



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH LIFE

November 2022



Dear Saints of Trinity,

In the couple of centuries after our Lord's resurrection, Christianity had spread throughout much of the known world, and Christians were gathering around Word and sacrament throughout the Roman Empire. Yet much like today, just because there were Christians all over didn't mean that the non-Christians in their culture knew much about Christianity. Indeed, Christians were somewhat of a fringe group, small in numbers, often misunderstood, and distrusted by many prominent Romans.

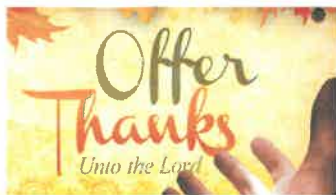
One of these prominent Romans, a man named Diognetus, apparently wanted to know more about this fringe religious group, so he approached a Christian and asked him to explain who Christians were and what they were about. The letter written by that Christian, the Epistle to Diognetus, is one of the finest descriptions we have of Christians in the second century, and it teaches us a lot about what it looks like to be Christians in a world where Christianity isn't the dominant way of thinking. He writes:

"The Christians are distinguished from other men neither by country, nor language, nor the customs which they observe. For they neither inhabit cities of their own, nor employ a peculiar form of speech, nor lead a life which is marked out by any singularity...But, inhabiting Greek as well as barbarian cities, according as the lot of each of them has determined, and following the customs of the natives in respect to clothing, food, and the rest of their ordinary conduct, they display to us their wonderful and confessedly striking method of life....They marry, as do all [others]; they beget children; but they do not destroy their offspring. They have a common table, but not a common bed. They are in the flesh, but

they do not live after the flesh. They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time surpass the laws by their lives...When punished, they rejoice as if quickened into life; they are assailed by the Jews as foreigners and are persecuted by the Greeks; yet those who hate them are unable to assign any reason for their hatred."

As Christians who live in a post-Christendom world, I think we have a lot to learn from this pre-Christendom author. In a culture that is less and less familiar with Christianity, our neighbors should be able to tell that we are Christians, much like the Romans could. True, they won't be able to tell because we speak a foreign language or wear foreign clothes. They probably won't even be able to tell because of the doctrine that we confess—our society knows less and less about what Christians in general and Lutherans, in particular, believe all the time. But they should be able to tell by our way of life. They should see that we honor life as a gift of God, that we generously give what we have to our neighbors, that we follow a God-given sexual ethic, that we strive to follow the laws and even surpass them as we can, that we forgive those who wrong us. They may not like us for it—neither the Jews nor the Greeks did—but if we live as these second-century Christians did, they will have no good reason to accuse us. And who knows? In time, they may even want to learn more about why we live differently. But for now, let's do what our forbears did: live the Christian life as a witness to the Lord who bought us. May our Lord strengthen us for the task.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Einertson



THANKSGIVING

We thank the Lord with a Thanksgiving celebration service at 6:00 p.m. on

Thanksgiving Eve, November 23. Praise the Lord for all his blessings!

TRINITY WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, at 4:00 p.m.

There is a sign-up on the table in front of the main bulletin board for our annual Thanksgiving loaves. The loaves will need to be at the church prior to the start of the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m.

Advent by Candlelight will be held on December 4, at 4:00. There is a sign-up sheet on the LWML table. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Hinze (651-246-7335) or Sue Markworth (651-308-5673).



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



It is already November! The time for Annual Report items will come sooner than any of us are ready for. So, this is your reminder to start getting your group's information together.

Please include a brief recap of activities for 2022 and a looking forward to 2023 section with each report.

Items are due by **December 26, 2022.**

THANK YOU!

A sincere thank you to all for your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, cards, and memorials concerning the illness and death of our son-in-law Luke Petterson.



Gene and Elise Peterson



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This is it! After working, shopping, creating, and planning since February, it is finally time to finish preparing and packing our shoeboxes. On Sunday, October 30, we held a packing party with the Youth Group to pack 40 boxes for 2-4-year-olds. The next party will be on Saturday, November 5, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This is open to everyone! Come and help fill boxes for ages 5-9. We will possibly have one more packing party date the week of November 13. Watch the bulletin for announcements or signs at our display.

EXCITING NEWS! We actually received an email this month from someone helping a 3 year old child who got one of our 2021 shoe boxes! They were happy and we are thrilled we could help share the love of Jesus!

