

# Trinity Tidings

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## All Saints' Day



We give thanks for all the saints around the world and across time, especially remembering relatives and friends who have died this year as well as those newly baptized.

Gerald Osmuss  
Charlene Kolbe  
Gerald Schroeder

Todd Truesdale - son-in-law of Mike & Anita Simonson  
John Hassmann - uncle of Mike Simonson  
Sharon Simonson - aunt of Mike Simonson  
Laurie Ann - sister of Dawn Haag  
Linda Rose-Kain - sister-in-law of Cherine Gagnow  
Laura - niece of Cherine Gagnow

Kristen Marie Kuechler  
Khloe Madison Kuechler  
Carter Michael Kuechler  
Estella Schucknecht  
Bentley Doughty

Mark your calendars on Sunday, October 13 at 10:05, as there will be a congregational meeting for the election of new Council members for the 2023 year. The nominating committee is still contacting people to serve, so please, if you are asked, give it prayerful consideration as to whether you can say yes to serving Trinity within this capacity.



## November 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Sunday, November 6 - *set your clocks back!*

- Stewards of God's Grace Sunday
- Adult Sunday School 8 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM

Monday, November 7

Tuesday, November 8 - *Election*

- Financial Resources - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 9

- Confirmation Class 6:30 PM

Thursday, November 10

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Quilting 10 AM
- Comfort Crafts 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6 PM
- Dartball at First Lutheran 7 PM

Friday, November 11 - *Veteran's Day*

Saturday, November 12

Sunday, November 13

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

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

Click [here](#) for the livestream of 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

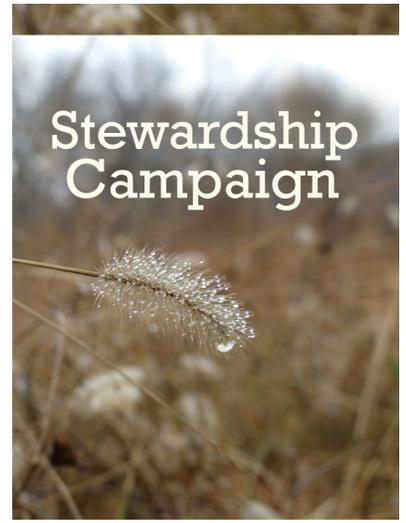
Those in the military:

- Shane Borree
- SSGT Zachary Abel

From the Stewardship Committee

Our Stewardship campaign, being **Stewards of God's Grace**, has reached the opportunity of bringing your completed Intent Cards to worship. There will be time during the November 6<sup>th</sup> worship to bring forward your intention for giving in 2023. As always, if circumstances change, this intent can also be changed.

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> is our **Stewards of God's Grace** Celebration, with catered food, to show our gladness in the generous sharing of your financial support, as well as your time and talent and energy and prayers which have blessed Trinity this year and will as we look forward to 2023. Please plan on joining us after the congregational meeting for some Jolly Roger's pizza, sub sandwiches and more.



Thank you to all of the generous bakers and buyers for supporting the bake sale!



Scheduling worship leaders for the months of December, January, and February will begin soon. Are you currently volunteering but need/want to change your status in some way? Do you have Sundays when you know you will be unavailable? Are you not currently volunteering, but would like to share your gifts? Please contact the church office by Monday, November 21.

Don't forget...volunteers are needed for the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service.

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

Congratulations Maiah, Lydia and Treston!





Trunk or Treat Part One





Tune in next week for part two!





### **First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18**

*The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.*

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

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*"But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever."*

DANIEL 7:18, NIV

### **Psalm: Psalm 149**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
<sup>2</sup>Let Israel rejoice in their maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;

let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

<sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.

<sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

<sup>6</sup>Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,

<sup>7</sup>to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

<sup>8</sup>to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,

<sup>9</sup>to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23**

*After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,

and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

<sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **Gospel: Luke 6:20-31**

*In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.*

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude you, revile you, and  
defame you on account of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for  
surely your reward is great in heaven; for that  
is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for that is what their ancestors did to the false  
prophets.

