

The Parish Perspective

Trinity Lutheran Church

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From Our Pastor

Pastor Amy Chalupnik

Be fed. Be nourished. Be forgiven.

Be in mystic sweet communion with all the faithful.

“All are welcome. At Trinity, we proclaim that this is the Christ’s table. And so, you are welcome to commune whoever you are, wherever you are.” Perhaps you have heard me say those words. I say them almost every time Trinity celebrates Holy Communion (usually on the first and third Sundays). I say them because Trinity practices what is commonly called “open communion” or an “open table”. *Not to be confused with the restaurant online reservation system also called “Open Table”. That is another thing altogether! No reservations are required at Holy Communion, and no ‘points’ will be awarded.* This holy meal is free. Free to all.



To say that a church has an open communion practice generally means that all persons—regardless of affiliation, or denomination, or membership—are welcome and encouraged to share in the Eucharistic meal. Our bulletin states that communing is voluntary. Ushers are currently providing worshippers individually packaged wafer and juice sets. Those worshipping online are welcome to request sets for at-home use! Or, substitute a small wafer or cracker or bread for “the body” and a small amount of wine or juice for “the blood” of Christ. All are valid, as it is not the form that matters but the belief.

If you do not wish to commune—for whatever reason, you may refrain from such. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, you may ask for one as you exit the sanctuary. Swallowing difficulty does not have to preclude you from participating with the community either; if you wish to consume only one of the elements (bread or wine*) that is your option. There is a gluten-free version as well, if you or your loved one requires that. **Currently only non-alcoholic grape juice is offered, as some within our community may choose to refrain from alcohol consumption and we wish to honor their needs and choices.*

The next time we will commune as a faith community is November 7, All Saints Sunday. This is significant. For we believe, and we profess it in the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed, that all the saints—past, present, and future—commune with Christ and with one another whenever the Lord’s Supper is celebrated. In the sacrament, time and space is irrelevant. Especially on the annual thanksgiving for all the saints—when we remember Christians of every time and place, when we honor those who have faithfully lived and shared their faith with us—is it extra special to declare that today’s church “has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won” like verse 5 of *The Church’s One Foundation* says. Think about that the next time you say, “I believe...[in the] communion of saints.”

Therefore, even if you have not communed at all this year, for whatever reason, I encourage you to come to worship and commune on All Saints Sunday.

Want to learn more about Holy Communion? It is Trinity’s tradition to offer informational classes in the Spring, usually on the Saturday before Maundy Thursday. While usually reserved for children, this year the class is open to all who want to explore a little more, ask a few questions, or just be refreshed by such study of this sacrament.

One thing to remember: the most important part of Holy Communion is not the how, or when, or even the “with whom,” but the gift itself. Jesus offered himself to us. A free gift. A gift of love. We are to eat and be nourished; we are to eat and enter into covenant with Christ—believe in his promises of life and forgiveness. We are fed and forgiven. Jesus has commanded us to “do this”. See *Luke 22:19-20 or Matthew 26-26-28.*

“You are invited.” Come, for all is now ready. God’s peace, Pastor Amy

Update From Our Council President

The Post Pandemic Challenge for Churches

Many civic leaders, educators, politicians, and church leaders assumed post-pandemic we would return to the “old normal”. It’s now apparent there is a “new normal” and we cannot turn back, whether we want to or not. Church leaders, in particular, are searching for ways to make this “new normal” an opportunity for deeper engagement, growth in membership, and greater participation in Christ’s mission. However, it has been difficult for church leaders to transition from old to new as there is no clear pathway nor “one solution” answer. Tom Rainer, a well-known and respected church consultant who holds a master’s of divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has outlined what he believes are the major challenges that churches need to face if want to survive and flourish in this “new normal”. His overall message is that churches must make an intentional turn outward, and commit to becoming community focused rather facing inward and focused on congregation only. The following are the challenges and some thoughts on how prepared Trinity is to meet these challenges.



