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# Parish Perspective

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### "Trinity life" in pictures — a blessed and busy September



Sunday School started with songs and Bible stories



Many enjoyed pancakes and conversation during the annual Rally Day Youth Breakfast



Rummage (or treasures?!) Sale goods drew big crowds of frugal community shoppers — members of all ages worked to raise funds while re-purposing, re-gifting, sharing garden produce, and reducing waste on God's great earth



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# From our Council

## President's Update

What a wonderful day we had on Sunday September 29, 2019! With promises and prayers, we officially installed Pastor Amy! It was great to have Pastor John Hulden visiting with us and offering the encouraging message on installation day. A big THANK YOU to all our special music during the service and after service, during brunch, as well.

Last month I mentioned that Trinity will be dreaming and brainstorming, working toward a congregation Vision Statement. We are still working on getting some ideas out to you all and would like to hear from each of you any thoughts or ideas.

We are scheduling a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 27, 2019 immediately following the service. Stay for 15-20 minutes before heading to coffee or packing shoeboxes. There will be only two items to discuss and vote on. The first is a minor constitution language change, so that the definition of "written communication" includes electronic methods (email, etc) not only hardcopy (paper) mailed through the postal service. The second will be to change our congregational quorum requirement to a percentage of average Sunday worship attendance, rather than a specific hard number. See you there. God bless, Marc Jacobson



## Council Spotlight—get to know who represents you

### *Councilperson Steve Torbit*

My wife, Karen and I joined Trinity in January 2018 after moving here from Maryland to be near our daughter, Allison and her family. We have two children and 5 grandchildren, ages 2-7. Our son, Patrick, resides with his wife and their three children in Petaluma, California where he is the pastor at Elim Lutheran Church.



Before moving to Minnesota, I owned a small plumbing business and Karen was the full-time music director at Trinity Lutheran Church in Joppa, MD. I am currently employed as the plumbing manager for a commercial facilities company in Golden Valley. Karen is enjoying being retired so she can enjoy our grandchildren here and in California! We both enjoy volunteering and participating in the music program and other various activities at Trinity.

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**"Trinity is a shining light in Monticello..."**

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In our search for a new church home, we wanted to find a church *family* not just a church. The people at Trinity were so friendly and welcoming! We felt loved on our very first visit! We were also looking for a place where community service and outreach were an important part of the church. We were surprised and pleased to find in Trinity a church that was small, but mighty in many ways! It was amazing to learn of the many great programs, activities and mission projects this little church can support because of the large number of dedicated, hardworking volunteers! Trinity is a shining light in Monticello where its members are truly the hands and feet of Christ! Karen and I feel blessed to be a part of this very special community of faith!

# Children, Youth, and Family

## Singing or Praying twice?

“When you sing, you pray twice.” That is a saying commonly attributed to Augustine, a fourth century bishop of the western church whose writings greatly influenced church reformers like Martin Luther. Augustine promoted infant baptism, the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and ... YES! ... singing to praise God, like the angels announcing the birth of Jesus (!)

Teaching our children to sing is important. Singing can express emotion, and the joys or the sorrows of the heart, like little else. Music can offer refreshment, comfort, words to complex feelings. It has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety, lift one’s mood, boost health, even make people smarter. New research shows that music can communicate basic human feelings regardless of the singer’s cultural and ethnic background.

And music can be fun!

If your child needs a little distraction during worship, and the “busy bags” are no longer holding her/his attention



anymore, see if there is a children’s bulletin available. Or, consider encouraging your child to sing with music educator Amy Klatt, during the sermon portion of worship.

**2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays of the month**  
**OPTIONAL MUSIC TIME with Amy**

- **Downstairs in the Opening Room**
- **Immediately after the Children’s Message** (returning after the sermon)



## Sunday Church School and the role of parents in Christian education

Parents and day-to-day guardians play a very important role in a child’s learning and development. Each and every day, your child is watching you, listening to you, learning to imitate you, learning what you value and what gives you life and joy. Your child is learning to expand their vocabulary when you talk with them about their day. Your child is learning language and literacy when you provide books or magazines and a variety of writing tools. Your child is learning to be curious and confident when you give them plenty of opportunities to experience many different environments and discover new things. Your child is learning mathematics when you plan meals, cook and bake together or play board games. Yes, children learn in school—but they create their deepest habits and belief-systems in the home. The same applies to learning about God and Christianity and being part of a church community. Sunday School is important but...

