



TRINITY TIDINGS



*"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."
Psalm 107:1 (NIV1984)*

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“How few are we within Thy fold, Thy saints by men forsaken!”



This past week the Lutheran Church throughout the world remembered God’s blessings accomplished as a result of the Reformation 499 years ago. On October 31st 1517, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther posted 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany as a means of starting a discussion regarding false teachings which had crept into the Church that were obscuring the truth of the Gospel. While his theses were numerous, they by no means covered all of the teachings which Luther saw the Church needed to reform. Luther wanted the Church to return to teaching the truth of Scripture, to correct the false teachings and practices which had crept into the Church. He also wanted God’s people to remember that they must always be prepared to defend themselves from every

form of false doctrine, so he encouraged them to be in the Word – *to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it.*

Sadly, even after all the efforts of many Lutheran theologians during the Reformation era, the Church was still plagued with those who were teaching false doctrine. Recognizing that Satan was using those teaching false doctrine and encouraging practices which would undermine the truth of God’s Word, these early Lutheran theologians sought to strengthen God’s people through the church’s hymnody. I’ve included the lyrics from two of Luther’s great hymns and from them you immediately see the challenges that Luther saw still facing the Church. If we’re honest with ourselves, we must admit that the Church still faces these same dangerous challenges. The Holy Christian Church has always faced such challenges from Satan and so like the early Christians who stood firm on the truth of the Apostolic teachings, and like Luther who called to Church to do likewise, we too must stand firm on the truth of God’s Word in the face of Satan’s temptations to teach false doctrine or embrace practices which would undermine God’s Word of truth. May the Lord enable us to remain steadfast and faithful in these last days. Let us remember and be encouraged by the truths which Luther would have us sing about:

“O Lord, look down from heaven, behold And let Thy pity waken: How few are we within Thy Fold, Thy saints by men forsaken! True faith seems quenched on every hand, Men suffer not Thy Word to stand; Dark times have us o’ertaken.

With fraud which they themselves invent Thy truth they have confounded; Their hearts are not with one consent On Thy pure doctrine grounded. While they parade with outward show, They lead the people to and fro, In error’s maze astounded.

May God root out all heresy And of false teachers rid us Who proudly say: “Now, where is he That shall our speech forbid us? By right or might we shall prevail; What we determine cannot fail; We own no lord and master.”

Therefore saith God, “I must arise, The poor My help are needing; To Me ascend My people’s cries, And I have heard their pleading. For them My saving Word shall fight And fearlessly and sharply smite, The poor with might defending.”

*As silver tried by fire is pure From all adulteration, So through God's Word shall men endure
Each trial and temptation. Its light beams brighter through the cross, And, purified from human dross,
It shines through every nation.*

*Thy truth defend, O God, and stay This evil generation; And from the error of their way Keep
Thine own congregation. The wicked everywhere abound And would Thy little flock confound; But Thou
art our Salvation.*

"O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold" by Martin Luther, Erfurt, 1524 Text: Psalm 12 TLH #260."

God's blessings!

+ The Lord be with you +

With Christ's Everlasting Peace,
Pastor Shaw

*Thank
you*

*Thank you for all the gifts, cards, and well wishes given to me
during Pastor Appreciation month.*

Pastor Shaw

OFFERING ENVELOPES

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via e-mail at trinitygallatin@trinitygallatin.org; by phone - 615-452-3352,
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Advent Mid-Week Services

Wednesday – November 30 – Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Matthew 25:1-13

“Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying”

Wednesday – December 7 – Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Isaiah 40:1-5

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Wednesday – December 14 – Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Luke 3:1-15

“On Jordon’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Wednesday – December 21 – Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Luke 1:31-33

“Savior of the Nations, Come”



“O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever” (Psalm 136:1). The love of the Lord does endure forever because the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, is risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity. He was crucified for our transgressions, but He is raised and lives forever for our justification. We are acceptable to God in Christ Jesus.

This is indeed something for which we give thanks. We give thanks in our prayers. We give thanks in the hymns we sing in church. We give thanks by talking about it with our friends and neighbors and teaching it to our children and grandchildren. And we give thanks by giving to the church a generous, first-fruits portion of the income He provides us.

Giving is giving thanks. It is one of the concrete ways in which we thank God for all He has done for us. This includes not just what He has done for us here in time, but what He does for us for all eternity. He provides for all that we need in both body and soul. He is more ready to give than we are able either to receive or even ask. That is who He is. That is His character. He is good and His love endures forever.

Let us then give thanks in all these ways, not in one way or the other. But rather in all things, everything that we do and say, whether it be in word or deed, in prayer and praise, in teaching and giving, let us give thanks to God for He is good.

The Stewardship newsletter article is provided by the LSMS Stewardship Ministry.