2021-22 Council President
Bruce McNickle

Challenge 1: To embrace and effectively use the digital technologies: Rainer believes that live-streaming and audio-visual resources are now necessary for worship options. Zoom and Websites present ways of learning and interacting that can cross miles and ideologies. The challenge is to use these technologies to their fullest while maintaining the human relationship aspect of these learning methods. Ultimately our learning and teaching is all about our relationship with each other and God. Another challenge with the digital age is how to maintain a church family when some worshippers are: 1. mainly digital with occasional in-person attendance at church or meetings, whereas others are: 2) mainly in-person with occasional use of digital methods. This also requires looking at church membership in more varied ways, who is present on Sunday mornings may be only half the story of who and what the church is. Trinity is poised well to use digital technologies. We have several accomplished staff who are willing to teach others and have a commitment to this technology. However we have only begun to explore our options here, including use in our youth programs. Through live-streaming we can possibly share our services with newly built senior living facilities, offer group web-sites opportunities for bible studies, etc. Trinity, like many churches will need help in exploring options. Perhaps synod resources could be sought for our offering such services.

Challenge 2: To Reconnect and partnership with the local community: Rainer believes that many churches have lost their connections to their local community resulting in an isolated church with dwindling membership. He defines these connections as the church offering services, spaces, and activities for the entire community not just membership. What these services are depends entirely on who the community is. These means that churches need to assess, openly and non-judgmentally, what their immediate community needs and be willing to stretch beyond the usual church mission, to meet these needs. Trinity is limited in resources for community services but with creativity we can possibly find some niches to fill. What we do have are members willing to go “above and beyond” for their community, which is the essential first step.

Challenge 3: To open up church spaces for community needs: Rainer notes churches have incredible amounts of unused space throughout the week and a community focused church opens these spaces up for a variety of uses. Trinity is doing a great job here but has many more opportunities. We currently are renting to several youth civic groups, a Spanish Speaking Faith Group, several senior activity groups, etc. Clearly we can search for more including secular groups that have a mission that would fit with Christ’s mission in the broadest terms. Between a beautiful sanctuary, unique fellowship hall, and large narthex, we have the resources to meet a variety of possible renters.

Challenge 4: To become a church that is open to new messages and ways of worshipping while maintaining the core relationship with God. A church of optimism and confidence. It’s important that worshippers approach their worship experiences as an adventure, a joy, not knowing what the final outcome will be but optimistic their love for God will be greater. For too long churches have messaged there is only a few ways to love God, whereas the younger generations are hungry for messages that give them permission to personalize their relationship with God. They want to love God within their own personal life experiences, within their own daily lives, and how they see the future. Worshipping God doesn’t have to be a hymnal, it can be a walk in the woods, getting to class on time. The challenge is to encourage this personalization with God while maintaining the necessary boundaries of who God is and what God wants for us and expects of us. This balance between personalization and Core Christian values presents many opportunities to be creative with worship techniques and our digital technologies.

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In summary: For a small congregation, Trinity is well-placed to meet most of these challenges within our limited resources. But in meeting these challenges we can possibly move forward in gaining more committed worshippers who will then expand our resources to further meet these challenges. I would invite other Trinity members to offer their opinions on these challenges, each perspective is different, every perspective is important.