One more request: If anyone is available to help deliver shoeboxes to the drop off centers beginning November 16, we would appreciate your help! Usually, the closest drop off center is in Apple Valley. We hope to have 130 boxes this year! We will post drop off sites and times at the display as soon as we get them. Contact Jan Luxa 651-463-2959 or 651-442-5726 to volunteer.

We Praise god for all the volunteers. You have been a wonderful and important part of this shoebox ministry.

God' Blessings
Jan Luxa
Donna Born

YOUNG BELIEVERS

This year we will try to meet one Sunday each month directly after the Education Hour from



around 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and one Sunday in the evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hopefully, this will help accommodate schedules, so more youth are able to attend.

We will have lunch/dinner at each gathering, so if anyone is interested in providing the lunch/dinner for the youth one Sunday, it would be greatly appreciated!

We will also have a Youth Group Christmas party in December. The tentative date is Sunday December 11. Is anyone interested in hosting the party? It would be nice to have it at someone's house, but if that doesn't work out, we will have it at the church.

The schedule for the rest of this year is below. All youth in grades 5th through 12th are welcome to join us!

- October 30 - meet from 12 to ?? at church - We will be helping fill boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- November 13 - (tentative plan) Bowling at Farmington Lanes 12:15 to 2:15 - more details will be provided
- November 27 - meet from 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at church
- December 11 (tentative date) - Youth Group Christmas Party - time and location TBD

PARISH LIFE

Parish Life articles for the **DECEMBER/JANUARY** issue will be due on **Friday, November 18**. Please note the early date AND that you need to include events/ schedules for both ***December and January*** as there will be no Parish Life in January. The printed Parish Life will be ready for pick up at the service on Thanksgiving Eve.



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sunday School
Children's Christmas Service

will be Wednesday, December 14, during the Advent service at 6:00 p.m. Children and Youth, please consider sharing any special music (i.e. piano, horns, guitar, singing, etc.) during this special service. Contact Shana Schaefer if interested. Please watch the bulletin for more information on practice times in the future.

PARENTS please practice this hymn with your children grades K-8 at home: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come LSB #358 verses 1 and 2 for now.

Coming Soon: Advent Calendars will be available for all Sunday School children and their families

NO Sunday School December 25 & January 1, but there will be lessons for each of these Sundays to take home and teach to your children.

Sunday School resumes 1/8



TRUSTEES' REPORT

- Cleanup continues both inside and outside.
- Work continues for women's downstairs restroom. Door opener with push buttons was added.
- Completed monthly inspection checks for emergency lights and fire extinguishers.

Thank you,

Trustees

Church Elections

We are still in need of a few people who are willing to fill church officer/committee member vacancies. Please pray for guidance as you consider where you can best serve the Lord. Contact Wesley below if you are interested.

WESLEY DEISS
(952) 210-3331



Thank you Veterans and Active Military for your service!

The Farmington American Legion Auxiliary Unit #189 will honor Veterans and Active Members of Military Service by offering a free breakfast at the November 13, 2022, SAL Omelet Breakfast to be held at the VFW in Farmington. Omelet breakfast is served from 8 am to noon. Thank you Veterans and Active Military Members for your service!

MAKE A TABLE LANTERN

Make this candleholder to decorate your family's

Thanksgiving dinner table.

What you need:

- Tiny leaves
- Glue
- Small glass jar with a wide mouth (salsa jars work great)
- Colored tissue paper (use fall colors if you can)
- Paintbrush
- Small votive candle

How to make it:

1. Collect tiny autumn leaves.
2. Glue the leaves to the outside of the jar.
3. Tear tissue paper into small pieces.
4. Use the paintbrush to cover the outside of the jar (including the leaves) with glue. Work on small parts of the jar at a time.
5. Lightly press the tissue paper pieces onto the glue until the entire outside of the jar is covered.
6. When the jar is completely dry, place the candle inside.
7. Ask an adult to light the candle during Thanksgiving dinner.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Colleen Duffy
Madalyn Pietz-Gunhus
- 11/3 Katie Thom
- 11/4 Bobbi Stewart
- 11/8 Anna Duffy
Elisabeth Duffy
- 11/10 Mike Goehring
- 11/11 William Deiss
- 11/13 Ingrid Slattum
- 11/17 Connie Dau
- 11/18 Shirley Oldenburg
Brian Thom
- 11/19 Steven Campbell
- 11/21 Darline Lehmann
- 11/22 Lina Schultz
- 11/23 Brook Dubbels
- 11/26 James Thiesen
- 11/28 Tamara Pietz



