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"Sharing the Caring Christ with all People"

A Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association Church And a Good Shepherd Community Congregation

Sunday Services: 8:00am & 10:30am

Monday Worship Services 6:00pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Sunday School for All Ages: 9:15am (Sept—May)

Sunday Radio Broadcast at 8:00am on WVAL 800 on the AM dial and streaming live on the internet at www.800wval.com Trinity's Website: www.trinitysr.org



"Living for God Today!"

"You are my God..."
Those four words from Psalm 118:28 certainly are a confession of faith. But they are much more than that. Reading on in verse 28, it becomes apparent those words also lead to a response. Indeed, they become the foundation for a way of life.

You are my God, AND (emphasis added) I will give You thanks; You are my God, AND I will exalt You."

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"You are my God . . . and I will live for you today!" Such a confession and response serves as a nice definition for 'stewardship'; that is, responsible management of all that God has given us. Our way of life will reflect our faith in the God who has given us life. We are life-long managers of all He blesses us with. And as such. we are not afraid to make lifelong commitments to Him as our God. In the words of a contemporary Christian song: "O God, You are my God . . . and I will follow You all of my days."

These words of Psalm 118:28 will serve as the basis of our stewardship effort here at Trinity during the month of November. Under the theme, "Living for God Today," we will have various opportunities to grow in the grace of living our lives for God. Daily devotions for the month based on this theme will be posted on our Trinity website (www.trinitysr.org). Hard copies of these devotions will also be made available at church. In addition, our Sunday morning

Bible study in the fellowship hall for the month will examine other key verses of Psalm 118.

We'll see why this Psalm was especially important to the Jews, and why it was possibly the last Scripture Jesus shared with His disciples on the night before His suffering and death.

Along with your regular worship during the Sundays of November, I encourage you to make use of the daily devotions, and weekly use of the Bible study. Then on Sunday, November 22nd, we will have the opportunity once again in worship to make our stewardship commitment/faith promise for the next year - with "thanksgiving and exaltation"-to the God whom we confess to be "my God".

Pastor Paul

So Grateful!

Thank you for your wonderful outpouring of love shown last Sunday, for the cards, phone calls and gifts. The many years with you have been such a blessing to Adeline and me.

God Bless you all!

Pastor Harvey Ehlers



"Are You My Secret Angel?"

A secret angel is anyone from our congregation who volunteers to secretly support one of Trinity's confirmation students as they work

through their confirmation classes. The most important duty of a secret angel is to remember the student in their prayers. Only with the "Lord's Will" will the children hear His words and learn His lessons. To allow the students to know their angel is near, secret angels drop off anonymous forms of encouragement in the church office called 'angel mail' at least ONCE a month for the student. Secret angel mail is kept simple: cards, letters, words of wisdom, favorite verses, poems or snacks/ treats are just a few ideas. The student has the same secret angel throughout 7th and 8th grade. The 'secret identity' of their angel is always a mystery and is not revealed to them until their confirmation day! Trinity's congregation is blessed to have 11 new 7th grade children enrolled in confirmation class this year! Would you prayerfully consider mentoring one of them? Please contact Kristen Fuchs for more information including the list of class names: kjfuchs14@gmail.com or call me at: 320-282-4432. Remember 'Shhhhhh!!' Your identity is a secret until the student's confirmation day!

Hark THE Glad Sound

It's time! It's time to get ready for Christmas! I know that, because last week I saw the first Christmas trees of the season on display in a local store! Let the Christmas shopping season begin!

Better yet, let the Advent Season begin! Let's get ready and truly prepare for Christmas by gathering around the Advent Wreath to worship and prepare our hearts and homes to again celebrate the best and greatest gift of them all – the gift of a Savior – the birth of the Christ!

Our Advent Family Worship services will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. immediately following God's Grub. Come for supper, stay for worship and join in a very special time of faith preparation for young and old alike. Let the Christ -centered conversations, Scripture verses, songs, prayers, and activities of each worship service bring the glad sounds of the Advent season into your hearts and homes.

In HIS service,

Pastor Dave



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Salt & Pepper

We had another successful AARP driving refresher on Oct. 20th. Keep in mind that we do this twice a year, so if you need to take the class we would appreciate your support. For our November activity we will be holding our annual Bunco night in combination with the Middle School Youth group on Nov. 18th at 7 pm. If you are picking your kids up after confirmation we invite all of you to stay and play some Bunco with us. In December we will be Christmas Caroling at Good Shepherd on Dec. 13th. Meet at the chapel at 4:30 pm. The residents always appreciate this so much so please consider joining us.

