

Trinity Tidings

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Don't forget to stay for the **Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, **November 13th**, after worship.

This meeting is for the **election of new Council members** for the 2023 year....

And then ...stay for the **Stewards of God's Grace Celebration**

This is the Stewardship Committee saying **Thank You** for turning in your intent cards, as well as all the time and effort and financial **gifts** that you give to **sustain** and **grow** Trinity's **Ministry**.

There will be catered **pizza** from Jolly Rogers, platters of **Sub Sandwiches** from Festival, homemade **Devilled Eggs**, and **sweet endings** to the meal. See you then.



A big thank you to Mike Simonson, our Music Ministry Coordinator, for his years of service and dedication to Trinity.

Mike will be stepping down from the position at the end of the calendar year, but will continue to be the Alive Band Coordinator and Leader.

As a result of this change, Trinity is looking for a volunteer who would assist with the behind the scenes work of our music and worship ministry. If this work would be of interest to you, please contact Amy at the church office.

November 2022

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Sunday, November 13

- New Member Reception
- Nametag Sunday
- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM
- Congregational Meeting 10:05 AM
- Celebration Lunch 10:30 AM

Monday, November 14

- WIC 8 AM
- Ruth Circle 7 PM

Tuesday, November 15

- Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 16

- Staff/Volunteer Meeting 8 AM
- Confirmation Class 6:30 PM

Thursday, November 17

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Quilting 10 AM
- Comfort Crafts 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6 PM

Friday, November 18

Saturday, November 19

Sunday, November 20

- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM

Click [here](#) for the most current calendar.
Click [here](#) for worship.



Email or call with your request.

Healing:

- Patti Natzke - recovering from surgery
- Woody Haag - recovering from surgery
- Carrie Doughty - illness
- Dixie Hill - health concerns
- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Carole Ebert - cancer
- Larry Leatz - friend of Tom & Sue Luba, cancer
- Trista Jo Blank - health concerns
- Bonnie Wegner - cancer
- Tina Bartelt - cancer
- Kathy Feeney Rueckert - friend of Sue Luba, medical issues
- Helen Massey - health concerns
- Jackie Janke - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer
- Ginger Massey - relative of Helen Massey
- Anna Roberts - cancer
- Sam Ives - health issues

Those in the military:

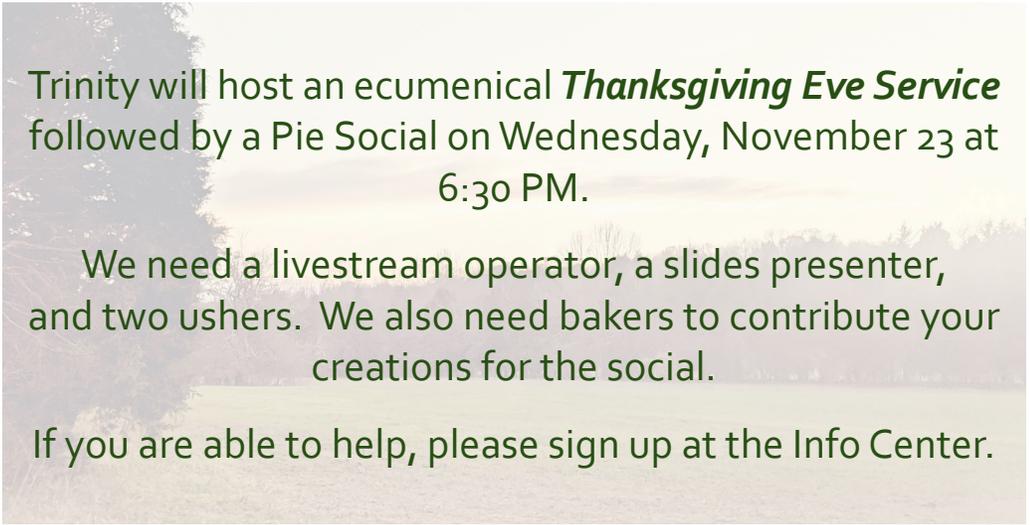
- Shane Borree
- SSGT Zachary Abel

Scheduling worship leaders for the months of December, January, and February will begin soon. Do you have Sundays when you know you will be unavailable? Are you not currently volunteering, but would like to share your gifts?