Council Meeting Summary—October 12, 2021



- Numerous false alarms have occurred in 2021, from security code entry problems to smoke detectors registering the presence of smoke/fire. The most recent fire department call likely resulted from lack of sensor cleaning in the detectors in the narthex and possible wiring problems. At a cost of \$675, our fire alarm company responded to a midnight alarm. Property Committee is renting a lift 10/22, and will have sensors cleaned by our fire alarm servicing company.
NOTE: Trinity has exceeded city limit on false alarms and will need to pay city for next false call.
- Approved purchase of a more powerful refurbished computer with associated software for office manager. Office manager's present computer will be transferred to Treasurer's office. Steve Johnson will update the computers, transfer the data, and complete all necessary software additions to bring both computers to operating status. His work time—a gift to the church—is from 20 to 30 hours, a considerable savings for the church.
- Mac Mongeon requested permission to refresh and refurbish the Sunday school wing as a project for his Eagle Scout rank, the highest honor in the Boy Scouts. He will do the painting, removal of unwanted partitions, and has secured new tables and chairs free of cost. The estimated cost is \$715 for materials, most of which he will secure from several local civic organizations. Mac gave a very professional power point presentation. Council authorized Mac to proceed, and acknowledged the church is blessed with having such a giving and committed young person.
- Approved bid of \$8,820 from S & H Seal Coating—lowest bidder—for filling parking lot cracks, applying asphalt sealcoating, and striping parking lines as recommended by Property Committee, with funds taken from the parsonage account.
- Approved purchase of two ceiling-hanging microphones and one free standing microphone—and associated cables—as requested by Worship Technician at estimated cost of \$900. Funds taken from boutique account. Microphones can be installed when lift present (10/22) which saves cost of renting another lift. Hanging microphones are necessary to capture general congregational sound (like singing) and stand mic will be able to capture small groups performing (Sunday School children, etc).
- *An additional special council meeting was called on October 21, 2021 to address specific items that required discussion and council approval before the November meeting.*

Special Council Meeting Summary—October 21, 2021

- Treasurer's Report showed all due bills paid, church currently is in a solid financial position.
- Received a \$1000 donation to update office software to programs more accessible for less sophisticated computer users.
- Approved the completed Child Protection Policy with several modifications suggested by Pastor and council members. Further revisions likely after Education and other church leaders have reviewed.
- Steve Johnson re-bid the casualty and property insurance policy receiving three bids. Steve prepared an informative spreadsheet comparing each aspect of the policies. Our current carrier Grinnell was approved for renewal as Grinnell was lowest in cost with most benefits providing Trinity has a completed Child Protection Policy.
- Approved hiring of on-call handyman for small and time-limited jobs at \$15 per hour.
- Space rental request reviewed. Another Spanish-speaking Pentecostal congregation in Monticello seeking space for worship, study, prayer. Discussed. Tabled for further discussion at next meeting. Need to confer with Iglesia Shalom whether the two congregations could coordinate their worship services on same day and other logistical issues. As first and long term tenant, Iglesia Shalom will be informed and given priority on any decisions made.

Children & Young Families and Youth



Sunday school classes for Grades K-6 are held each week beginning with music time in the opening room at 10:00 am. Children go to classrooms for age appropriate lessons following music. Our Sunday School kids sing in church on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The Sunday School will sing again on November 21.

Don't miss the God's Angels Thanksgiving event on Wed, November 24 from 6:00-8:15 pm. Parents, drop off your kids and head to the community Thanksgiving Service at Bridgeview.

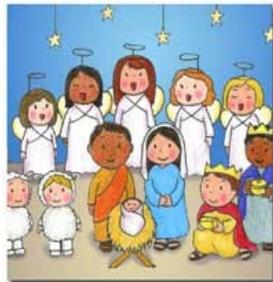
On Sunday, November 28, there will be a family Advent Kick-Off event from 10:00am-12:00pm, in lieu of Sunday School classes. Parents and siblings invited!

Christmas Pageant

Presented by Sunday School & Youth

Sunday, December 19—9:00 am

Sunday School children and Youth are invited to participate. Most rehearsals will be held during the Sunday School hour. A dress rehearsal is scheduled on Saturday, December 18 from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm. A pizza lunch will be provided.



Sunday School children did a great job singing in worship on October 17



Giving Thanks

**God's Angels Celebrates Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 24th**

6:00-8:15 pm

It's pizza and party time!