News from Trinity/HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep congregations informed about our activities. Trinity/HOPE, a not-for profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is daily shared. It is blessed to have numerous supporters in this church.

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 Facebook: trinityhopehaiti

“Rara Bands” & Real Praise and Thanks

By Rev. John Gierke, Peace Lutheran Church, Conway, Arkansas

After arrival in Port-au-Prince to start mission trips, we often heard and saw musical parades going through the streets nearby. These certainly weren't "Welcome to Haiti" parades; these "rara bands" were part of the voodoo culture and celebration of the dead. As we heard their music into the late hours of the night, they were certainly reminders of why we had come to Haiti - to share the HOPE of Jesus Christ, the Risen One who has conquered death, with those who live in the midst of voodoo's fears as well as death from starvation every day.

What a joy it is to hear the echoes of the praises of the children in the schools who were fed a daily meal of beans and rice through your generous gifts still ringing in my ears and heart! What a joy to hear the children nourished with HOPE in Jesus Christ say "Thank You!" with healthy lungs, hearts, and souls! As the children fed by Trinity/HOPE "parade" home through their towns' streets after school, they are walking and singing witnesses of the true power of Jesus Christ and the life and HOPE He, and He alone, brings!





Each year a series of "Thanksgiving Night in the Hunger Fight" events are planned throughout the United States. Typically, a traditional Thanksgiving meal is served, an update on feeding programs is provided by a Haitian feeding program director or supervisor and a silent and live auction are held to raise funds to feed children in Christian Schools in Haiti. Here are the events that are scheduled for the Middle Tennessee Region:

Calendar of events in Middle Tennessee for 2016:

Saturday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 908 Murfreesboro Rd., Franklin, TN

Friday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1003 Hickory Hill Lane, Hermitage, TN

Friday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church, 2640 Buckner Rd., Thompson's Station, TN

Saturday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 720 Lock Four Rd., Gallatin, TN

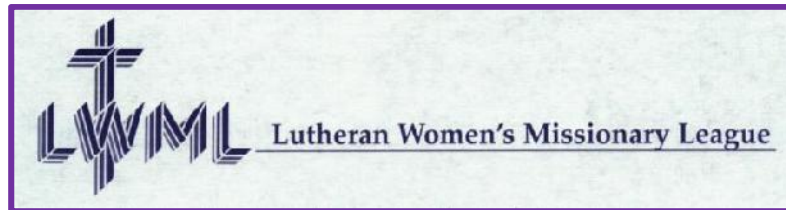
Saturday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 5110 Franklin Rd., Nashville, TN

Sunday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m.

St. Timothy Lutheran, Hendersonville, TN





Ladies of Trinity, we are fast approaching our Christmas Brunch on December 10th at 11:00 at The Grand Inheritance Mansion in Gallatin. The mansion is located at 198 Hix Lane and is a popular venue for weddings. Brenda and Mike Scott own and operate the mansion. There is even a possibility that Mike will entertain us if he is in the area.

We will need a guarantee of at least 20 to attend at a cost of \$20.00 per person. The money will have to be paid when you sign up on a list that will be posted on the LWML bulletin board. All monies have to be in a week before the event on the 10th. The meal is a Christmas buffet. Our grandson had his wedding there so I know the food and the presentation is great. Give the money to Rosalie so your name can be marked paid.

I wish to thank all of you who prayed, sent cards, called, and missed me while I have been dealing with shingles. I still have pain and some rash, but nothing compared to the mind numbing misery early on. My dear friends, Susan Gramse and Eben Appleton were awesome at caring; they have gone the extra mile of friendship. Carolyn and Clyde brought delicious food and flowers. Elsie sent my first card and shared her altar flowers with me. Pastor Shaw came and shared communion with me, Loren and I feel so loved by our church family-----we can't thank you all enough. I know I had your prayers. I wish I had listened to Terry Bradshaw and got my shot,

Rosalie



CAN YOU HELP?



MacKenzie and Mikayla Vietor are members of the Gallatin Girls' Cotillion this year. One of their social outreach projects this year is to collect paper products for the residents of Christian Towers here in Gallatin. They will collect the items donated each Sunday and will donate them at their November meeting. These items will be distributed to residents of Christian Towers in December.

Some of these residents have to choose between purchasing simple products such as toilet paper, paper towels, napkins or purchasing their medications.



FOOD DRIVE

We have people who come by or call the church asking for food for their families. We keep food items in a cabinet in the kitchen so those in real need can feed their family members. Can you help stock our pantry for them?

Here's a list of possible items to donate:

- Peanut butter
 - Crackers
- Canned soups, stews, chili
 - Canned pasta
- Spaghetti noodles and sauces
 - Canned meats
 - Macaroni and cheese
 - Canned or bottled juices
 - Canned fruits and vegetables
- Any item you buy for yourself and your family to eat.

