

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH LIFE

October 2024



Dear saints of Trinity,

Many of you have doubtlessly attended mission presentations, where Christians whom the Church has commissioned to go speak God's Word in faraway lands come to a congregation and tell them about the great numbers of people in their particular mission fields who do not yet believe in Jesus and the importance of bringing God's Word to those people. Trinity has hosted these kinds of presentations in the past, even during my short time as pastor here, and our congregation has always been sensitive to the need to bring God's Word to the places where it is not heard.

Have you ever considered that you live in one of those places? It might be surprising for those of us who grew up in an America where Christianity was more or less the default religion, but the United States is now a mission field just as much as many of the faraway places you've heard about in mission presentations. In our country, fully a third of people claim to be something other than Christian when surveyors ask them about their religion, and a much lower number than that are meaningfully connected to a Christian congregation. And you don't need to look to the surveyors: just look around you at the City of Farmington. By the last count, Farmington was rapidly approaching 25,000 residents, and Trinity has roughly 200 members. Even if you could add up the active memberships of all the other Christian congregations in town, one can only imagine that there are thousands in this town alone who are not hearing the Word of God and desperately need to.

All that is to say, dear friends, you are living in a mission field. Trinity is not the town church where everyone in the neighborhood is a member—we never were that, and we certainly aren't today. On the contrary, Trinity is a mission station, an outpost of gospel proclamation in the midst of a town that seriously needs more of it. And each of us has a role in that mission, in getting the Word of God out to our friends and neighbors in Farmington and beyond.

Of course, the pastor's role in bringing the Word of God to our community more or less goes without saying, but every Christian can play a part. Do you have friends or family members who are not hearing the Word of God? Have you ever asked them about that? Asking why can be the first step to an opportunity to tell them about Jesus. Perhaps you could give them a catechism so that they can learn more about how the Church teaches God's Word: we have spare copies hanging in the narthex if you know someone who could use one. You could even invite them to come to church with you some day, and if they live in other parts of our state or nation, there are other faithful congregations in our Synod where you could direct them.

In short, every one of us is living in a mission field, and every one of us has a part to play. After all, through his Word, God has changed your life by assuring you that Christ has rescued you from sin and death, and the Church stands ready to speak that same life-changing Word to the whole world. I pray that the Lord would bless our congregation as we play our part in our own mission field.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Einertson

Church Elections

TIME TO SERVE

During the church year, we talk about time, talents, and treasures. Now is the TIME as we look to fill positions that help do the support work as Jesus had asked his disciples to set up so that they could spread the Word. Each year, 1/3 of the positions that congregation members fill are open and need to be filled. The yearly annual contains a list of the type of positions. Our Church needs new volunteers to ensure that Her needs are met.

Can you count? Consider being a teller. Are you good at community outreach? Consider joining the Board of Evangelism. Are you good at fixing "stuff"? Consider the Board of Trustees. Concerned with Pastoral and congregational care and spiritual well being? Please consider the Board of Elders. Want to get to know more of your faith family? This is a great way to do it! All of these positions are required and important, but many hands make light work for everyone. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to an elder or congregational chairman.

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SAVE THE DATE

October Voter's meeting is scheduled for **October 13** at 11:30 a.m. The agenda includes the election of officers and 2025 budget.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Packing the shoe box time is getting near! We deliver the boxes to the drop off center the third week of November! Lots of help will be needed this month.

PLEASE watch your bulletins for workshop days and times. Days are possibly Fridays and Saturdays, but keep looking! We will do our best to have days for everyone.

Thank you to the three adults who did 150 pouches at the pencil pouch packing party on Saturday, Sept. 22. Your work was greatly appreciated.

If you have questions or want to help us out, please call Jan Luxa or Donna Born.

God's Blessings!

Thank you for all your help!

Jan Luxa and Donna Born



PLEASE COME

You are invited to the St. Croix Lutheran Academy's Fall Concert – 1200 Oakdale Ave., West St. Paul, MN Sunday, October 29, 2023 6:30 p.m. in the gym

This is the first concert of the year for the Croixaliers, Oakdale Ave Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Crusader Band, and Chorale. Christian Little, Seth Halverson, Lydia Schaefer, and Zachary Schaefer will all be performing.