**We'll provide the pizza, dessert and a beverage AND the games, crafts and FUN!
Hope you will join us!**

Opportunity for Parents—Attend the Thanksgiving Community Worship Service at Bridgeview Community Assembly of God in Big Lake—7:00-8:00 pm while kids attend God's Angels Thanksgiving program.

Please contact Linda Elstad @ 612-701-7024 with any questions you may have.



For more information about Sunday School, contact Jan Hopkins at 763-587-8090 or janrhopkins@aol.com



Social Ministry Committee



Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

(and final day to bring in all donated items)

November 14 at 11:00 am - 'til finished

Please join us!



Volunteers are needed to sort items and stuff boxes. Come anytime and leave anytime! Snacks provided. Kids—you must bring an adult so you can help them pack their shoeboxes. **Many hands make light work. Thank you for participating!**

Just a note to remind you how far your kindness travels into the world. Pictures are from Fiji and Mongolia, just a few of the destinations. (See page 7). Children's lives are changed forever! So are their parents' and communities. As we head into our final stretch toward Packing Day, please consider donating.

Items still needed:

Toys for kids 5-14 yrs. old	Knit hats	Small dolls	Flashlights with Batteries
Tooth Brushes	Match box cars	Bouncy balls	Watches
Combs	Pencil Sharpeners	Stickers	Book bags (especially thin nylon with string straps)
Sunglasses	Yo-yos	Barbie Dolls and clothes	

NEWS FLASH! RECENT LARGE DONATION

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank Roger Stumpf of Waverly for his VERY generous donation of a pick up load of **sixteen totes of beanie babies** that belonged to his late wife Dawn. A request was put on the *FB Monticello What's Happening* site for beanie babies or similar and his sister-in-law mentioned that he still might have them. Roger and Sherry delivered them to Jan Hopkins and Darlene Solberg Saturday morning. Thanks to Terry Hopkins with transporting them into church. We probably have enough for a few years.



The Monticello Community Sharing Tree

We are a program that adopts financially-stressed families for Christmas through area churches. Applications are being accepted until **Wednesday, Nov. 3.**

To receive assistance, please complete ONE application per family using the link: <https://forms.gle/E3AqNUkRpc9tSNauU6>

Or visit the Saint Henry's Catholic Church website <https://www.sthenrycatholic.info/>

Question? Sandy Rousslang (612) 481-9956
Monticellocommunitysharingtree@gmail.com

Please note: Nothing is guaranteed.
All information collected is confidential.

The Sharing Tree is sponsored by the following local churches
Church of Saint Henry, Trinity Lutheran, Community United Methodist, Resurrection Lutheran Church, and Alive!



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HELP CENTER
food. help. hope.

The Help Center accepts donations of food, personal hygiene items, in-season clothing, shoes, and socks. Cash donations are greatly appreciated as well. With every \$1 donated, the MHC is able to provide over \$10 worth of food or personal care items to those struggling. Send your check, made payable to Monticello Help Center PO Box 1220, Monticello MN 55362 or you can make a donation online at <https://monticellohelpcenter.org/donate>.

Operation Christmas Child

A Gift for Prakash

A simple gift brings joy and the Good News to a family in Nepal. The love of God reaches to the farthest corners of the world and can sometimes be demonstrated in surprising ways.

In Nepal, a nation nestled deep in the snow-capped Himalayan Mountains, His love is being shown through gifts that are lovingly packed into simple shoeboxes and delivered by local Operation Christmas Child partners. Though the gifts are small, God can use them to change the hearts of the children and families who receive them.

“My son’s name is Prakash,” said Laxmi Nepali. “The day he got his shoebox gift, he was so happy.” Her son carried his shoebox with him everywhere. He even kept it by his side during meals. But, Laxmi did not feel the same joy as her son. “I used to beat and scold my son,” she said. I used to get so mad.” The family struggled with poverty, and Laxmi’s husband worked far away and was often away from home. “We had nothing,” Laxmi said. “I had no support. But Prakash was so happy. He said, ‘Look Ma, I have a lot of gifts! The doll is mine. The pencils and paper are all for me!’”