Don't worry...if you indicated at the ministry fair or on your Blessed to Bless survey that you would like to help with worship, you are already on the list and will be included on the schedule!

Please notify the church office by Monday, November 21.

Look for a sign-up sheet in December for helping with our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.



Trinity will host an ecumenical **Thanksgiving Eve Service** followed by a Pie Social on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 PM.

We need a livestream operator, a slides presenter, and two ushers. We also need bakers to contribute your creations for the social.

If you are able to help, please sign up at the Info Center.



Please join your voices in the Thanksgiving Eve Choir.

Practice is at 6:00 before the service.

Contact Mike S. with questions.

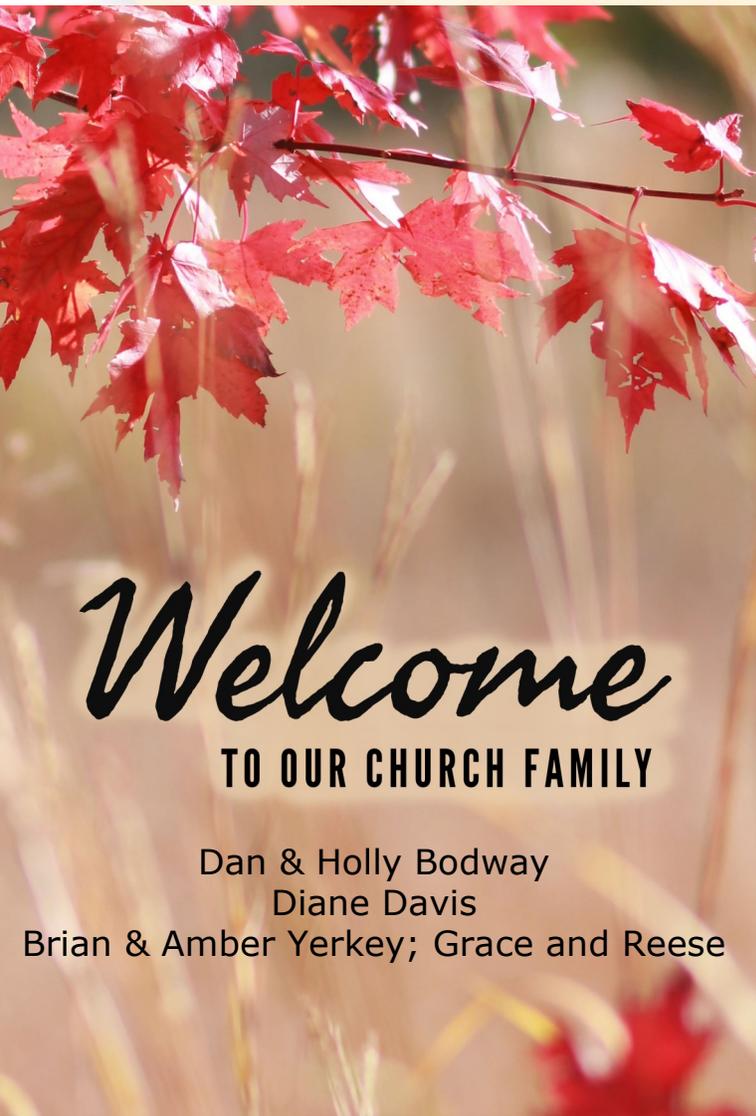
In next few weeks, a new directory will be going out with the weekly news. If your contact information has changed, please notify the church office.

Thank you!



SHORT SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEKEND!

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE FROM 10:00-10:40 SO FAMILIES CAN ATTEND THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WITHOUT KIDS AND THEN TAKE THEIR KIDS TO THE MEAL TOGETHER. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR STUDENTS AT 10:40



Welcome
TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dan & Holly Bodway
Diane Davis

Brian & Amber Yerkey; Grace and Reese



2023 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick up soon. If you are currently giving digitally or through your bank and don't need envelopes, or if you have not had envelopes in the past but would like them, please notify the church office trinity.newlondon@gmail.com or [920-982-5833](tel:920-982-5833).

