

TRINITY TIDINGS~NOVEMBER '22

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Dear fellow redeemed in Christ Jesus,

Today, November 1, is a very special day for me. You see, on this day 35 years ago our son, Aaron, was born into this world. He was named after St. Aaron, the brother of Moses. A few weeks after his birth, on Thanksgiving Day, he was baptized into Christ Jesus and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Today is All Saints Day, which raises the question: What exactly is a Saint, and just what is it that we celebrate on this holy day? First, it's a time to thankfully remember those of our church members, friends and relatives who have passed away in the last year, who have gone to join the saints in heaven. Second, it is also a day we are invited to reflect on our own 'saintliness,' especially in the light of the life and witness of those who have gone before us in the faith.

We must remember that, as Christians, our family tree is not limited to, nor defined by, our biological connectedness. We are all grafted into God's family tree through baptism; we have all been adopted as children of God and sisters and brothers of Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Therefore, we are related to all the saints—they are our sisters and brothers!

When I reflect upon the lives of "the saints," the ones I've known personally and those I've only heard or read about, I don't feel very saintly myself. I feel like the little boy who was met at the door by the homeowner one Halloween. He was about 4 years old and wore a Superman outfit. He reached out his hand as he said trick or treat. The woman could not resist teasing him a bit, asking, "Where's your bag?" He replied, "My mom's carrying it. It's too heavy for me." The woman smiled and said, "But you're Superman!" He glanced down at the "S" on his chest before whispering, "Not really, these are just pajamas."

"FOR ALL THE SAINTS"

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We're always aware of falling short, of not measuring up. We are also always aware that the other people in our family of faith seldom measure up either. The Scriptures tell us that because we're Christians, we're also saints, but most of us don't believe it. We look down at the "S" on our chest and then plead with God, "Not really, I'm only human."

This is the great mystery of All Saints Day. We are indeed only human, but we are also "the saints who gather ..." as St. Paul put it in many of his letters. We are, as Martin Luther said, 'saint and sinner at the same time'. Though we don't go around in Christian pajamas with a big haloed "S" on our chest, we do have an invisible cross on our foreheads. It was put there at our baptism with these or similar words: "Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." Each of us has that mark on our lives, a mark that calls us forward into saintliness. We are invited to constantly live into our name as a child of God, as a baptized saint.

The struggle of the Christian life is to remember that we are all saints in spite of our failures, and to remember that the other people in our church family are saints as well, in spite of their imperfections. As Isaiah said: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear (25:6).

Blessed All Saints Day!

A sincere thank you for the many gifts and warm gestures given for Pastor Appreciation. I appreciate you, too! Pastor

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
Saturday Evening 5:30pm
Sunday Morning 9:00am

NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Our prayers have been with the following members and friends who have been ill and/or hospitalized: Greg Hill (son-in-law of Pat Boyer), Stephanie Fisher (daughter of Lucky & Jannett Schneberger), Rick Lawrenz (father of Matt), Cathy, Lucky Schneberger, Amy Huth, Penny Albo, Cindy Schmidt, Chris Juarez, Norma Larson, Marcie (Brul) Wright, Henrietta Voss, Victor Voss, Rose Sears, Connie Elson, Dora Daberkow, Ty Butcher, Melanie Trujillo, Frank & Joyce Michelli, Larry Graham, Lucille Cochran, Wilbert Lutz, Adella Schmidt, Helen Koncilia, Sophia DeSalvo, Earl Schwalm, Jeanive Solheim, Sara McBee, and Jerry Dockendorf. May God continue to strengthen and heal them.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Aaron Bolt
- Norma Larson
- 2 – Connor Huth
- 3 – Sarah Bolt
- 4 – Connie Elson
- 6 – Randy Daberkow
- 10 – Adriana Walmer-Miller
- 11 – Earl Graves
- 13 – Shiloh McKissick
- Terry Daberkow
- 24 – Steven Lancaster
- 28 - Corrie Wiggins
- 29 – Donna Weiser

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 23rd ~ 7:00pm

Please join us for this time of worship with Holy Communion, as we thank God for His many wonderful blessings to each of us!

