



Trinity

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**November 6**  
**ALL SAINTS Sunday**  
**TEAM TRINITY**  
**BAKED POTATO**  
**MEAL**

**December 11**  
**Youth Christmas**  
**Program**  
**"LISTEN TO**  
**CHRISTMAS"**

# Trinity Times November 2022

## Pastor Tim Nappe's Paragraph

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

*(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

If you were to wander around in the self-help section of the Barnes and Noble bookstore, you would find hundreds, if not thousands of books that would give you instructions on how to lead a happy, healthy, joyful, fulfilling life.

There would be advice about your physical, mental, emotional, psychological, and spiritual well-being. Some of those books might have some worth while advice, but I think they can all be summarized by these words from the Apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." And Paul concludes, "This is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I can't help but think that our attitudes would be improved, our physical and emotional health would be enhanced, and our relationship with our family, friends, and the world would be better, if we would follow these three instructions, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances!"

This is also the verse that is going to be printed on the plaque outside the door of the new Prayer Chapel in the Sunday School wing at Trinity. The room is going to be in memory of Lawrence (Lornie) Helmers. And we want to express our gratitude to his wife, Jeanne for donating the funds to furnish and renovate the room. We hope that it will be a source of strength and inspiration for years to come.

I hope and pray that this room will become as important in the life of the congregation as the kitchen or the fellowship hall! This Prayer Chapel can become the engine room that provides power, vision, and energy for the whole congregation! This can be the place where we intimately come into the presence of God and bring our needs and concerns before Him. It is place where we can sit in His presence and seek His direction. We can listen for His guidance and discern His will for our lives and for our congregation.

This room is not intended to be a display or a showroom. It is a workroom, where the work of prayer is carried out. It is a room where renewal, revival, and restoration can happen. It is the place where we can post our needs and list our prayer concerns. And it will be a place where others can join their voices to intercede on our behalf. And it is the place where we can bring the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world before the throne of God.

I am looking forward to seeing the potential of this Prayer Chapel being fulfilled in the life of the congregation! Prayer is an untapped resource. It is a gift that God has given to His people for us to use and to bring all of heaven's power into our earthly circumstances.

I hope that you will join me in using this Prayer Chapel and this wonderful resource of prayer in the months to come. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!"

*Pastor Tim Nappe*

# November Worship Notes

*1st Sunday Bucket of Bucks for ATLAS, other Sundays Noisy Offering for Upper Des Moines*

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, All Saints Sunday:** 10:00 am Worship, Communion at the rail. Acts 14:8-28. Heavenly Father, thank you for all the faithful brothers and sisters who have gone before us. Thank you for their witness, their sacrifice, and their commitment. Help us to serve our generation with the same perseverance and steadfast faith in you.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost:** 10:00 am Worship. Acts 17:1-15 Gracious God, thank you for the courage of those who faithfully proclaim your word, even to those who resist hearing it. May your word soften their hearts and may they become receptive to your love and grace.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>, Christ the King Sunday:** 10:00 am Worship. No communion today, pastor is gone, speaking in Plainfield, Iowa. Luke 23:33-43. Jesus Christ is Lord! May His name be praised forever and ever! We pray that all would come to recognize Jesus as Lord and Savior, before time runs out.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Advent:** 10:00 am Worship. Matthew 24:36-44. Lord God, we know that you are being patient with us, granting time for all to be saved. Help us to be watchful and prepared for that day when you will come to carry us home!

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Trinity's Confirmation was held on Sunday, Oct. 23rd. Confirmands were: **EVAN PAUL BELTMAN**, son of Jamey and Paula Beltman. Evan's sponsor was Adam Henning. **BECCA JOY WOELBER**, daughter of Steve & Tina Woelber. Becca's sponsor was Jennifer Rusche. *May the Holy Spirit light their way!*

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Ember Rae Onken who was baptized at Trinity on October 30th. Ember is the daughter of Alan & Danielle Onken. Ember's sponsors for Baptism are Adam Jenniges, Zachary Jenniges, and Jared Onken.

*Lord, bless Ember with all the love heaven can release.*

*Give her strength and grace and happiness each day.*

**THANK YOUS:** Thank you to Sandy Eben for making the Confirmation Stoles and to Traci Henning for taking the Confirmation pictures. Thank you to everyone that helped with the HARVEST MEAL. A special THANK YOU to John and Paula Maxwell for donating the potatoes, corn and meat, Sandy Olson the potatoes and squash and all the others that donated food for the relish trays and the desserts for the harvest meal. Thank you also to everyone that helped with set up, serving and cleanup. \$995.00 was raised and donated to the building fund.