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- | | Day | Years |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| Greg & Alice Opatrny | 11/3 | 22 |
| Lisa & Cory Heffner | 11/5 | 12 |
| Carl & Betty Wicklund | 11/15 | 71 |



NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

- 11/1 Kay Groth
- 11/2 Kathryn Heggen
- 11/5 Titus Woodford
- 11/10 Belle Dahn
- 11/12 Sam Porter
- 11/13 Ashton Joens
Brynlee Joens
- 11/17 William Duffy
- 11/20 Lois Meyer
- 11/26 Colleen Duffy
Connie Dau
- 11/27 Zach Koschmann
- 11/30 William Deiss
Katie Thom



Church Attendance September 25 Through October 23			
Sept 25	110	Oct 2	103
Oct 9	100	Oct 16	101
Oct 23	92		

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR November 2022

Date	Acolyte/Crucifer	Tellers	Altar Guild
11/06/22	Jude Porter	Judy Heintz and Steve Heintz	Hazel Truax
11/13/22	Eli Halverson	Donna Born and Greg Opatrny	Mary Tyson
11/20/22	Daniel Little	Ray Sell	Mary Chistensen
11/23/22	No Acolyte	Judy Heintz and Steve Heintz	Mary Chistensen
11/27/22	Zach Schaefer	Dave Dahl and Doris Dahl	Sharon Deiss

ALTAR GUILD INFORMATION

Below are the prices for flower arrangements for the altar:

- \$30 Designer Choice
- \$35 Your Choice of Color
- \$40 Your Choice of Flower

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

We are seeking to gauge the interest and need of our Trinity members to receive a ride to and from our worship services and also the interest of who among our members would be able and willing to serve by providing such a service. For those who would like to participate in either way, please fill out the following form and hand it to an usher or elder or return it to the Secretary's desk in the church office, or call the church office (651) 463-7225 with your response:

1. I would like to have a member of Trinity pick me up at my home and take me to and back home from worship services at Trinity.

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Telephone number to best reach me: _____



2. I would be able to provide our members in need of transportation with a ride to and back home from worship services at Trinity.

Name: _____


Current Address: _____

Telephone number to best reach me: _____

NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S BOUNTY</p> 		1 9:00 am Quilting	2 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Practice	3 2:00 pm LifeLight 4:00 pm Women's Min	4	5 10:00 am to noon OCC Packing Party Turn clocks back tonight
6 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour	7	8 9:00 am Quilting 6:30 pm Elders Mtng 7:15 pm Brds/Comm 8:00 pm Church Cncl	9 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Practice	10 2:00 pm LifeLight	11	12
13 23th Sun after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour 12:15 pm Youth Bowling	14	15 9:00 am Quilting	16 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Practice	17 2:00 pm LifeLight	18 Parish Life Deadline DEC/JAN ISSUE	19
Pastor Heggen on Call						
PASTOR OUT OF TOWN						
20 Last Sunday of Church Yr 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour	21	22 9:00 am Quilting	23 NO Confirmation 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship	24  PL Avail for Pickup	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
Pastor Woodford on Call						
PASTOR OUT OF TOWN						
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour 11:45 pm Youth Group	28	29	30 5:15 pm Meal 6:00 pm Advent Worship 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<p>Pastor after hours: 770-283-9197 Pastor email: pastor@trinityfarmington.org Church Phone: 651-463-7225 Church email: secretary@trinityfarmington.org</p>		
<p>MITE BOX SUNDAY PL Avail for Pickup</p>						

DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Pastor after hours: 770-283-9197 Pastor email: pastor@trinityfarmington.org Church Phone: 651-463-7225 Church email: secretary@trinityfarmington.org</p>			 <p><i>Advent by Candlelight</i></p>	<p>4:00 pm Women's</p>		
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<p>11 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour Youth Christmas Party</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:00 am Quilting</p>	<p>14 5:15 pm Meal 6:00 pm Children's Christmas Program 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:00 am Quilting</p>	<p>21 5:15 pm Meal 6:00 pm Advent Worship 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6:00 pm Worship  Christmas Eve</p>
<p>25 9:00 am Worship Christmas Day  MITE BOX SUNDAY</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>
					