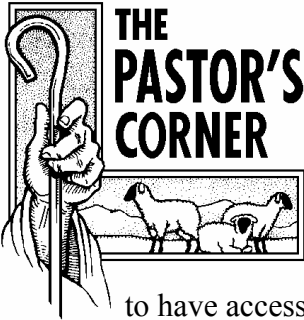


Trinity Tidings

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NOVEMBER

Nov. 4 - Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 6 - Sunday School Meeting
Nov. 12 - Parish Planning Meeting
Nov. 14 - News Articles Due for December Tidings
Nov. 15 - Pastor at Circuit Meeting
Nov. 17 - Voter's Meeting
Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed



Access to God?

How many of us would like to have a direct line or access to God? If you have any questions about life pick up the line and get the answer. Sounds great, doesn't it? But keep one thing in mind: if you want access to God, then God has to have access to you. As we are learning in our sermon and Bible Study series on Prayer, Prayer is communication with God. With communication comes "two-way" communication. We don't just shout at God and run, but rather there is a communication process that takes place. For the communication to take place we need to be able to listen to God. Through Christ, God hears our prayers. But, do we hear God's response our prayers? No selective hearing allowed here! You want access to God; God needs to have access to you.

So, how do we have direct access with God? The answer; through prayer and through God's Word, the Bible (not email, fax or im). We are usually good at communicating what we want from God, but we are not quick to listen what God tells us through His Word. Sometimes we think the Bible is too old to have any answers for us, but it isn't. We need to remember that (as Dr. Steinmann notes) "prayer is designed to help us transcend our problems, our troubles, and our will be focusing on God and His will." Some people will snicker at this and ridicule this and in result are pushing God out of their lives. Dr. Steinmann notes, "Prayer begins with God's promise of mercy toward us." We find God's promises revealed to us through His Word, the Bible.

By the time you read this we should have started our Sermon and Bible Study series on prayer. Even if you missed the opening lessons, please come. You will learn more as we continue to study prayer. God is listening to our prayers. Yes, we have direct access to God through prayer and His Word and we also have direct access to God through His Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper. Wow, talk about a God who makes Himself available to us!



Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Well, help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken, and

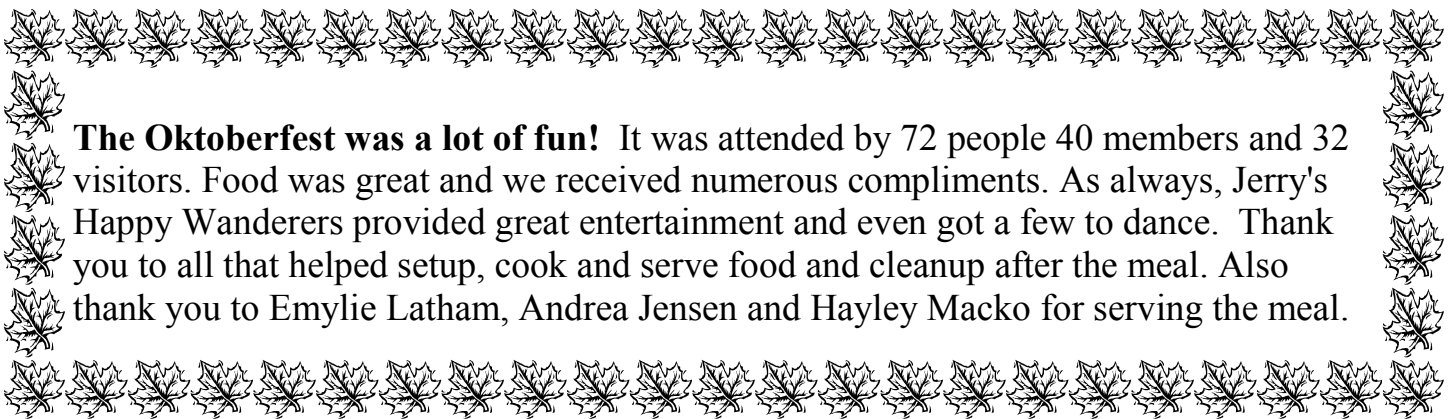
you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. The photography dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, November 13th - 3:00pm to 9:00pm

Wednesday, November 14th - 3:00pm to 9:00pm

Thursday, November 15th - 3:00pm to 9:00pm

Cathy Weaver is coordinating our new directory. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Cathy at 630-830-3524 or call the church office at 630-231-1175.



The Oktoberfest was a lot of fun! It was attended by 72 people 40 members and 32 visitors. Food was great and we received numerous compliments. As always, Jerry's Happy Wanderers provided great entertainment and even got a few to dance. Thank you to all that helped setup, cook and serve food and cleanup after the meal. Also thank you to Emylie Latham, Andrea Jensen and Hayley Macko for serving the meal.

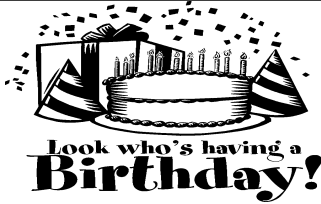


We are Having a Paper Drive!