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens". ~ Abraham Lincoln, 1863

SCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY NEWS

For we walk by faith and not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

It's November, and the holiday season is fast approaching! There are lots of upcoming activities at school.

The month begins with our Chapel guest Dave Feamster of Little Ceasar's Pizza. He will be speaking at our Chapel service at 8:15, on November 2nd. You are invited to come and hear his message! Then on the 4th, teachers will be meeting with parents for parent/teacher conferences.

The school is supporting, by participating in **Operation Christmas Child** this year. Our Chapel offerings for first quarter are going to this cause as well as donations brought in by families. You are welcome to donate too if you would like. There is a box for donations by the school office. The students will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child during school one day this month.

Treasures at Trinity will be taking place on November 12th, from 9:00-3:00. Plan to come, grab a bite to eat to support the school, and do some Christmas shopping. You are sure to find some wonderful homemade gifts to fill stockings for family and friends!

We also have a **wreath and poinsettia** fundraiser starting on November 9th and ending on the 18th. This is a great way to support the school and decorate your home too.

On November 18th, we have **Chapel** and our school **Thanksgiving feast**. It will be a special day to worship and gather with students and their families to enjoy a meal together before we go on break the week of the 21st.

In closing, I'd like to thank you for your support and wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

In Christ, Cyrisse Cooley

From the Chairman

When we were largely farmers we celebrated the harvest at this time of year. We praised God for his hand on our harvest. With our political system though, this time of year has become a time of looking at all the shortcomings of our society and even our churches. We blame our God given leaders and our friends. We look at our lives and not at God's plan. Haggai had this to say to the Israelites as they returned from exile focusing on themselves instead of God's work, His Temple.

Haggai 1:5-11 NIV

⁵Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." ⁷This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. ⁹"You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house. ¹⁰Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. ¹¹I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands."

~ Tom Gaide

KALEIDOSCOPE

This time of year we take account of the bounties that God has shared with us. We consider how we might use those to benefit His plan for us and His church. While it did not have the booming growth of past years with the downturn in the markets, Trinity Lutheran School Endowment Fund benefitted the school again this year. It continues to be managed by the LCMS Foundation so your gifts will continue to support the mission of Trinity Lutheran School. Please consider this vehicle if you are looking for a way to help anchor the faith of children in Christ.

TREASURES AT TRINITY

**Saturday, November 12th
9:00am – 3:00pm**

Please plan now to attend this great event. Area Crafters will have their specialties for you to get an early start on your Holiday shopping. There will be good food for breakfast and lunch for you to enjoy! Don't miss, you are sure to find a Treasure or Two!

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study continues at 6:30pm. We are discussing a study on "The Liturgy Of The Service". All are invited to join us! For more info, you may contact Jon Bush ophiclide.tuba@gmail.com

NAVIGATORS BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday morning Bible Study continues each week with discussion on the Gospel of John, For more info, you may contact Randy Daberkow

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is a project of Samaritan's Purse that sends a shoebox of Good Cheer to children around the world. Our School children are gathering items for their boxes to send to children similar in age. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox will be the first gift that they have received. You too can help, by donating gift items (please see church bulletin board for list), or by giving a cash donation to cover the cost of postage, (cost \$10 per box). Deadline is November 11!

FOOD PANTRY: Because of some very generous donations our food cupboards are stocked and ready to help those in need. If you or someone you know of could use some food, please stop by and pick up some today. Cupboards are located in the fellowship hall. Thank you to all those who help out with donations of food for our Pantry.

ADVENT

Our Season of Advent will begin on Wednesday, November 30th with worship at 7:00pm. Again, this year we will have a light meal prior to worship at 6:00pm provided by various Boards of Trinity. A free-will offering will be taken. We invite you to join us each week for our Advent journey.