Before the concert starting at 4:30 p.m., enjoy all-you-can-eat Chili and Pie at the Chili & Pie Fundraiser, an annual fundraiser for the music program. For more information go to

<https://www.stcroixlutheran.org/fallconcert>



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSION LEAGUE

We are busy planning for our Fall and Winter activities.

The Fall Rally will be held on October 5 at Trinity Lone Oak (2950 Hwy 55, Eagan,) at 9:00 a.m. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.



LWML Sunday will be held on October 13. Watch for some information on the Mission Grants and where the mites collected are used.

Our annual Advent by Candlelight program will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 p.m. Watch for some additional new exciting news on this event.

A Bible Study is being planned for next year.

We are always looking for new ideas and additional ladies to assist with the planning of events. We normally meet the first Thursday of the month.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3rd at 4:00.

A reminder that Mite Boxes are collected the last Sunday of each month. Boxes are available on the LWML table beside the card rack. On the bulletin board by the office there is a posting of all the places where these Mites may go.



If you have any questions about joining us or would like more information, please contact Julie Lee (612-483-1776).

ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild has been busy making sure that everything is set up correctly for our worship services. We each take a week at a time, so are only on duty once every 6 weeks. If you are willing to help us out, then it would be less often. Please prayerfully consider joining our group. It's a great opportunity to serve the Lord with a minimal time commitment. Meetings are as needed, perhaps once a year, so the job isn't very demanding. We provide help and training!



It's hard to believe but Christmas will be here before you know it! And it's time to think about poinsettias and decorations. Once again, you can order poinsettias to help decorate the church for the season. Greens and other things are available, as well -- all from Gerten's greenhouse. Information about ordering online and pricing are on the table below the bulletin board in the narthex. All poinsettias will be kept here for the season and can be taken home after church on Christmas Day. Pick up for other items will be Saturday, December 7, at 10 AM at the church. The sale is open now and will close on Thursday, October 24, at 10 PM. If you have questions, call or text Sue Markworth, Altar Guild Chair, at 651-308-5673 or email at suemarkworth@charter.net.

We are also working on replacing an older set of paraments and getting a new set, as well. Look for those in the coming weeks. They should really make a difference in how the chancel area looks!

The flower chart for this year is running out, and a new one for 2025 will be up shortly. If you'd like to sign up for flowers, Hy-Vee prices are \$40 for designer choice, \$50 for your choice of color or market price for your choice of flowers. You can also bring in flowers of your own if you choose. Simply indicate that on the chart next to your name.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School has begun, and we are studying the lessons in the historic church lectionary from Pax Domini Press. This means that the Sunday School kids will be learning the same lessons as Pastor will be preaching each Sunday. Parents, please look at the take-home sheets and encourage memorization of the Bible passages.

Sunday school offerings for the year will again go to Mission of Christ Network Samantha Davis, serving the Lord in Hungary. Samantha and her husband Kendall visited Trinity last year and gave a presentation on their mission plan. Samantha is serving in Aszod, Hungary, at a Lutheran high school, sharing the Gospel with students through English classes and after-school clubs and Bible studies. She is joined by her husband Kendall, who is finishing his graduate studies. Updates on their mission work can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider having your children bring a special offering for Sunday School, which will be gathered during Family Opening.

Our September/October service project is filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child under the leadership of Donna Born and Jan Luxa. Please watch for dates in the bulletin and Parish Life.

It seems early, but Christmas is right around the corner, so we will begin practicing Christmas songs. If your child/children would like to sing a special song or play an instrument for the annual Nativity Play, Wednesday December 18, please contact Shana Schaefer or Rose Little.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6



In 2024, the Minnesota South District has been sponsoring theological convocations. Each is on a different theological topic, which four pastors discuss in depth with each other, facilitated by President Woodford, with an opportunity for participants to be involved in the conversations, as well. These convocations take place from 9:00am to 12:00pm with lunch to follow. Pastors, lay people, and the general public are cordially invited to attend any or all of them. There is no charge to register, but the district asks that attenders register beforehand so that they have an accurate count for materials and lunch. In that spirit, you are formally invited to the final two convocations:

Friday, October 18
Office of the Ministry and Routes to Ordination
Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester

Friday, October 25
Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fulda

Please let Pastor Einertson know if you have any questions.