After Prakash received his shoebox, Laxmi started attending the church that had delivered the gifts. When she started to go to church, she learned about the love of God and began to feel that He would take care of her family. “God started to lead me in His way,” she said. “I went to church and I confessed my sin and gave my life to God. And then I escaped from all the anger and started to love.”

In a nation where 80 percent of the people profess to be Hindus, Christianity is only a fraction of the less than one percent of people who claim a different religion. “To be a Christian in Nepal means that you’re different than a lot of the other people,” said Matt Foster, a regional director for Operation Christmas Child. But, the great desire of local volunteers who work to deliver Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in the country far outweighs the fact that they are in the vast minority. “They’re so fervent to share the Good News,” Foster said. “They sacrifice so much, and that’s part of why there’s been such a tremendous growth of the church [in Nepal].”

Nepalese churches have been able to deliver shoebox gifts in some of their country’s most remote locations, from the tallest peaks to the lowest valleys. Before they started delivering shoebox gifts, sharing the Gospel was a difficult task. Many people did not want to listen to the Christians speak about the love of God.

“We have been struggling to reach out in the community because we are the Christians and we are the minority group here,” said Dhan Raj Ghimire, the national coordinator for Operation Christmas Child in Nepal. “Now when we go with Operation Christmas Child, they like the gifts very much. It has been a wonderful tool to introduce us in the community.”

Through the dolls, stuffed animals, yo-yos, sunglasses, T-shirts, pencils, and even the toothbrushes that are packed in the shoeboxes, people in Nepal have seen that someone cares about their children. They find tangible love at the churches that deliver the gifts and begin to establish relationships with Christians who continue to demonstrate the love of Christ. “The church can use this to open the door up so that ultimately they can enter into relationship, people can come to Christ, and churches can be planted,” Foster said. “It can transform a whole generation, transform an entire community. “The change in each community begins with just one child, and one family, like Laxmi’s. “Through that box, not only did I come to know God, I came to love Him, too,” she said.



Dedicated volunteers work hard to deliver our shoe boxes in Fiji.

Worship & Music Committee News

All Saints Day—Sunday, November 7

9:00 am Indoor and Online Worship with Remembrances

10:00 am Sunday School for Ages 3—Grade 6

6:00-8:00 pm NIGHT OF LIGHT—Luminarias of Remembrance

All are welcome to place framed photos of loved ones who have gone before us on the chancel for our 9:00 am worship service. In addition, you may make a luminaria to have included in the Night of Light. White paper bags were distributed on Reformation Sunday (10/31) for persons to decorate at home and return on 11/7. Luminarias from last year were saved and will be displayed with any new ones. Students are invited to help set up 4-6pm. Contact MaryLou Krinke with questions.



Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service

Wednesday, November 24—7:00 pm — *All are welcome!*

Hosted by Bridgeview Assembly of God 20500 Co Rd 11, Big Lake

Note to parents of children in Grades K-6 —

God's Angels Thanksgiving program at Trinity from 6:00-8:15 pm.



Readers, Vocalists, Ushers, Greeters, and Tech Assistants

are needed each week. Sign up to volunteer online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA9AF2BA6FDC07-scripture> or add your name to the list on the bulletin board in the lobby.

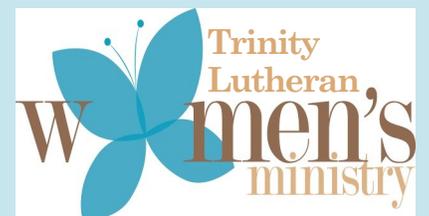
Trinity is also in need of a few individuals to learn the operation of the sound board and cameras to fill in when our Worship Tech is unavailable. Please contact Jason at worshiptech@tlcmonticello.org to help!

