

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Heidi at hmfuerst@aol.com.

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.

Thanksgiving Worship Service - Join us **Tuesday, November 26 at 6pm** as we celebrate our many blessings at our annual Thanksgiving Service. This service is a perfect way to take a step back from all the busyness of the holiday weekend and spend time in worship with our church family and friends.

2025 Pledge Cards! If you haven't done so already, take a moment to fill out a Pledge Card for next year. Extra Pledge Cards are available near the entrances to the sanctuary or from the church office. Please help our Stewardship and Finance committee prepare a budget for next year by filling one out! They may be returned to the church office, put in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

Please note that Poinsettia Orders are due by December 1! If you wish to have poinsettias in the church as part of our Christmas decorations, please fill out a form located near the entrances to the sanctuary and return with payment to the church office.

120th Anniversary Worship Celebration
Sunday December 8th 8:30am & 11:00am
Bishop Craig Satterlee preaching
Western Michigan Brass

Children's Christmas Pageant and Hotdog Lunch - Mark your calendar for Trinity Lutheran's annual Sunday school Christmas Program on Sunday, **December 22 for the 11am Service!** After the program, our youth group will host a hot dog luncheon at noon. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the youth ministry activities. Please plan on joining us!

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.

Christ Clothes Closet: The winter coat giveaway was a great success! We had 78 people come, representing 196 family members. All the blankets and gloves were taken. We have a few coats and a good number of hats left. Thank you to everyone who donated to make it possible. The Closet needs donations of men's boxer shorts and socks, and winter coats for all as they continue to give away cold weather gear throughout this season.

From Linda Ward: Extended Christmas Child Shoeboxes due date November 20th. You may drop off your boxes in the office or on the table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday. So far we only have 32 boxes Please feel free to donate any amount towards a shoebox. A needy child is waiting to be blessed by your generosity. There are brochures in Fellowship Hall which contain the box label, donation envelope for checks for the \$10 shipping and handling fee and donor information slip. Follow Your Box labels are available in Fellowship Hall for cash or online donations. **EVERYONE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS MINISTRY!** If you have any questions you may reach Linda Ward by calling 344-8684 or online at thelaw1944@aol.com.

Just a reminder: include shoebox donation of \$10 to cover Samaritan's Purse collecting, processing and shipping.

From the SCRIP (gift card) Table: We hope you will take advantage of the gift cards our Service Ministry has available at the SCRIP Table; they are a perfect fit and easily mailed! We have cards for eating out, DIY needs, gasoline, groceries, clothing shoes, and cosmetics. The cards are also a easy way to make a gift to the Salvation Army Angel Tree. (See below for Express Lane directions.) Profits this year have been used to match the Youth's Battery Project collection (\$404.25), for needy individuals and families, and for Ministry with Community BINGO prizes. Please stop buy the SCRIP table or call Janet Gullickson (260-372-0081) to buy or order cards and support our work. Thank you!

Express Lane for the Salvation Army Angel Tree

For those who might prefer to give a gift without going shopping, here is an option:

1. Choose a card from the Angel Tree
2. Bring it to the SCRIP gift card table
3. Choose the retailer and amount you wish
4. Put both cards in the Angel Tree gift box

Thanks for supporting this annual event which brings joy to so many!

The Salvation Army Angel Tree will be set up in Fellowship Hall to collect toys in **November through early December**. The tree has tags with age and sex of a child, with some suggestions for a gift, but you do not have to buy what is listed. We do suggest that for teenagers a gift card to a teenage-friendly store or activity is appropriate. There will be a small box on the SCRIP table for the cards. After selecting a tag from the tree, purchase an appropriate gift, and deliver the UNWRAPPED gift to the box by the tree with the tag attached. The Salvation Army has a "toy store" where parents come and choose an appropriate gift for their child. Any questions, call Rasma McMullen: 349-9429

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.

Men's Bible Study - We will meet on Wed November 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".

Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers: Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall and help share God's love for our community by providing snacks for our coffee hour. 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.

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)

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.

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.

There will be a congregational meeting on December 8th immediately after the 11:00am service where we will vote on the Annual Budget for 2025. All members are encouraged to be a part of the meeting to voice their vote. Please make every effort to be at this meeting!