**SOUP & PIE RECAP:** Thank you to all who donated, worked or attended our recent Soup & Pie Supper. Were served 175 meals of which 60 were carry-outs. This is down from 275 last year. First Reformed and St Andrews numbers were down also. We had a profit of \$2,071.38. The Women's Account added to this to be able to contribute \$2,500.00 to the Building Fund. Left over soup, barbecue and buns will be used at our Wednesday night youth suppers.

**SERVING US for 2023:** If you do not fill out a small group survey and want to help with a SERVING US assignment please let the office know ASAP.

**2023 CHURCH ENVELOPES:** The 2023 giving envelopes will be put in the mailboxes end of November. If you would like yours sooner please let the office know by phone 754-3645 or email [telc@premieronline.net](mailto:telc@premieronline.net).

**HOLIDAY DECORATING:** We will be decorating the church for the holiday season on Saturday, November 26th starting at 9:00am. If you could come for a small amount of time or a large amount of time, it is all appreciated and we always have fun getting our church in a festive mood for Advent.

**POINSETTIA OR WREATH DEDICATION:** You are invited to donate use of your poinsettia plant or wreath to TELC for Advent/Christmas Sundays. Fill out a form and put it in marked envelope on the counter. Please designate "in memory" or "in honor. There will be a Poinsettia/Wreath dedication on Christmas Eve and names will be listed on the program.

# TELC COUNCIL MINUTES 10.11.2022

**Call to Order:** President Sharon Gradert called the meeting of TELC council to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Present: Sharon Gradert, Brenda Rosenberg, John French, Taylor Hibbing, Sandy Olson, Arlene Kuehl, Jan Henningsen, Luci Ferrin, Paul Hensch, Adam Henning, Daryl Tutje and Pastor Nappe. Absent: Linda Fick

**Devotions and Prayer:** Pastor led devotions reading from Amos 3 vs 7 and Isaiah 43 vs 10. It dealt with being on the verge of change and release. Our burden is almost over and where will our leadership lead us. He followed with prayer.

## **Pastor' Report:**

Pastor shared his September report with council. He has been busy with local events as well as his mission trip. Many events to celebrate are yet to come by the end of the year.

**Additions to the Agenda:** There were none.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Luci and seconded by Taylor to approve the September minutes. All voted Aye.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Checking Balance	52,053.76
Folker's Endowment	2,276.85
Parsonage	108.62
Building Fund	32,205.66
Security Cameras	365.00
Furnace	8,112.75
SE Entry Repair	4,647.27
Emergency	13,880.00
Sunday School	1,284.33
Line of Credit	0.00

A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Brenda to approve the report. All voted Aye.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Worship and Music:** Luci reported that she is working with Kelly Jacobsma to put together some special music. Brenda Krahling is working on the Christmas program. Reformation Sunday is Oct. 30th, and All Saints Sunday is Nov. 6th.

**Christian Ed:** We discussed Christmas bags for the children. They will check on getting a Thrivent Card to support this. Their program will be given Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Stewardship:** Discussed an idea of collecting items for Upper Des Moines for the noisy offering or cash for meat or milk certificates. We are waiting to hear their needs. Also, we talked about Project Christmas Child. There is an envelope on the table to mail your \$10 contribution for mailing. The church will not be collecting the money. The boxes will be opened to make sure they go to the appropriate area for the items packed.

**Evangelism/Mission:** Discussing additional ideas for mission projects and the prayer room has been painted by Bev Nappe and furniture and accessories will soon be purchased for the room. \$10,000 was donated to do the room by the Lawrence Helmers family. Any funds not used will be at the council's discretion to spend where needed.

**Building and Property:** Because of settling in the entry, the seal on a window popped. When the new window was ordered, it was the same size as the original and did not fit well. It broke when replacing it but should be replaced this week. Two windows in the office have already been replaced because of popped seals. Concrete is still hoped to be laid before the snow flies. Seivert's are ordering the bench in memory of Brian, and it will take eight to ten weeks for it to arrive.

## COUNCIL MINUTES continued

### **Executives:**

Six applications have been received for the Folker's Scholarship. We award three each year and will be working on that.