Food items should not be out of date.



WE'RE HAVING A YARD SALE!

**Saturday, November 12
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

We are accepting items for the sale such as:
household items, kitchen items, clothing and shoes
that are clean and in good condition.

*All proceeds will go to Peter Adelsen, Pastor Shaw and Stacy's son-in-law,
who is attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO*



HENRIETTA'S PAGE

Henrietta Church Mouse Here!

Happy Turkey Day! Gobble! Gobble!

November has arrived very quietly. A few breezes, cooler air, the smell of turkey. This is a special month. It's the 'thankful month.' Yes, most of us mice and people are thankful often but I think of November as a time to really think about everything we can be thankful for. Every day I take a moment to list something I am thankful for. There's so very much! My family here at Trinity, Pastor's love of Oreos (he shares!), my mailbox home. I could go on and on. I'm most thankful for our God, our Father. He created us (yep, even wee mice) and cares for us during this life and the next. Without Him we wouldn't have anything.

The Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord, for giving me the things I need - the sun, the rain, and the apple seed. Yes, the Lord is good to me!

I better go start planning my Thanksgiving Day dinner. I've invited my family. So...I hope you don't mind if I let a few of them borrow your mailboxes to sleep in. I sure would appreciate it!

Until next time.....

Henrietta Church Mouse in Residence.

P.S. - Don't forget to hug a vet!
Happy Veteran's Day!





RECYLING REPORT

Thanks for your continued support in our aluminum can recycling program.
Please remember to rinse & dry your cans before bringing them in.

If possible, please remove the tabs from the cans and put them in a 'Zip-loc' bag.

(We donate the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Nashville.)

We have not made a trip to the recycling center since the last report, but hopefully we will have a year-end report in the December Newsletter.



*The music ministry of
Grace Lutheran Church
2041 Madison Street
Clarksville, TN*



*presents their
Music at Grace Concert Series
For the 2016-2017 concert year.*

*Sunday, November 20, 2016, 4 pm
"Sweet Adelines"
Women's Barbershop Style Harmonies
from the Nashville Award Winning Group*

*Sunday, December 4, 2016, 4 pm
"Red River Breeze"
A Celtic Musical Christmas Concert*



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate our chancel for Christmas, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board.

We must turn in our order by November 4.

These plants are in 6.5" pots with 5-7 blooms and are \$5.90 per plant.

There is a choice of Red, White, Pink, White Glitter or Marble.

Please indicate the number of plants and what color of plants you wish to order when signing up.

A payment envelope will be placed in your mailbox here at Trinity.

Return your payment in the envelope to the church office.

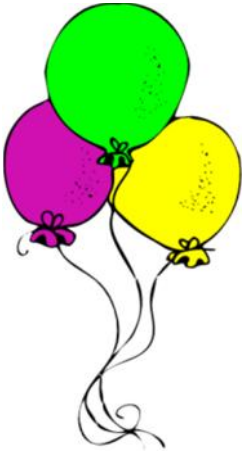
Do not place your payment in the offering plate.

*You can take your plants home following the
Christmas Eve Service.*

**WE THANK GOD FOR THESE
CELEBRATIONS IN NOVEMBER**

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Elise Joanna Gardner
- 3 Patty Simon
- 6 Claude Clinard
- 7 Amanda Coleman
- 10 Kailee Smith
- 11 Ted Isaacson
- 11 Ty Simon
- 11 Wayne Levan
- 13 Matthew Benjamin
- 16 Taelor Ferguson
- 18 Eloise Purrington
- 21 Christian Kissinger
- 23 Dominic Owen
- 24 Frank Coleman
- 26 Chris Gramse
- 27 Amanda Benjamin
- 29 Bobby Warden



ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 John & Sherry Simon (1966)
- 21 Durwood & Shirley Erickson (1959)
- 29 Danny & Linda Thompson (1966)



SERVANT SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2016

PASTOR

Kenneth B. Shaw

ELDER

Tom Riesterer

OFFERING COUNTERS

Loren Replogle & Tim Hartley

ALTAR STEWARD

Marilyn Hartley

GREETERS

Dennis & Louise French

USHERS

**Rob Benjamin & Les Keller - Center Aisle
Jimmy Gragg & Nick Alvarado - Side Aisles**

ACOLYTES

**November 6 - Brandon Levan
November 13 - Paige Smith
November 20 - Gabriel Alvarado
November 27 - Kristina Levan**

VOLUNTEER CLEANING SCHEDULE

**Oct. 30 - Nov. 5 - Dennis & Louise French
Nov. 6 - 12 - James & Jennifer Hygrell
Nov. 13 - 19 - Vacant
Nov. 20 - 26 - Vacant
Nov. 27 - Dec. 3 - Vacant**