November Worship Assistants

DATE	MUSICIAN	VOCALIST(S)	READER	USHERS	GREETER(S)	TECH ASST
11/7	Amy Klatt	You?	Marylou Krinke	Steve & Linda Ray	Ed & Dianne Lindvall	Steve Torbit
11/14	Amy Klatt		Sherie Danner	Jane & Addy Kiphuth	Phil & Ollie White	Steve Stupar
11/21	Amy Klatt		Natalie Krinke	Jordan & Zachary Horst	Karen Stupar	Hunter Florek
11/28	Harry Walsh		Tom Anderson	Gary Nelson/Tanya Horst	Steve & Linda Ray	Steve Torbit

Rebecca Circle—Wednesday, November 10 at 1:30 pm

Join us for Bible study, fellowship and treats! Rebecca Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the library. Zoom is also available for those who are unable to attend in person. Their Fall bible study is *The Gift of the Spirit* from the Gather magazine. For more information contact Karen Stupar 763-227-5777.



Men's Group — November 1 and November 15

Trinity's Men's group meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm in the library. The Men's Fall study is based on the book, *Jesus Outside the Lines* by Scott Sauls. Contact Tom Anderson for more information—thomas.anderson@tds.net. *All are welcome!*



Meet & Greet

Let's get to know each other better

The Drexler Family

Jarrood, Trudy, Makenna and Gannon plus four (two dogs and two cats)



The Drexler family joined TLC in 2018 after moving to Monticello from New Ulm in December of 2017. Gannon was also baptized at Trinity in 2018.

Jarrood works at Graco in Rogers, and Trudy runs a home daycare. Makenna is 6 years old and in the 1st grade. She enjoys Karate and basketball.

Gannon is 3 years of age and attends preschool part-time. He loves helping his dad work in the garage. Makenna and Gannon regularly attend TLC Sunday School and Trudy is a member of the Christian Education Committee.

The family enjoys spending weekends in the summer at their cabin on the lake in Remer, Minnesota.




Advent Kickoff Potluck Brunch

Sponsored by Christian Education Committee
Sunday, November 28 @ 10:00am - 12noon

Join us for a fun time of fellowship for all ages, great food, Christmas carols, and an advent craft!
 Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Wednesday Confirmation Classes—7:00-8:15 pm

Confirmation classes are well-underway for students in grades 7, 8, and 9. Last year was primarily online, but with the availability of vaccines for teens, classes are again in-person. Joining by Zoom is an option for illness. Worship worksheets and other forms can be found on the website, under Kids&Youth. Confirmation families host coffee social time and help with worship on the third (3rd) Sunday of every month during the school year.

Upcoming Lessons

- Nov 3 Service Night
- Nov 10 Joseph
- Nov 17 Moses & Pharoah
- Nov 24 No Class

*God's blessings to you. God's blessings to you.
 The Lord bless and keep you another year through!*



- 11/1 Dylan Brenny
- 11/3 Becky Mongeon
- 11/3 Steve Torbit
- 11/4 Diann Dahlgren
- 11/5 Jay Brenny
- 11/5 Trudy Drexler
- 11/5 Jenson Wallin

- 11/6 Cory Kosloske
- 11/9 Ellen Bjornlie
- 11/10 Marcy Malone
- 11/12 Duane Dahlgren
- 11/15 Preston Pemberton
- 11/15 Avery Voss
- 11/19 Jacob Headley

- 11/19 Robin Wallin
- 11/20 Vanette Granlund
- 11/20 Peg Tnedle
- 11/28 Phil White
- 11/29 Chris Wallin
- 11/30 Timothy Dieterichs

Chili Cook-Off—And the Winners are...