Trunk or Treat

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Sunday Scriptures

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm
have won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in
the sight of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before

the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.
⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

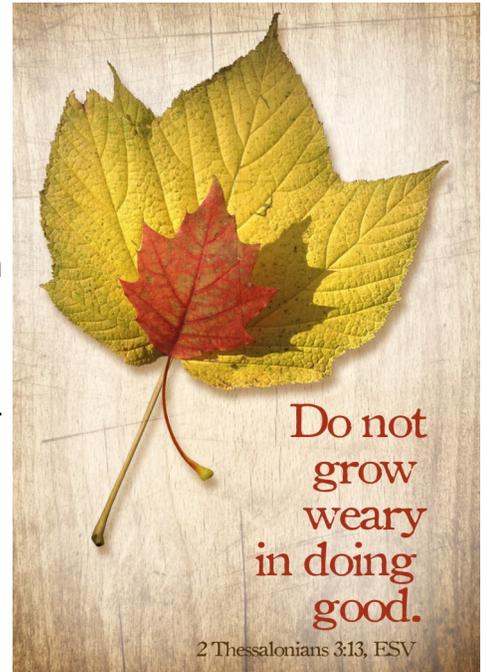
Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.



Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said,



"Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and

friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."



Are We Ready?

Martin Luther once had a dream where he was in his house and saw Jesus coming up the walk toward his door. Luther examined his surrounding and realized that everything was an absolute mess. Clothes were thrown over the furniture, old food was sitting out, trash was everywhere. And he thought, "How am I going to let the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ, come in to a mess like this." He hurriedly tried to straighten up but the more he picked up the greater the mess became. Finally, Jesus was knocking at the door. Luther, resigned himself to the mess and as he opened the door, he said, "Jesus, come on in, if you think that you can come into a place like..." and as he turned he saw that everything had been put into order, everything in its proper place. The house was immaculate as Christ entered in.

Have you ever felt unprepared? Like you were caught off guard?

In olden days it was more common for people to drop in and visit. My parents would put on a pot of coffee. Today with everybody's schedules that usually does not work.

We like to plan. Be prepared for guests. Especially as we approach the holidays,



with all of the expectations.

It is uncomfortable to be caught off guard.

Jesus caught his followers off guard more than once.

Today he tells them

that their temple will be wiped out one day.

The temple was beautiful. It had recently been refurbished by Herod the Great. And apparently, the work had been done very well. The rebuilding project had taken eighty years to complete.

This was more than a building: it was the center of their faith.

They believe him, and want to know when this will happen.

They want to know how to prepare for this.

He responds by warning them "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them." He is warning them not to believe everything they hear, for there would be false prophets.

We can identify with this: look at all of the fake news and how easily misinformation can be spread, especially on social media. So many conspiracy theories, etc.

Who do we listen to? Who do we believe?

Then he continues:

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them,

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven."

We can identify with this as well as there is so much of this going on today.

We see disasters, wars, destruction all over.

Many think we are in the end times now but only God knows.

He says do not be terrified by all of this stuff. It is going to happen.

We will experience rejection by others if

we follow him.

What do we do?

How do we prepare?

Hang in there. Stay focused on him.

Continue to worship and pray.

Lean on one another.

As with Luther in his dream we can let Jesus come in and do the housecleaning.

The harder we try, usually the bigger the mess we make of our lives.

We need to stay grounded in Jesus.

When everything seems to be falling apart around us, trust in Jesus.

Jesus never promised life would be easy.

We cannot control what happens.

But we can live in the present.

Taking things one day at a time.

As Christians we live in the tension between the already and not yet.

Jesus has already come and died for us and rose again, and he has promised to come back to make all things right.

But in the meantime we live one day at a time, trusting in him.

When we felt unprepared or caught off guard, we can remember he is with us every moment of every day.

There is nothing to fear. He has got our backs. Amen.

Serving at worship on Sunday

Ushers

Bryan Willner, Kirk Van Dreef

Lector

Ruth Rex

Communion Assistant

Bryan Willner

Slides

Mark Moser

Livestream

Ron Flohr

Altar Guild

Chris Casey, Cathy Thurk