Your child is learning when (and how) to turn to God when *you* model prayer. Your child is learning how to prioritize God when *you* go to worship (and when you don’t). Your child is learning how to talk about (or sing, or show) their faith when they hear *you* express yours.

Try to talk with your child after Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, even a Children’s Message. What one thing did they hear in the lesson? What question stands out? What was funny?

Encourage your to child “pretend church” or echo after you (when you pray, when you read your Bible). They matter. So do you.



# Children, Youth, and Family

## LISTENING-SHARING EVENT

Wednesday, October 9 @ 8:15pm

Parents and youth ages 12-18+ are invited to attend an evening of PONDERING, BRAINSTORMING and DREAMING!

### What do YOU WANT for the Youth and Family programming at TLC?

We will talk about the various possibilities for Confirmation and beyond. What unique experiences might our older youth find meaningful? Local service? Mission trip out-of-state? Ice cream chats? Camp? We are looking at 2-3 night retreats and some options.

COME add your voice and help make a program that will make a difference! (There will be snacks.)



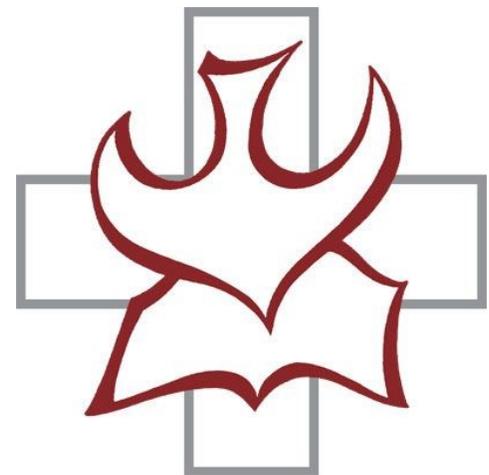
## CONFIRMATION COMMITMENTS

- Show up ready to participate in the groups and leave your screens off (or at home if too tempting)
- Be on time—Confirmation is from 7:00 to 8:15 pm
- Be consistent in your Sunday worship attendance  
Please worship 2x per month (or more)
- Add meaning to worship services by ushering, reading scripture, or providing worship music
- Complete 10 worship worksheets during the year
- Participate in the special events  
Guest speaker—Learning Night 02/19/2020  
Wednesday Lenten dinners 3/4 to 04/01/2020
- And ninth graders, write your Faith Statement or prepare your Faith Project by May 1 — more on that by the end of 2019

thank you 😊

Thanks to all the parents and students who attended the Orientation/Parent Night on September 22.

Thank you to those parents who signed up to mentor small group discussions. Thank you to the families who offered to bring healthy snacks (fruit, crackers, whatever) to start our evening. Some weeks are still available.



## CONFIRMATION

Grades 7,8,9

### LESSONS for OCTOBER 2019

October 2 - The birth of Jesus

October 6 - Temptations (of Christ, of us)

October 16 - MEA Break -- no class

October 24 - Jesus' famous sermon

October 30 - Small Group Service Activity

# In the World, **Not** of the World

Trinity members can frequently be found in service to others, in a variety of ways and through a variety of organizations. Recently, some were spotted doing just that! In mid-September, the Rotary Club of Monticello held their annual Taste of the Towns food and beverage fundraiser event to support



Two Trinity members were out front, greeting and checking in ticket holders.



Monticello community service projects. These Rotarians and their significant others are by no means the only Trinity members out and about being the hands and feet of Christ in our area. Trinity members are very

connected, involved, and dedicated. Some have even been recognized publicly for their community service. For example, in August, Judy Harn was honored as the *Wright*



Judy Harn,  
Wright County Senior Citizen of the Year

*County Senior Citizen of the Year* for her volunteerism and for her commitment to our Monticello Help Center. In June, our own “Lenten soup chef” Larry Kunkel was named *Monticello Citizen of the Year* for his dedication to local sports (go Polecats!) and the various causes through the Monticello Lions.

Well-done, good and faithful servants of the Lord!

NEWSLETTER READERS—See a Trinity member doing God’s work in the world? Ask to

take their photo! Submit a short story and the pic.



Larry Kunkel,  
Monticello Citizen of the Year



Speaking of taking pictures, as we update our website, we need photos of various groups and committees of our congregation. Please take digital pictures of your group when you meet, and send it to [pastoramy@tlcmonticello.org](mailto:pastoramy@tlcmonticello.org).

# Worth a Thousand Words *September Snapshots*



# Ever Wondered... Why Halloween? All Saints Sunday?

The reason we celebrate Halloween on October 31 is that it evolved out of a Roman Catholic holiday called All Hallows Eve. It was a night of feasting that occurred the day before All Saints Day, a general celebration of the saints which comes on November 1.

Halloween evolved from the combination of two existing celebrations, All Hallows Eve and a celebration of the harvest called Samhain. Hungry children added the begging for food part which has evolved into what we know of as Trick-or-Treating.

The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth.



People would dress up as spirits on All Hallows Eve to confuse the spirits that were believed to walk the earth on that day.

## ALL SAINTS? YES, WE ARE!

Who is a saint? You are! And so am I.

Martin Luther calls us a "saint" and a "sinner" at the same time. For Christ came to redeem us (and "sanctify").

**On All Saints Sunday, November 3, we remember our deceased loved ones.**

Lost a loved one this year? Plan on being present in worship. There will be a dedicated time of remembrance.

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And [Christ] who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Romans 8:27

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## Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 pm worship

St. Henry's Catholic Church

*Pastor Amy Chalupnik from Trinity Lutheran preaching*

### Participating Churches

Trinity Lutheran Church  
New Life in Christ Ministry  
Change of Heart Church  
Monticello Covenant Church

Bridgeview Assembly of God  
Community United Methodist Church  
Resurrection Lutheran  
St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church

# October 2019 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:00 Bible Study 2:00 Welcome/Outreach 5:30 Refit Class	<b>2</b> 9:00 Faithfully Fit 7:00 7,8,9 Confirmation	<b>3</b> 5:35 Refit Class 6:00 Trinity Choir 6:00 Scouts	<b>4</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 5:00 Iglesia Shalom	<b>5</b> 9:00 Refit Class 11:00 Feed My Starving Children 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service
<b>6</b> <b>9:00 Worship with Holy Communion</b> <b>Speaker from OCC</b> 10:00 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Social Ministry Mtg 10:30 Adult Forum—OCC 2:00 Iglesia Shalom Service	<b>7</b> 5:00 Finance Mtg 5:30 Refit Class 7:00 Men of Trinity Kick Off	<b>8</b> 9:00 Bible Study 9:30 OCC Wrapping Boxes 5:30 Refit Class 7:00 Church Council	<b>9</b> 9:00 Faithfully Fit 7:00 7,8,9 Confirmation 8:15 CYF Brainstorming Event	<b>10</b> 12:00 Monticello Ministerium Meeting (offsite) 5:30 Refit Class 6:00 Trinity Choir 6:00 Scouts	<b>11</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 5:00 Iglesia Shalom	<b>12</b> 8:00am TLC Fall Cleanup 9:00 Refit Class 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 Worship</b> 10:00 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 OCC Wrapping Boxes 10:00 Worship/Music Mtg.	<b>14</b> 5:30 Refit Class	<b>15</b> 9:00 Bible Study 9:30 OCC Wrapping Boxes 5:30 Refit Class	<b>16</b> 9:00 Faithfully Fit 7:00 7,8,9 Confirmation	<b>17</b> 5:30 Refit Class 6:00 Trinity Choir 6:00 Scouts	<b>18</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 5:00 Iglesia Shalom	<b>19</b> 9:00 Refit Class 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service
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## Special Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, October 27 immediately following worship (10 am-ish)**

Only two minor congregation constitution changes to be discussed and approved

- Quorum requirement
- Clarifying definition of written communication

**All voting members are invited and highly encouraged to attend—Intended to be quick**

## Worship Speaker Bio

John Kinder will be offering the message on October 6 during our worship service. John is the year-round volunteer Area Coordinator of the Central Minnesota team, for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). John has served in this capacity for four years. He has spoken at a number of congregations in the area, and he plans to share about how God calls each one of us as believers in different ways to share the good news of Jesus—sometimes not through words.

Welcome John! Welcome Kerry!



**Trinity celebrates the work of God throughout the world.**

Our congregation participates with these efforts in various ways, including through our monthly benevolence giving, and some social ministry projects like Operation Christmas Child (OCC).

## Global Missions Weekend

**SATURDAY**— Feed My Starving Children Packing event—See below. Carpool or meet there. We are packing 11am-12:30pm.

**SUNDAY**— Wellspring worship music team will lead worship with ethnic-sourced music. Scripture lessons will be read in languages other than English. Our worship guest speaker will be John Kinzer from OCC. An informational “adult forum” will be offered by OCC’s Kerry Friedman at 10:30 am. Stay to hear more.

## Her name was Jane

Her name was Jane. Her eyes still haunt those who tried to save her. Her story is heartbreaking. Her story ended the same day as her father’s funeral. She was severely malnourished. In the hospital, she could barely whisper. She wanted food. She died without. Cause of death—starvation.

Hunger continues to rise, despite the efforts of many. According to Mark Crea, Executive Director/CEO of Feed My Starving Children, they are currently dealing with a 70 million meal gap. The “on-the-ground partners” have asked FMSC for simply more food than they can provide. This gap leaves children like Jane without food and often with little to no hope.

*“I looked for someone among them who would...stand before me in the gap...”*  
Ezekiel 22:30

Will you stand in the gap?

**Come pack meals with Trinity on Saturday**

**October 5 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm**

Coon Rapids Feed My Starving Children



# Worship and Music

Our worship of God is greatly enhanced by the varied musical offerings during the Sunday service. A number of talented artists shared their gifts this month, and we are grateful.

## Thank you worship musicians!

- Randy Zieman and his grandson Chase
- Abigail Stupar
- Jason Chalupnik
- our Trinity Sunday School children
- Amy Klatt



## Vocalists & Instrumentalists Wanted

Love to sing? Looking for a place to belong? Consider joining the choir. Trinity is blessed to have a vocal choir leading our singing during the year and the Trinity Choir is open to all. You don't even need to read music (although it helps). Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary space. Accompaniment is sought too. Do you play?



## OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	USHERS	LECTORS	GREETERS
October 6	Ketzel & Dab Domke	Steve Swenson & David Briner	Marcy Malone
October 13			
October 20			
October 27			

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these members, friends, family members, and community residents in your prayers this month.

Karen Wickline  
Joan Rohloff  
Rebecca Florek  
Becky Grabski  
Ki Orre  
Lance Gubrud  
Loyal Dudley  
Denny Holker

Merilee Heuchert  
Larry Peterson  
Jim Thorpe  
Darla Berry  
Barb Thorp  
Sara Freiday  
Natalie Myrick  
James Given

Nancy Axelson  
Buddy Kalpin  
Jack Hansen  
David Grimes  
Lois (Steve's Mom)  
Mary Zieman  
Tom Merchlewicz  
Gene Decker

June Bluhm  
Haleigh and her family  
Steve Swenson  
Brian Groff  
Steve Swenson  
Marc and Cindy Simpson  
and family

**DID YOU KNOW?** With HIPPA, churches are no longer notified of a congregants' hospitalization or accident ... **PLEASE** contact Pastor Amy or the office if you are hospitalized or are anticipating a hospitalization (surgery or similar).

# Trinity Tidbits

## Feeling S.A.D.?

Seasonal Affective Disorder

It IS A Real Thing! It does affect a lot of people. Maybe you.

As the days shorten and there is less sunlight, our mood can actually be affected—it might be more than just a winter “funk”. Recognize it. Name it.

## What can you do?

Buy a Happy Light (light therapy box), take Vitamin D, seek professional help, talk with a friend, get out of the house, see your doctor about medication, visit a chiropractor or get a massage, drink lots of water, enjoy regular exercise, take a vacation if you can afford it and you have the time -- even a few days in the sun helps! Try a combination of methods. Listen to yourself. Talk with others.

Taking care of your emotional self is as important as brushing your teeth or feeding yourself. Self-care is provided for you, by you — it is and absolutely necessary!

# MEN of TRINITY



## Fall Kick-off

**Monday, October 7, 7:00 pm**  
**Church Library**

Casual Get-Acquainted Gathering

Refreshments served

Come and bring a friend!

Men's Group meets  
the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month



### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

# Trinity Tidbits



Hello Trinity landscape lovers!

Do you enjoy the shrubs and flowers blooming in the spring and summer? Is the sight of a weed-free flower garden your idea of heaven? Do you wish you could help keep our church property inviting to all that cross paths with this place?

We'll come and join the **FALL CLEAN-UP** crew on **Saturday, October 12** from **8am to NOON** for a fun and fulfilling day of making our property as great as the people that visit this place!

Bring your gloves, your rake, your leaf blower, or whatever tools you may need to help to the FALL CLEAN-UP. Come when you can, leave when you must. There may even be a coffee, juice and donut break. **THANK YOU** in advance, Property Group

## Remember monthly Benevolence Sunday

Trinity has designated the first Sunday of each month as "Benevolence Sunday" when we take a special offering to support our synod benevolence. This offering is *in addition to* the standard plates or baskets, and is often collected in globe-shaped bowls—to show that the funds will be "sent forth" to do God's work throughout the church and world.

What is benevolence?

As members of the ELCA, we do *mission together* through our financial giving. We do God's work in ways that no individual congregation or synod can do alone. "Mission" is a broad term used to describe all the ministries of this church, including those involving ELCA missionaries who work with our Lutheran partners around the world and ELCA World Hunger. "Support" is the portion of members' offerings that makes all ELCA ministries possible, here at home and abroad.

If God has blessed you, please consider bringing some extra cash with you the first Sunday of the month for benevolence—in the globe bowls—during the offering collection. Denote "benev" on any checks. Thank you.



## God's Angels October 2019 Wednesday, October 23 – 6:00-7:45 PM Spook-tacular Supper & Party

Bring a spooky bag supper  
and come in your Halloween costume for fun & games

\*\* God's Angels is for all children K-6th grade \*\*

\*\*\* Friends are ALWAYS welcome too! \*\*\*

Under Kindergarten-aged goblins – please join us with an adult – we will have spooky fun things for you to do too!

For a number of years, Trinity has been sharing Christmas joy with kids around the world by packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. You can participate too, in a variety of ways. One easy way: donate items!



*Since there are always lots of donations for babies and toddlers, Trinity has chosen to only collect for 5-14 year olds.*

Find new, unused (and small!) items at dollar stores, Goodwill, local shops, or big box retail. Some new and "re-gifted" items were even found at the Trinity Rummage Sale last month!



Some suggested items:

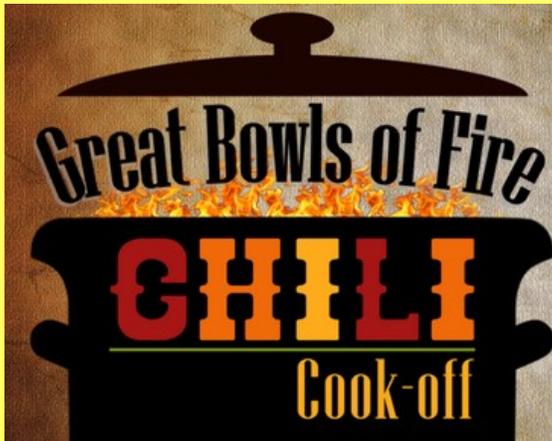
Doll and doll clothes, soccer balls (*or donate \$10—see page 15*), foam/Nerf ball, baseball, stuffed animal, small musical instrument (harmonica, woodwind recorder), small notebooks and crayons, compact mirror, pencils and small manual pencil sharpener, solar powered calculator, coloring books, personal note or family picture

## Showing first ...then telling of God's love, mercy, care for all



PICTURE LEFT— Girls from the Buryat, an unreached people group in Dadal, Mongolia, enjoy the opportunity to participate in a child's new discipleship course (print copy seen here)

Three thousand (3,000) people live in the remote village. Five (5) children attended Sunday School after receiving a shoebox...until they began offering a 12-lesson discipleship course. Now, a surprising 14 boys and girls attend church and learn about Jesus, in addition to 20 adult church members.



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**5:30 PM**

**COME TO COMPETE  
(OR JUST TO EAT!)**

Bring a crockpot of your favorite chili by 5:00pm to be entered in the contest!

\* Freewill Offering Benefits the OCC Shoeboxes \*

## Operation Christmas Child Events

### Event Wrapping

Wednesday, October 30, 6:00pm

### Coffee Fellowship Fundraiser

Sunday, November 3, after worship

### Shoebox Packing Day

Sunday, Nov 17, after worship



## FOR SALE

### SOCCER BALLS & PUMPS \$10

Soccer balls and pumps are the perfect gift in a shoebox. A team sport ball can be a gift for many children not just the one recipient.

Play by yourself or play with a group, a ball is more than a toy. One ball can start a friendship. One ball can serve a whole school. Soccer is a game many kids can play, whether or not the kids "know the official rules".

Children are creative. They can make balls from balled-up trash bags or from twine. Or you can...

Buy a Soccer Ball and manual pump to put in a shoebox for a lucky boy or girl. Only \$10 each! Stop by the OCC table across from our worship space.



Trinity Lutheran's 6th Annual  
**Fall Craft &  
Vendor Boutique**  
**Saturday, November 9  
9:00am to 3:00pm**  
Proceeds support TLC's Youth and Christian Education Ministries



Pic of one craft table at the 2018 boutique

JOIN THE FUN at the Sixth Annual Fall Boutique

Saturday, November 9 - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Come and browse handcrafted items  
and shop from popular vendors you know & love.

Buy a great lunch here & enjoy some fellowship!

## VENDORS

TLC Bakery  
Color Street  
Thirty-One  
Jackie So Crafty  
Paparazzi Jewelry  
Mann Made Woodworking  
Heritage Metal and Woodworks

Maritime Roasters  
Breads by Carissa  
Norwex  
Treasures for Tots  
Crafts by Natalie & Friends  
Scentsy  
Urban Crafts

Close To My Heart  
Miss Molly's Closet  
Teacups & Such  
Erv's Jewelry & Other Creations  
Living Well w/ Essential Oils  
Life In Balance  
*And more... come and find out!*

# Go in Peace, Serve the Lord *Home Communion*

## HELP WANTED

Winter is coming. Some are not able to be in worship due to weather, exposure to illness, or other hardship.

We are in need of volunteers to visit and bring communion to those who may be homebound.

You might be thinking, “Boy, I would love to do this, but am I qualified?” The answer is YES! If you are interested, then you are qualified!

Pastor Amy has offered to teach a handful of dedicated communion servers how to share the sacrament after worship, or during the week, or whenever it might be convenient for a less mobile neighbor to receive—and you to do it!

You might be thinking, “I *used* to do this. Can I do it again?” The answer is YES! Location of supplies and such may have changed, so try to make time for a quick “refresher course”. Happy to have returning servers!



### Why do we need to do this?

For the same reasons we celebrate the Lord’s Supper on Sundays in worship. We are following Christ’s command —“Do this in remembrance of me,” right from Luke 22.

It is a blessed opportunity to draw near to our Lord, to be filled by the body and blood of Christ, to recognize the love and forgiveness of Jesus, and to be drawn closer together, one with another. (Communion = community)

It is also to remember that we disciples of Jesus fled and abandoned Jesus in his final hours of life, however he never abandoned us—not even on the cross when he looked down to give his aged mother to John and John to his mother. Jesus calls us his own, prayed to God for us, and refers to us as brothers and sisters—children of God. Therefore, in imitating Christ, we reach out to those in need, those who are grieving, or suffering, or stuck. What better outreach than our hands reaching out with “the means of grace” (the body and blood of Jesus “in, with, and under” the waver and the wine).

Though, of course, shut-ins can be remembered and honored in other ways, like a card in the mail or a phone call. But what a delight for them to know, when we celebrate the coming together in unity, that the church body still sees the homebound as part of the body? It is a tangible, consumable reminder that they are not cut off, not forgotten, not beyond the reach of God’s grace and our love.

Please, help us bring the means of grace to those who need the means of grace.

**Talk to Pastor Amy if you are interested in this important and rewarding ministry.**



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## ~ Bible Verse of the Month

### John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,  
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me  
will never walk in darkness, but will have the light  
of life."



## October Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Treats & Conversation  
following the Service

Inviting ... Igniting ... Exciting