1st Place was awarded to Jenny Weisenberger for her White Chicken Chili (Pot #6). Thanks to Jenny for sharing her recipe! **2nd Place**—Pot #9 White Chicken Chili with Corn—Jared Klatt (<https://www.thechunkychef.com/slow-cooker-creamy-white-chicken-chili/>); **3rd Place**—Pot #5 Slow Cooker Pumpkin Chili (<https://therrecipcritic.com/slow-cooker-pumpkin-chili/>)—Katie Kosloske; and **People's Choice**—Pot #1 Five-Bean Chili—Arlys Lund.

Thanks to our chili makers and dessert bakers, our judges, and all who came to the 4th almost Annual Chili Cook-Off! We appreciate your support for Trinity's Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive. Much fun was had by all!

The Social Ministry Committee.



Jenny Weisenberger—1st Place



Jared Klatt—2nd Place



Katie Kosloske—3rd Place



Arlys Lund—People's Choice



Judge Tom Anderson

White Chicken Chili

Total Time: Prep. 10 minutes. Cook 40 minutes

Yield: 7 Servings

Ingredients:

- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1-1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 cans (15-1/2 ounces each) great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth
- 2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chilies
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- Tortilla chips, optional
- Shredded cheddar cheese, optional
- Sliced seeded jalapeno pepper, optional

Directions:

1. In a large saucepan, saute the chicken, onion and garlic powder in oil until chicken is no longer pink. Add the beans, broth, chilies, and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered, for 30 minutes.
2. Remove from the heat; stir in sour cream and cream. If desired, top with tortilla chips, cheese and jalapenos.



Trinity's Social Ministry Committee

Trinity Tidbits

Do Your Christmas Shopping with ScripCards

Contact Jan Hopkins—763-587-8090 or janhopkins@aol.com to order Scrip Cards to use for your purchases at local stores and restaurants. Visa gift cards are also available. Your order can be picked up at church on Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10:00 am-3:00 pm. You can also purchase Scrip cards through the app. Look up *ShopWithScrip* to find out more information.



Tithes & Offerings—Thank you for contributing to your church.

How do you make an offering? Offerings may be

- o placed in the collection plates near the sanctuary exit doors
- o mailed to Trinity Lutheran P.O. Box 776 Monticello, MN 55362 or
- o given online through the Trinity website—go to www.tlcmonticello.org and click the link for “Online Giving (onetime or weekly giving from bank acct)” or
- o download the green *Tithe.ly* app on your phone and give a one-time gift or weekly offering that way, or
- o sign up for *Simply Giving* regular auto donations through your checking or savings account

Pray FOR Healing, Comfort and Protection

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| • Nancy Axelson | • Tammi Johnson | • Russ Reigner | • Karen Wickline |
| • Judy B | • Buddy Kalpin | • Kim Rose | • Sue Yeazle |
| • Ellen Bjornlie | • Jim & Shirley Kalway | • Darlene Sawatzke | • Ann Zastrow |
| • June Bluhm | • Mary Kounkel | • Sally Schmidt | |
| • Colleen Commerford | • Dan Mielke | • Kathleen Selken | All medical professionals, including: |
| • Mary Ehrman | • Family of Norma Miller | • Shirley Swenson | • Kim Chartrand |
| • Bruce Finden | • Lou Oberdeck | • Barb Thorpe | • Kristina Kjellberg |
| • Rebecca Florek | • Ki Orre | • Selma Tuenge | • Christine Johnson |
| • Diane Frencl | • Shawn Picht | • Trinity Lutheran | • Gretchen Yonak |
| • Laura | • Brad Ray | • TLC Pastor & Council | |
| • Lance Gubrub | • Kathy Ray | • Millie Vetsch | |
| • Cole Harn | • Steve Ray | • Connor Walberg | |

Names will appear for four weeks. To be renewed on the prayer list, contact the office.



Trinity celebrated Re(d)formation Sunday

On October 31, worshippers wore “Spirit red,” and sang hymns by Luther. We talked about evaluating our practices and also embracing the work of the Spirit—who inspires us to change. Kids learned how “God never lets us go” with help of a magnet.



