fellowship. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Julie Peterson with questions: 269-249-6141.

Trinity's Loaves and Fishes Pantry Requests:

Although basic food needs are being met, our pantry clients are most grateful for extras that are not often included in our Loaves and Fishes orders. Adding any of these items to your grocery cart would be appreciated. They can be dropped off in the church office.

- Granola bars or similar items
- Pop tarts
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers in wrapped packages
- Snacks (in small bags).
- Baked beans (pork and beans)

New members: If you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity, please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors. We will have a New Member Orientation on November 17 at 9:45 and New Member Reception November 24 at the worship services.