PARISH LIFE

Parish Life articles for the **November and December** issue are due on MONDAY, October 21.



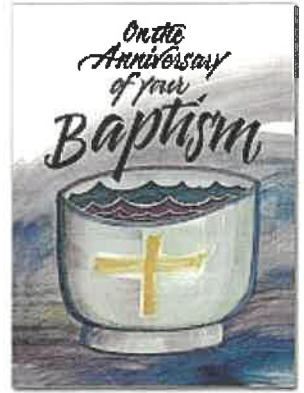
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Jeff Panzer
Sam Porter
- 10/3 Helene Heintz
Kylie Verdoorn
- 10/4 Peggy Reiman
Klaci Woodford
- 10/5 Doris Fischer
- 10/6 Kathy Heggen
- 10/14 Ray Harstad
- 10/16 Belle Dahn
- 10/19 Kay Groth
- 10/20 Jorge Figueroa
- 10/21 Peter Beyl
William Duffy
- 10/22 Clarissa Hinze
- 10/23 Olivia Beyl
- 10/25 Jeff Lee
- 10/27 Shana Schaefer
- 10/28 Brooke Sontag
- 10/30 Dan Heintz
Titus Woodford



OCTOBER BAPTISMS

- 10/8 Tom Lehmann
- 10/10 Joey Little
- 10/11 Sharon Deiss
- 10/12 Sotay Woodford
- 10/14 Ray Harstad
- 10/15 Traci Campbell
Helene Heintz
- 10/16 Klaci Woodford
- 10/21 Peter Beyl
Jeff Panzer
- 10/28 Shana Schaefer
- 10/29 Doris Fischer



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Years</u>
Ray & Mary Jo Sell	10/2	41



Church Attendance September 1 Through September 22			
Sept 1	86	Sept 8	94
Sept 15	84	Sept 22	95

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER 2024

Date	Acolyte/Crucifer	Tellers	Altar Guild
Sunday 10/6/2024	Clayton Beyl	Steve and Judy Heintz	Mary Tyson
Sunday 10/13/2024	Payton Reinke	Donna Born and Peter Wratkowski	Mary Christensen
Sunday 10/20/2024	Gavin Reinke	Ray Sell and Peter Wratkowski	Julie Lee
Sunday 10/27/2024	Jacob Denzler	Steve and Judy Heintz	Sue Markworth

ALTAR GUILD INFORMATION

Below are the prices for flower arrangements for the altar:

\$40 Designer Choice

\$50 Your Choice of Color

Your Choice of Flower will be current market price

You may take your flowers home after the service or let an Altar Guild member know if you don't want them.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1:00 pm Quilting 2:00 pm Pastor @ Trinity Care Center	2 6:30 pm Confirmation	3 8:00 am - 3:30 pm *CC Classes 4:00 pm Women's Min	4	5
6 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour LWML Sunday	7 pastor@trinityfarmington.org	8 1:00 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Elders Mting 7:15 pm Brds/Comm 8:00 pm Church Cncl	9 6:30 pm Confirmation	10 8:00 am - 3:30 pm *CC Classes	11	12
13 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour 11:30 am VOTERS' MTG Election of Officers	14 	15 1:00 pm Quilting 2:00 pm Pastor @ Trinity Care Center	16 6:30 pm Confirmation	17 No CC Classes	18	19
20 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour	21 Parish Life Deadline	22 1:00 pm Quilting	23 6:30 pm Confirmation	24 8:00 am - 3:30 pm *CC Classes	25	26
27 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour MITE BOX COLLECTION PL Avail for Pickup	28	29 1:00 pm Quilting	30	31	Church Phone: 651-463-7225 Church email: secretary@trinityfarmington.org	