A very special THANK YOU to Ed Lindvall for fixing the doors on the mini-library at West Bridge Park. Now we can put books in there again for everyone to “check-out” and enjoy. Thank you Ed – you ROCK!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACTS

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OFFICE HOURS Tuesday - Thursday 10a-5p, Friday 10a-1p



November 2021



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—10:00 am-5:00 pm — Friday —10:00 am-1:00 pm						
<i>Some events or activities are subject to change. Check with office.</i>	1 Office closed 9:00a Counting Team 6:15-7:45p Cub Scouts 7:00p Men's Group	2 6:30p Zoom Worship & Music Mtg	3 7:00-8:15p Confirmation	4 4:00p OCC Unwrap- ping Party	5 5:30-8p Iglesia	6
7 Pentecost 24 9:00a Indoor/Online Worship 10:00a Sunday School/Coffee Social (Social Ministry) 10:30 Social Ministry Meeting 2:00p Iglesia Worship 6:00-8:00p Night of Light	8 Office closed Veterans Day 9:00a Counting Team 5:30p Finance Committee	9 7:00p Council	10 1:30p Rebecca Circle—Library 7:00-8:15p Confirmation	11	12 Office Closed 5:30-8p Iglesia	13
14 Pentecost 25 9:00a Indoor/Online Worship 10:00a Sunday School/Coffee Social (Decorating) 11:00a OCC Packing Day/Final Donations/Lunch-Fellowship Hall 2:00p Iglesia Worship	15 Office closed 9:00a Counting Team 6:15-7:45p Cub Scouts 7:00p Men's Group	16	17 7:00-8:15p Confirmation	18 7:00p Property Meeting	19 Office Closed 5:30-8p Iglesia	20 9:00- 3:00p Council Retreat
21 Pentecost 26/Youth Sunday/ Communion/Synod Offering 9:00a Indoor/Online Worship 10:00a Sunday School/Coffee Social (Youth) 2:00p Iglesia Worship	22 Office closed Newsletter articles due 9:00a Counting Team	23	24 No Confirmation 6-8:15p God's Angels 7:00-8:15p Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Bridgeview AOG	25 Office Closed 	26 Office Closed 5:30-8p Iglesia	27
28 Advent 1 9:00a Indoor/Online Worship 10:00a Advent Kickoff Potluck Brunch/Craft/Carols No Sunday School 2:00p Iglesia Worship	29 Office closed 9:00a Counting Team	30 10:00a CentraCare Worship (tentative)				

Join a Bible Study or Committee—All Are Welcome!

Committee/Group	Contact	Email	Meetings
Confirmation Class	Pastor Amy	pastoramy@tlcmonticello.org	Weekly—Wednesday—7:00p
Church Council (Congregational Council)	Bruce McNickle	brucemcnickle100@gmail.com	2nd Tuesday—7:00p
Decorating	Karen Stupar	763-227-5777	As needed
Fun & Fellowship/TLC Member Care	Karen Torbit	443-791-2054	TBD
Men's Group	Tom Anderson	thomas.anderson@tds.net	1st & 3rd Mon 7p—Sept-May
Property Committee	Tom Sipe	tbsipe@gmail.com	4th Thursday—7:00p
Rebecca Women's Circle	Karen Stupar	763-227-5777	2nd Wednesday-Sept-May
Social Ministry Committee/OCC Shoeboxes	Kim Kjellberg	kimmikj@hotmail.com	1st Sunday—10:00a
Tuesday Bible Study	Dianne Lindvall	763-245-8425	TBD
Christian Education/Sunday School	Katie Kosloske	Katie.kosloske@gmail.com	Quarterly planning meetings
Welcome & Outreach	Pastor Amy	pastoramy@tlcmonticello.org	TBD
Worship & Music/Altar Guild	PA/M&L Mardaus	thomas.anderson@tds.net	2nd Sunday—11:00a