Remember to bring your paper and drop it in the green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever bin. This bin is free to use, just bring us your paper! We accept:

- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Shopping Catalogs
- Office and School Papers
- Mail

Please add recycling to your errand route and bring your paper by once a week. You will be



**IN
NOVEMBER**

Laura Naill	1
Jessica Leeseberg	5
Dian Cracraft	5
Julie Hattula	6
Marissa Bartels	8
Daniel Perkis	10
William Bruce	19
Ronald Rakow	19
Loane Dierking	20
Phyllis Hoffman	21
Sean Pautler	21
Jerry Planek, Jr.	23
Jessica Hansen	23
Donna Kuhn	24
Timothy Brown	26
Daniel Greubel	27
Deborah Karns	27
Patricia Jensen	27
Kristi Gregory	28

**BAPTISMAL
ANNIVERSARIES
IN NOVEMBER**

Leon Zarate	1
Sharon Lemon	1
Lois Kovarik	3
Harmony Morris	5
Wayne Matejka	7
Gretchen Planek	13
Cheryl Perkis	13
Harry Bruce	21
Michael Springer	23
Julie Hattula	24
Kelly Siekmann	25
Dian Cracraft	26

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

Laura & Daniel Kellogg	11/9/2002
Shirley & Richard Rolseth	11/11/1961
Victoria & Gary Bersynski	11/16/1985
Cynthia & John Macko	11/17/1990

Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2007.

Received	\$100,893.14
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$108,260.67</u>
Difference	(\$7,367.53)



**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
4TH**



Please help us keep our records up to date. If you have moved or your information has changed, please call the church office (630)231-1175 or send an email to secretary@trinitywc.com.

FROM THE SCHOOL

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL HAS A NEW TEACHER!

We would like to give a warm welcome to Rhonda Velazquez. Rhonda is our new preschool/childcare teacher in Room 2. She has a Master's Degree in Education and sixteen years of teaching experience. Her hours are 7:00am - 3:00pm.

CHILD REFERRAL PROGRAM

PARENTS, MEMBERS AND STAFF OF TRINITY...

Thru December 31, 2007 we are running a child referral program. you can receive \$100 for each full-time student and \$50 for each part-time student that enrolls at Trinity. (Full-time students are children enrolled for at least 5 hours per day, five days a week.) Referrals must be enrolled for at least 30 days to receive reimbursement.

FUNDABILITY IS BACK!!

What is the Fundability Program, you ask? It is a fundraising program that the school has chosen to run which provides participating school families, an opportunity to **earn tuition credit**. There are 100's of restaurants, retail, grocery and specialty stores that have agreed to sell their gift certificates and gift cards at a discounted rate to the school. School families purchase the gift cards/certificates at face value and earn tuition credit for the purchase based on the discounted percentage set by the vendor. For Congregation Members, the discounted percentage goes directly to help support the school.

Why are we offering tuition credit to school families?

1. We want to provide an opportunity for school families to reduce their school tuition.
2. It is our hope that word will spread that Trinity offers a "tuition credit" program. Perhaps this may give potential new school families one more reason to send their child(ren) to our school. Word of mouth is always the best advertisement. If you know someone looking for a daycare, preschool, mom's day out, or Kindergarten, please tell them about Trinity and be sure to mention they can earn "free" tuition credit.

Do other stores/restaurants participate or only those listed on the order form? There are 100's of establishments participating but all of them can't fit on the order form. A master vendor list is available from Karla Bruce and Jackie Lesch, Director of TLC.

What is Cash and Carry? There are 3 major grocery stores within 5 miles of the school. If requested, we can purchase Jewel Food Stores, Dominick's & Ultra Foods gift cards in a limited supply so we can sell them immediately to school families and church members. For school families, there is a small, easy form to complete (so you can earn tuition credit for the purchase). For Congregation members, contact Karla Bruce if you regularly shop at these stores and want a small supply available to purchase in between regular Fundability ordering dates. If you're going to shop at one of these grocery stores, why not pay for your groceries with gift cards purchased through Trinity!

We will only be placing 2 orders before Christmas, one in November and one in December. November orders for school families are due on the 9th and for congregation members they are due on the 11th.

Fundability order forms are available at school and the Church Narthex. If you have any questions regarding this program, please call Karla Bruce @ 630-293-4571. Thanks to all school and church families for participating in this program!

NOVEMBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 4:30pm Little Lambs 6:45pm Hosanna 7:30pm Joyful Noise	2 Re-	3 5:30pm Divine Service
4 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School Daylight Savings Time Ends	5	6 7:00pm Sunday School Mtg. 7:00pm Confirmation	7 9:00am Worship	8 4:30pm Little Lambs 6:45pm Hosanna 7:30pm Joyful Noise	9	10 5:30pm Divine Service
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Assistant Schedule for November 2007

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
November 3 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow	Paige Hennessy		
November 4 Communion	9:00 a.m.	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke Richard Kovarik	Ron Benes	Emylie Latham		Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
November 10 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow	Paige Hennessy		
November 11 Communion	9:00 a.m.	Doug Schmidt	Dan Rakow Jeff Gregory Dennis Weaver	Doug Schmidt	Jonathan Bartels	Joyful Noise	Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
November 17 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
November 18 Communion	9:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Greubel Heather Greubel Jeff Gregory	Dan Greubel	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Hosanna Little Lambs	Judy Leeseberg Karla Bruce
November 21 Communion	7:00 p.m.	Wayne Matejka	Carl Mennecke Dennis Weaver	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	
November 24 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
November 25 Communion	9:00 a.m.	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke Richard Kovarik	Sue Matejka	Emily Cavanaugh		Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia