

Trinity Carillon

November 2009

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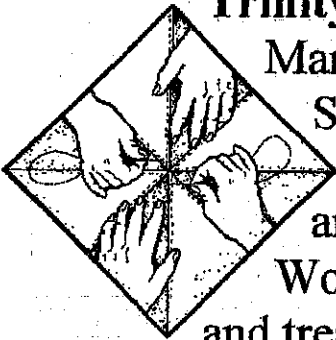
ORDER APPLE PIES

BY NOV 14TH



FROM

HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH
GROUP



Trinity Quilters - Lana Bedel, Kathy Buckridge, Olga Frazer, Marion Nelson, Joyce Sawdon, Molly Sawdon, Wilma Schmaltz, Ginny Smalenberg, Marge VanSickle, Agnes Warsinske, and Loretta Warsinski have made 101 quilts and 36 School Bags/Kits, and 53 Health Kits for Lutheran World relief. Thanks to all who donated their time, talents and treasures.

November means Elections

Please give prayerful consideration to serving on:

- *Board of Christian Ed
- *Church Council
- *Planning Board
- *Social Concerns
- *Board of Trustees
- *Board of Elders
- *Board of Evangelism

...SERVE ONE

ANOTHER

WITH

WHATEVER

GIFT EACH OF

YOU HAS

RECEIVED.



1 PETER 4:10

Sunday, November 8th

11:00 AM Service

SALUTING
OUR
VETERANS



Refreshments between
8:30 & 11:00 services

November begins with our All Saints' celebration as we remember those laid to rest from our ministry over the last year. We remember them as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus who, though they had their faults, trusted in Jesus for God's forgiving grace . . . that gift of grace makes them worthy of the designation "saints" . . . so we remember them as saints and celebrate the gift of life God grants to the faithful . . . a gift HE shares with us as well!

All Saints'

Then there is the celebration of Veterans' Day on the 2nd Sunday. This year we plan a little more than our Sunday morning celebration, on Saturday morning of that weekend some of our members are arranging a special opportunity for Veterans (and others responsible for seniors) to learn of the benefits available to them. God has used their sacrifices, together with the sacrifices of comrades in arms who did not return at the end of their service, to share the amazing blessings our nation's freedom brings to us. We have a great deal for which to thank these men and women, and our God who gave success to their sacrifices on our behalf.

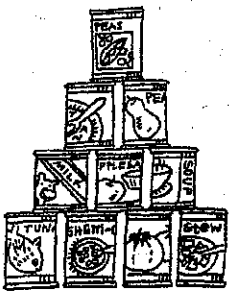


First Sunday of Advent

At the end of the month comes the first Sunday in Advent, the season of the preparation for the gift of our Savior . . . the birth of Jesus, who comes to deliver us from the powers of sin and death. In Advent we remember also Jesus' return in glory to carry us home to HIS Father's Kingdom at the end of the age.

There is so much to celebrate! There is so much for which to thank and praise God! Add the blessings of family, home, food, clothing . . . and so much more . . . it just seems appropriate that we celebrate the festival of Thanksgiving as the focal holiday of the month. As you say, "Thank you!" to

God, we want to invite you to join in our regular thank-offerings to God this time of year, in the form of non-perishable food and other necessities for struggling families. Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of one of these My brothers, you do for me." What more appropriate way to say thank you to our gracious host than by sharing the blessings of HIS gifts with HIM through these "brothers of HIS" who are in need? What will you bring for the food in-gathering, November 22nd through the 29th? If you are already gone for the holidays at that time, perhaps you can share your gift in the congregations you visit during your travels? . . . or you could add a donation to your offerings for the food pantry . . . or maybe a \$20 - \$25 gift card to assist some family with their particular needs?



FOOD DRIVE

Of course, some of our own may not be able to assist in our food drive for the Blue Water Food Depository because of their personal financial struggles . . . unless, of course, they were to bring something back they picked up there for their families . . . then again, that would seem to run contrary to the goal of providing food for those in need! Someone remarked a while back that some of our members were believed to be staying home from worship because they were out of work and had no offering to bring to God's House. While their desire to share gifts with God is commendable . . . HE knows our weaknesses and inabilities, and whatever those issues may be God still welcomes us to worship in HIS House! We have just spent a great deal of time going through a stewardship drive to remind God's people of the need we have to share our thank-offerings with HIM in gifts to the ministry of the Church . . . but it is not about the gifts we make . . . it is not about what we do or don't do . . . It is about what God has done

for us. It is about God's saving grace in Christ Jesus . . . In 2nd Corinthians 8:13-15, St. Paul writes, "Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, ¹⁵as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

God asks that we share from our bounty that others' needs may be met, anticipating that they too will be there for us when we are in need of their aid. If this is a time of need for you, God knows, God listens, God welcomes you to HIS House . . . come, celebrate HIS grace. Don't let your struggles keep you from coming into God's House to seek HIS help in prayer.



While we are on the subject . . . I want to thank you all for your participation in our Stewardship experience over the past few weeks. Whether you filled out a card identifying your intent or simply listened and prayed for God's guidance in determining your gifts over the coming year. . . may you feel blessed by God to be a part of our Trinity family . . . we are truly blessed to have you live among us as a member of our Family!

May God bless you all abundantly as you serve Jesus in all you do!
PC (Pastor Carrier)

Church News/Events

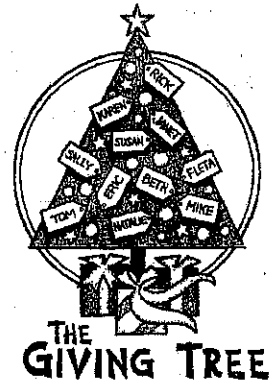
GIVING TREE This project has become an annual tradition for our congregation, and one that Trinity members wholeheartedly support. The Social Concerns Committee will have the tree set up in the fellowship hall on Sunday, November 15th. Please consider taking a star and purchasing a gift for a needy person in our community. Children and their families from Woodrow Wilson and Trinity Lutheran Church and School have been identified by the Social Concerns Committee who need our help to make their Christmas a little brighter.

If you know of someone who needs assistance this Christmas please contact Debbie Rosenau (984-2452) or Sue Atkinson (984-2542). We will need the name, address, phone number, children's ages, sizes for clothing items and suggestions for toys for children. **WE WILL NEED THE NAMES BEFORE NOVEMBER 10TH.**

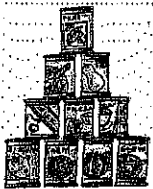
We are asking that the gifts be returned to the church *BY NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH*. We realize this may seem early to some of you, but it does take time to sort the gifts and get them delivered.

Please consider taking one or more stars and purchasing a gift or gifts for someone. After you have purchased the gift, please wrap it and securely attach the star to the gift. Place it under the giving tree and the Social Concerns Committee will see that the gifts get to their recipients in time for Christmas.

If you would like to be a part of the giving tree, but cannot purchase a gift, you may make a donation for food certificates for needy families. Make your check payable to Trinity and mark that it is for the giving tree.



Thanksgiving Food Drive



FOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 22nd through Sunday, Nov. 29th. This will be our annual food drive and we need your help.

Please start collecting non-perishable foods and paper products to donate. Watch for sales on items and also use coupons.

Church Decorating Party

When: 12/4

Where: Trinity

Time: 9:00AM -?

No more climbing into the bell tower to get the decorations. Come enjoy all the excitement and help us get ready once again to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Lunch will be served when we finish.



Sunday Bible Studies

Pastor Carrier
Stem Cell Research
9:45A - 10:45A - Library

Pastor Haerer
1 Corinthians
9:45A - 10:45A -
Basement

Sunday School
9:45A - 10:45A - gym


In-home Dinner, Fellowship & Study - 5P
Warren's and Langolf's
987-4232 984-8149
Studying Parables

Weekday Bible Studies

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study
Fellowship Hall - 5:30P

Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study
Basement - 10A - 11:30A

What can we collect to help the School?

<p>Sunbeam Bread UPC labels Worth 5¢ each</p>	<p>Aluminum pop can tabs Mrs. Rathje's class collects</p>	<p>Ink Cartridges for printers Ink Jet or Laser - Money paid for each cartridge recycled</p>
<p>Campbell's soup label UPC labels for education</p>		<p>Project Tyson A+ - Look for 'Support your school' on label</p>
<p>Coke bottle tops with codes Coke Bot</p>	<p>Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Powerade, Minute Maid, Vault, Mr. Pibb, Fanta, Fresca, Barq's</p>	<p>Coke 2L bottle 3 points</p>
<p>Coke 32 pack of 12-oz cans 25 points - inside packaging</p>	<p>Dasani 24 pack, 16.9-oz bottles 20 points</p>	<p>Sprite 12pack, 12-oz cans 10 points</p>

Are we Vikings? There is a story about a group of Viking warriors who were ordered by their king to join him when he converted to the Christian faith through the waters of baptism. As they waded out into the nearby river to be baptized, they all went under the water while holding one of their arms high above their heads. If they had been asked why they were doing this, the warriors would have answered that they did not want the arm and hand that bore the sword to go under the water, for they had been taught that whatever goes under the water belongs to God. And these warriors were willing to let the rest of their bodies - and thus their lives - belong to God, but their sword-arms would be held back.

We can easily fall into the same mindset as those Vikings.

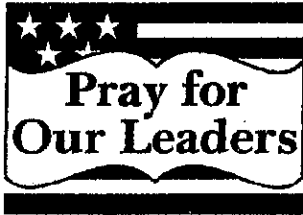
We gladly go under the water, but not entirely. We are proud of the 2 ½ percent we give the church, but the rest belongs to us, and no one - not even God - will tell us what to do with the rest of our time and our treasure. We choose how much of ourselves to hold back. We maintain control. We are Vikings. We are owners... but of course this is not true; we are not owners. We are stewards.

(Robertson, C. K., *Transforming Stewardship* New York: Church Publishing, 2009)



We give Thee but Thine own,
- Whate'er the gift may be,
All that I have is Thine alone,
A trust O Lord from Thee.

In our Prayers



**John Tompson
Matt Herpel
Todd Smalenberg**



Ongoing Health Concerns



**Will McGregor
Jack McKenzie**

**Julie Buckbee
Betty Jo Hall**

**Betty Laming
Tom Musson**

**Clara Buthbertson
Mike Vincent**

**Ray Wolf
Reggie Yager**



Prayer Concerns



**Corey Alfara
Joyce Bartley
Laue Beedle
Eugene Beeler
Dorothy Brumm
Delores Carrier**

**Shirley Collins
Gordon Dunlap
Joyce Dunlap
Vic Frandsen
Esther Hass
Ken Hass**

**Betty Hegler
Amy Hrivnak
Shirley Hunger
Bob Koppel, Jr.
Richard Maas
Kenneth Maas**

**Ed McCoy, Sr.
Sheila McClain
Michael Pickett
Sue Pobanz
Ernie Schmalz
Clifford Smith**

**Vonda Tosch
John Tucker
Laurel Vitone
Betty Walton
Fred Witter**

Thanksgiving: Dorothy Rupp

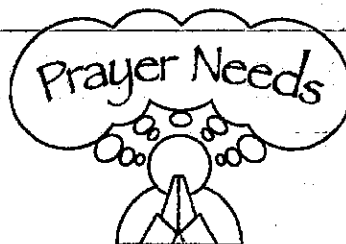
Colleen Reuter

Victor Frandsen

Family of: Brenda Hijazin (Marie Frandsen's daughter)

Each Day Join us in Praying for:

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|---|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Lauren Dietlin | 10 | Lexee McCormick | 18 | Nathaniel Elliott |
| 3 | Alex MacKay | 11 | Lori Carrier | 19 | Jasmyne Westbrook |
| 4 | Cody Crorey | 12 | Heidi Wilson | 20 | Mason Gossman |
| 5 | Margaret Kearns | 13 | Matt Schaff | 23 | Austin Graven |
| 6 | Hailee Kleeves | 16 | Immanuel/Alpena | 24 | Mckenzie Shagena |
| 9 | Elliott May | 17 | Bibi Aubdoollah | 30 | Madeline Boyle |



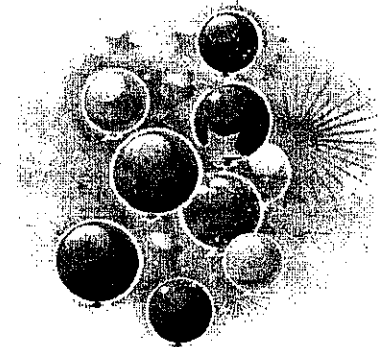
November



1-Nov Megan Cowdry
1-Nov Jennifer* Henderson
1-Nov Ernest Schmaltz
1-Nov Riley Wallace
2-Nov Hunter Bowerson
2-Nov Dustin Cunningham
2-Nov Molly Green
2-Nov Joseph Hamilton
2-Nov Paul Schultz
2-Nov Matthew Socia
3-Nov Andrew Anderson
3-Nov Richard Barton II
3-Nov Kathleen Buckeridge
3-Nov Joddy Koehn
3-Nov Yee*Jenny* Phu
3-Nov Eugene Rosso
4-Nov Amber Emerick
4-Nov Yvonne Hilliker
4-Nov Sandi Hustek
5-Nov Brennan Burch
5-Nov Adam Rosenau
5-Nov Syllas Stone
5-Nov Martin Warsinski
6-Nov Kurtis Burkett
6-Nov Amber Redfield
6-Nov Brenna Stone
6-Nov Collin Tallant
7-Nov Stephen Agnew
7-Nov Donna Class
8-Nov Lester Green
8-Nov Mil Misch
9-Nov Cynthia Wilkins
10-Nov Crystal Aviles
10-Nov Mary Bartley
10-Nov Vicki Kennedy
10-Nov Lynne Sampier
11-Nov Ermalee Hartwig
11-Nov Annie Schneider
12-Nov Julie Buckbee
12-Nov Alycia Burch
12-Nov Christine Summers
12-Nov Gary Williams Jr
13-Nov Aaron* Brown
13-Nov Vinh Chu
13-Nov Sarah Gonder
13-Nov Meta Wilkins
13-Nov Terry Woods

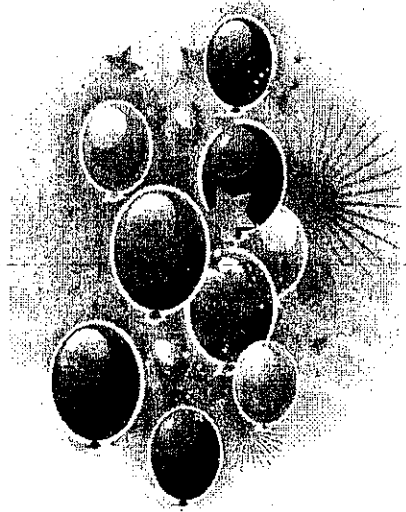
14-Nov Rev. Ronald Astalos
14-Nov Thomas R. Kennedy
15-Nov Matthew Schaaf
16-Nov Diann Smith
17-Nov Roxanne Jex
17-Nov Carly Sansone
19-Nov Allison Houle
20-Nov Cathy Gaber
20-Nov Ruth Kruse
21-Nov Kenneth Deveny
21-Nov Gloria Shurkey
22-Nov Ronda Burk
22-Nov Michael Mowinski
23-Nov Sally Armstead
23-Nov Jeff* Lay
23-Nov Joann Therrien
24-Nov Blake Goulding
24-Nov Caitlin Smith
24-Nov Amanda Teeple-Heydt
25-Nov Leslie Belyea
25-Nov Paula Myers
25-Nov Donna Vantroostenberghe
25-Nov Andrea Velez
26-Nov Amber Burch
26-Nov Kiali Edington
26-Nov Paul Kruse
26-Nov Kathleen Masters

27-Nov Brigette Agnew
27-Nov Rodney Burch
27-Nov Maxwell Drewek
27-Nov Brett Schieman
27-Nov Daniel Schneider
27-Nov Loretta Thrushman
28-Nov Mia Frontiero
28-Nov Jenny Julio
28-Nov Alexander McAuley
28-Nov Mary E. Schneider
29-Nov Jack Schneider
30-Nov Trevor Edington
30-Nov Nicholas Jex
30-Nov Brandon Teeple



Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-Nov Harold & Peggy Bacon
2-Nov Ronald & Linda O'Connor
2-Nov Joseph & Ramona* Vansach
8-Nov Laurai & Mark* Wagley
11-Nov Dave & Sharon Jackson
17-Nov Linda & Eric* Bruckner
18-Nov Donna & Timothy* Class
18-Nov Kathryn & Alan* Skinner
19-Nov Vicki & David* Kennedy
22-Nov Sharon & Richard* McDaniel
27-Nov Shelley & James* Schudlich
28-Nov Jon & Jody Bresee
29-Nov Martin & Lorraine Dobring
30-Nov Todd & Laura VanHouteghen



Christian Giving: Should It Be Kept a Secret?

Every year when we have a Stewardship Emphasis and ask our members to return signed commitment cards, there are some who object to the practice, saying that what they give is private, and, of course, we only ask them to do it; we certainly don't want to pressure anyone to do something against his or her will.

However, we do want to respectfully question the notion that any part of our Christian lives – whether our worship or morality or stewardship – is private. Personal, but not private. Not self-righteousness about it, but not ashamed either.

Why would we insist on keeping our Christian giving a secret? The only possible Biblical reason for doing so is one mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 6:1-4 in reference to hypocrites whose pride prompts them to trumpet their “acts of righteousness” in order to be praised by men. In that case, it is better to keep your giving a secret!

But, when the motives are right, our faith, our hope, our love are to be SHARED. Giving is a part of our loving God and His Church. Keeping an expression of our love for God a secret robs it of witness value. When it comes to our faith in Jesus, our lips should not be sealed. When it comes to our grateful response to His abundant blessing, why should they be sealed? What are we afraid of revealing?

Jesus said, *“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven”* (Matthew 5:16). One of the most effective ploys of the devil is to muzzle Christians and hide their witness by spreading the myth that their Christian faith and lives are private.