### **Old Business:**

Five people signed up to help with the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration on the Small Group Surveys that have just been completed. We will need to establish a budget for the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration.

A second estimate to replace the AC/Condenser for the Sanctuary was sought but Paul was told he could not do it any cheaper than Stanton's Sheet Metal. A motion was made by Paul and seconded by Jan to go ahead with Stanton's and pay for it from the furnace account. All voted Aye.

We will start working on the 2023 budget with Sharon and Pastor starting the process. The execs will then work on it, and it will be presented to the council at our November meeting.

The nominating committee is Adam, Paul, and Sandy. We are all encouraged to talk to members to agree to serve on the council and refer them to the nominating committee.

New Member Sunday is October 23<sup>rd</sup> and currently there are no new members. The two who were interested in joining are moving from the area and so their plans have changed.

There have been issues with the sound system again and Omega Organ & Audio will be contacted to look at it. It seems that one of the amplifiers is not working right.

### **New Business:**

Noisy offering for November and December will be used to collect items for Upper Des Moines.

A donation of \$25,000 was made and it was decided by the executives to use it to pay off the member loan. The interest was just paid so this was the perfect time to pay off that loan. The remainder will be used to pay the final member loan to the Endowment Fund. There is now \$52,000 remaining.

Questions have again been raised about the Bell Tower. It is a subject that has been addressed several times over the past years. Many members would like to hear the bell rung for our 125th Anniversary. It is felt the system is shot and obsolete. A new system would cost thousands of dollars. The Methodist Church has replaced their bell tower for their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was done by the Alexander family. Daryl will check with them on what was done and what the cost would be.

October 30<sup>th</sup> the council is responsible for coffee fellowship.

Pastor was notified that the Iowa District LCMC Annual Conference will be held Saturday, November 12 at Clear Lake. Anyone interested in going should contact Pastor.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Custodian Job Description – Tuesday, October 18 @ 7:00 pm (Linda/Paul/Taylor/Pastor/Sharon)  
Harvest Meal -Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worship/Music Committee Meeting-Tuesday, October 25 @7:00 p.m.

Council Exec Prep Meeting – Tuesday, November 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 8 @ 7:00 p.m.

LCMC Iowa Gathering is November 12 at Clear Lake, IA

Teller/Communion for November: Linda Fick

Motion was made by Adam and seconded by Brenda to adjourn the meeting. All voted Aye. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

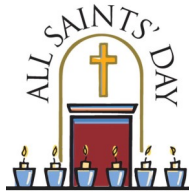
Respectfully submitted by Arlene Kuehl, secretary.

# November Birthdays

11	Kyleigh Tiesler
13	Myrtle King
15	Wayne Moet
17	Karla Hanna
22	Katy Onken
23	Haley Wollmuth
24	Shelley Stofferan
25	Bradd Dreessen Elizabeth Jacobson
26	Barb Schuster
27	Sandy Olson Michael Blockowitz
28	Devin Ackerman Katie Kuehl Dave Kuehl Elizabeth French
30	Michael Henning



## Special Services & Events



### All Saints Sunday November 6th 10:00am Service

*During worship, we will lift up the names of the newest saints among us; the newly baptized, and those saints who have died and now live in the presence of God.*  
*After the sermon, we will invite anyone in the congregation to come forward and light a candle in memory of or in honor of a loved one.*



### Baked Potato Meal

Hosted by Team Trinity

Sunday, November 6

11am-12:30pm

The meal includes a baked potato with several toppings, beverage and dessert. **CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE**  
 Proceeds given to the American Cancer Society.  
**If you are willing to bring a dessert or help serve please sign up.**



### You Are Invited to a **BABY SHOWER** for Dixie Onken

Daughter of Jared & Kendra Onken

Sunday, November 6 3-5pm

Trinity's Fellowship Hall

Gift Registry—<http://www.babylist.com/baby-Kendra-Onken>



Team Trinity's  
**Christmas Gift & Bake Sale**  
 December 3rd  
 8:00am -1:00pm

## Building Fund

Bank loan	PAID OFF—11.10.2021
Member Loan #4	PAID OFF - 1.16.2022
Member Loan #3	PAID OFF - 1.16.2022
Member Loan #2	PAID OFF—5.25.2022
Member Loan #1	PAID OFF—10.5.2022
Next loan to pay off—Endowment	\$60,000.00
<b>Building Fund Balance as of 10.24.2022</b>	<b>\$21,802.54</b>
<b>Member loan payments &amp; due dates</b>	
Endowment loan int. pymt (May & Nov)	\$900.00
<b>Member loans</b>	
Endowment loan (renewable yrly) 3% int only	\$60,000.00
<b>Total loans still owed</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>