<sup>27</sup>But I say to you that listen, Love your en-  
emies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless  
those who curse you, pray for those who  
abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the  
cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone  
who takes away your coat do not withhold  
even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs  
from you; and if anyone takes away your

goods, do  
not ask for  
them  
again. <sup>31</sup>Do  
to others  
as you  
would have  
them do to  
you."



## **Dare to be Different!**

I thought I would try a new look today. (put on wig)  
What do you think?

Just thought I would try something different.

Are you having a hard time taking me seriously with  
this on?

My mother told me that my grandfather, a Swedish  
Lutheran pastor, said he would stand on his head  
and preach if that is what it takes to get the word  
across.

It does not hurt to do something different once in  
awhile?



As Christians we are called to be different from the  
world.

Maybe some of you already know what it is like to be  
different: to look different, talk differently, dress dif-  
ferently, etc.

Maybe you know what it is like to feel that you do not  
fit in with a group.

Jesus' sermons illustrate to us what the kingdom of  
God looks like compared to the world.

We just heard Luke's "Sermon on the Plain." In Mat-  
thew it was the sermon on the mount but in Luke  
he's preaching on a plain.

The message is clear: living out the kingdom of God  
makes us different from the world.

Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, and weeping,  
or being hated. You will be taken care of.

Now the hard part: Woe to the rich, who are full, who  
at laughing, or when others speak well of you. You'll

get yours!

This is the opposite of how the world works.

World: blessed are the winners, the rich and powerful.

Then he goes into loving your enemies, bless those who curse you, turn the other cheek, give to whoever begs from you.

Summarized by "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

World: get even, hit back twice as hard.

Jesus' way sounds good, but easier said than done.

It is hard not to behave the way the world does!

We are surrounded by selfishness, greed, hatred.

Most of all FEAR.

It is easy to get caught up in negativity.

Hurting people hurt people.

It takes conscious effort to live out Jesus' words. It is tough.

But this is what the kingdom of heaven looks like.

We just celebrated Halloween.

Some have problems with this holiday but I came across this description that I felt I needed to share, from Steve Garness-Holmes:

Halloween: a day when we get it right.  
Strangers come to us,  
beautiful, ugly, odd or scary,  
and we accept them all without question,  
compliment them, treat them kindly,  
and give them good things.

Why don't we live like that?

- Steve Garness-Holmes

Interesting question is it not?

Jesus' sermon challenged those who were watching and listening to think and live differently. His words also challenge those of us who are committed to following his teachings and those who have answered the call to do the work that Jesus did in the world, to think and live differently. We know that the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed has not yet come into its fullness. Yet, we can believe in the power of God to make Jesus' vision a reality and accept his invitation to participate in its realization.

It starts with surrendering to God and His will.

Let go and let God work.

Not allowing ourselves to get absorbed by the self-centeredness of the world.

Remember the song "Let there be peace on earth,

and let it begin with me?"

Martin Luther put it well:

"When I look at myself, I don't see how I can be saved. But when I look at Christ, I don't see how I can be lost."

When we remember we belong to Jesus and not to the world we can be empowered to be different.

Jesus has always and continues to make a difference.

He died for us and rose again so that we can never be separated from his love.

God is at work all around us.

We have been blessed by him so that we can live differently.

In a few moments you are all invited to look at ways you can make a difference.

There are many opportunities to serve God's people. We are all invited to prayerfully consider how God can use us.

In Jesus we can make a difference in our world.

In Jesus we can dare to be different! Amen



## Serving at worship on Sunday

### Ushers

Kirk Van Dreel, Woody Haag

### Lector

Cindy Wolford

### Communion Assistant

Cindy Wolford

### Slides

Dawn Haag

### Livestream

David Newton

### Altar Guild