This is not to deny that there are circumstances when anonymous gifts are appropriate and more easily received without undue attention to the donor. In any case, anonymous or otherwise, the point is not that the giver gets credit, but that God is openly honored by the thankfulness of His people.

Some say, “What I give is between God and me alone.” This just isn't so! If Christ is your Head, He has placed you in relationship with other members of His Body. He proclaims the Gospel of His saving grace to you through other people, and He holds you accountable to Himself through other people.

We are responsible for one another's spiritual welfare in all aspects of our Christian lives – including the stewardship of our time, talents, and treasures. All of us should be concerned about whether our doctrine is pure, our faith is sound, our conduct is moral, our worship is faithful, our service is responsible, and our giving is sacrificial, not to condemn others, but to help each of us find forgiveness for our shortcomings and strength to grow to even higher levels of maturity and service, so that we have nothing to hide before God or man.

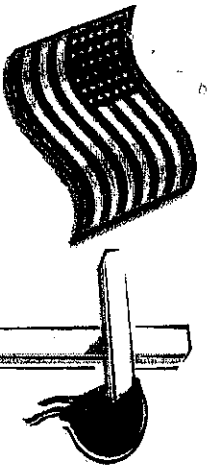
Come to prayerful decisions about your commitments to the Lord and His Church and let them be known to your partners in Christ as a witness that you want to stand up and be counted on. Try it with an open mind. You are likely to find it no different than completing communion registration cards to let your spiritual leaders know you are being faithful in attendance at Holy Communion.

Returning signed commitment cards is certainly not the only way, but it is a very helpful and concrete way to encourage your congregation and say to its leaders and members, **“Count me in! I'm part of the team for Jesus in the place where He has planted me. My giving is not haphazard but taken seriously and carefully planned.”**

Thank God He did not keep secret what He gave to us out of His magnificent generosity. To Him be the glory!





Your Stewardship Committee



NOVEMBER 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1 All Saints' Day 8:30A Worship Service HC 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 High School Youth 11:00A Worship Service</p>	<p>2 5:30P Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>3 9:00A Quilters 5:45P Evangelism Visits</p>	<p>4 4:30P Jr. Confirmation 6:00P Choir Practice 7:15P Adult Confirmation 7:30P Handbell Choir</p>	<p>5 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study 12:00 Ladies' Aid 7:00P Mary Martha Guild</p>	<p>6 10:00 Ladies' Bible Study 12:00 School Dismissed 6:30 All Boards Meet Budgets Due Open to Public!</p>	<p>7 9am-Noon Veteran's Benefits and Elder Care Workshop</p>
<p>8 Veteran's Service 8:30A Worship Service 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 High School Youth 11:00A Worship ServiceHC</p>	<p>9 5:30P Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  Scholastic</p>	<p>10 Martin Luther's Birthday 9:00A Quilters 5:45P Evangelism Visits 6:30P PTL Meets 7:00P Social Concerns Book Fair All</p>	<p> Veteran's Day 4:30P Jr. Confirmation 6:00P Choir Practice 7:15P Adult Confirmation 7:30P Handbell Choir</p>	<p>12 10:00A Ladies' Bible Study 12:00 School Dismissed 6:30 All Boards Meet Budgets Due</p>	<p>13 12:00 School Dismissed <i>Worship's Fellowship</i></p>	<p>14 The Enchanted Princess Ball 1:30- 3:30 or 4:30- 6:30</p>
<p>15 8:30A Worship Service HC 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 High School Youth 11:00A Worship Service</p>	<p>16 5:30P Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:00P Planning Committee</p>	<p>17 9:00A Quilters 5:45P Evangelism Visits</p>	<p>18 PTL School Fundraiser at <i>Buffalo Wild Wings</i> 4:30P Jr. Confirmation 6:00P Choir Practice 7:15P Adult Confirmation</p>	<p>19 School Picture <i>retake day</i> 10:00A Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 10:00A Altar Guild Preparation for</p>
<p>22 Food Drive 8:30A Worship Service 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 High School Youth 11:00A Worship ServiceHC Jr. Choir Sings 12:00 Voters' Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 No School 6:00P Choir Practice 7:30P Handbell Choir</p>	<p>26 Happy Thanksgiving Food Drive 10:00A Worship Service</p>	<p>27 No School Church & School Offices Closed</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 1st Sun in Advent Food Drive 8:30A Worship Service 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 High School Youth 11:00A Worship Service</p>



Hand Sundry in Advent
Immanuel St. Clair
Seminar on Bullying
329-7174 to register