## Offerings

### September 25, 2022

General Fund:\$4,280.00

Noisy Offering: \$89.17

Attendance: 101

### October 2, 2022

General Fund: \$ 3,225.00

Bucket of Buckets—ATLAS: \$ 64.30

Attendance: 103

### October 9, 2022

General Fund:\$2,008.00

Noisy Offering: \$54.00

Attendance: 91

### October 16, 2022

General Fund:\$ 2,795.00

Noisy Offering: \$77.31

Attendance: 91

### October 23, 2022

#### Confirmation

General Fund:\$ 2,064.00

Noisy Offering: \$60.01

Attendance: 110

### October 30, 2022

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# Serving Us for November & December 2022

## **November 6**

*Organist:* Eileen Schutte  
*Lector:* Ken Eben  
*Acolyte:* Roland Rusche  
*Sound System:* Kevin Wollmuth  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Steve & Cindy Onken  
*Head Ushers:* Ron Prins & John Maxwell  
*Altar Care:* Sandy Eben & Brenda Rosenberg  
*Communion Helper/Teller:* Linda Fick  
**BAKED POTATO MEAL**

## **November 13**

*Organist:* Lois Timmermann  
*Lector:* Sandy Eben  
*Acolyte:* Carson Renner  
*Sound System:* Daryl Tutje  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Greg & Maralee Onken  
*Head Ushers:* Ron Prins & John Maxwell  
*Altar Care:* Sandy Eben & Brenda Rosenberg  
*Teller:* Linda Fick  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Compassion Work Group

## **November 20**

*Organist:* Eileen Schutte  
*Lector:* Arlene Kuehl  
*Acolyte:* Presley Henning  
*Sound System:* Dan Berkland  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Ken & Sandy Eben  
*Head Ushers:* Ron Prins & John Maxwell  
*Altar Care:* Sandy Eben & Brenda Rosenberg  
*Teller:* Linda Fick  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Students in Grades 7-12

## **November 27**

*Organist:* Lola Sjogren  
*Lector:* Keith Zylstra  
*Acolyte:* Griffin Taylor  
*Sound System:* Todd Ackerman  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Glenn & Linda Fick  
*Head Ushers:* Ron Prins & John Maxwell  
*Altar Care:* Sandy Eben & Brenda Rosenberg  
*Teller:* Linda Fick  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Team Trinity

## **December 4**

*Organist:*  
*Lector:* Vicki Zylstra  
*Acolyte:* Roland Rusche  
*Sound System:* Conner Beltman  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Adam & Traci Henning  
*Head Ushers:* Don Hibbing & Ray Schuster  
*Altar Care:* Linda Fick & Barb Seivert  
*Communion Helper/Teller:* Sandy Olson  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Building Fund

## **December 11**

*Organist:*  
*Lector:* Brenda Krahling  
*Acolyte:* Carson Renner  
*Sound System:* Evan Beltman  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Paul & Sandy Olson  
*Head Ushers:* Don Hibbing & Ray Schuster  
*Altar Care:* Linda Fick & Barb Seivert  
*Teller:* Sandy Olson  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Faith Work Group

## **December 18**

*Organist:*  
*Lector:* Paula Beltman  
*Acolyte:* Presley Henning  
*Sound System:* Kevin Wollmuth  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Keith & Vicki Zylstra  
*Head Ushers:* Don Hibbing & Ray Schuster  
*Altar Care:* Linda Fick & Barb Seivert  
*Communion Helper/Teller:* Sandy Olson  
*Coffee Fellowship:* Students in Grades K-6

## **December 24—CHRISTMAS EVE**

*Organist:*  
*Lector:* Stephanie Wollmuth  
*Acolyte:* Griffin Taylor  
*Sound System:* Dan Berkland  
*Ushers/Greeters:* Duane & Carol Leach  
*Head Ushers:* Don Hibbing & Ray Schuster  
*Altar Care:* Linda Fick & Barb Seivert  
*Communion Helper/Teller:* Sandy Olson  
**December 25—NEED VOLUNTEERS**



**PLEASE remember to find a substitute if you are not able to fulfill your assigned time.**