Worship with us this Thanksgiving!
Wednesday, November 25th at
6:00pm
Thursday, November 26th at 9:00am
Both with Holy Communion



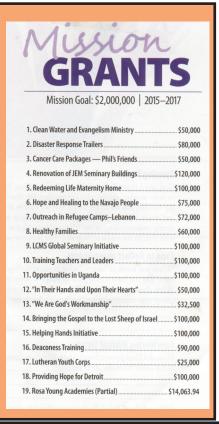
Don't Want to
Cook Tonight?
God's Grub

Wednesday's at 5:00pm
Join us for food and fun!

LWML

Our Mites Accomplish Amazing Goals

Trinity LWML
meeting is November
12th at 1:00pm in the
Fellowship Hall
Welcome!!





for Lutherans

Don't' Forget to designate your choice dollars to Trinity Lutheran!

PIE FEST:

Please stay after the Thanksgiving Eve service on November 25th for a piece of pie & a dollop of friendship. Watch for a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area for pie donations & kitchen help. Blessings!

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DCO CORNER:

This month I'd like to share with you a seven year timeline showing the process John Bakou has been through to become a pastor in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

December 14, 2008 - Trinity Voter's Assembly approved the planting of a new daughter church by becoming a Covenant Congregation and a few hours later the Anyuak gathered for their first worship service.

September 6, **2011** - John Bakou began working began working on staff at Trinity parttime and started his online classes at Concordia Seminary. He took 4 classes per year for 4 years in the <u>Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology</u> (EIIT).

October 26, 2012 - John was officially assigned as vicar and placed to serve in that capacity here at Trinity to the Anyuak congregation.

August 7, 2015 - John completed EIIT-16 Pastoral Ministry II. This was the last class in his EIIT 4 year program.

September 10, **2015** - Professor David Lewis from Concordia Seminary conducted a theological interview on the phone with John.

September 30, **2015** - Because of a successful theological interview the faculty at Concordia Seminary voted to certify John for placement into the pastoral office.

October 23, 2015 - John graduated from the EIIT program and received a call to serve the Anyuak here at Trinity.

November 7, 2015 - An Ordination Service is being planned here at Trinity. Many Anyuak will come from all over Minnesota. MNN District President Don Fondow and other clergy will be participating. You are invited to come and celebrate John's ordination at the 4:00 p.m. service here at church.

Ordination Service

A reception will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

November 8, 2015 - At our 10:30 a.m. Worship John will be installed here at Trinity as pastor to the Anyuak congregation.

Pastor John will continue at 3 days a week and will continue to conduct weekly services. He will be especially focusing on teaching the sacraments, stewardship and Christian education.

The Anyuak are **very thankful** for the support they receive from the Trinity, MNN District, MNN District LWML and our LWML Society.

Craig Cooper, DCO



Worship and Music Notes

Autumn Blessings to all!

Thank you members of Trinity for your warm welcome. For those of you who do not know me yet, my name is Ruth Immerfall and I am excited to have been called back to Trinity as your contemporary worship leader! I say "called back" because I worked at Trinity from 1994-2000 as an organist, bell director and worship leader and was also the music teacher at the school. So . . . it took 15 years, but here I am once again answering the Lord's call to serve Him at Trinity Lutheran Church!

I also have the wonderful opportunity of teaching music to the K-8 students at Prince of Peace during the school year and give private piano lessons. I have been blessed to be married to Ron for 17 years. Ron is employed at Westrock (the "cardboard making" place) as a maintenance worker and boiler operator. He also enjoys singing, fishing, flying and racing. We have two terrific children, Mackenzie and Elliott and a grandson, Ethan who is 9 years old, in the third grade and a joy in our lives!

I ask for your patience as I gather names, numbers and email addresses of the musicians in our congregation. Please contact me if you would like to sing with a worship team or if you play an instrument (i.e. - guitar, drums, piano, etc.) I look forward to getting to know all of the members of Trinity as well as working with our musicians to glorify the Lord in song!

Singing His Praises,

Ruth Immerfall ruthimmerfall@gmail.com 320.291.9293



Upcoming Middle School Youth Events

November 1st is Trinity Middle School leaf raking from 1230-3pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall directly after the 1030 service and carpool to residential areas in Sauk Rapids assigned by the local Faith In Action Group. This is a great opportunity to get those required service hours! We are in need of adult chaperones as well and drivers since the Church Van is not available during those hours. NOVEMBER 4th. PUPPET MINISTRY TRAINING. 715-8pm. Performance will be November 8th 9-10am for Sunday School classes. This is a youth group activity for any of our MSYG members as a way to assist with our Sunday School program. We will be assigning parts for the November 8th puppet show at practice on November 4th. NOVEMBER 18th. BUNCO NIGHT. After Confirmation. This is an event done in conjunction with Trinity Salt N Pepper group.

REMEMBER.... During the season of Advent, Confirmation Class begins with Advent Service at

All For Him, Kristen - Middle School Youth Group Rsvp to msygtrinitysr@gmail.com

6pm. Class then runs until 745pm.



"More Than Enough" Planned Giving Stories for Christian Stewards

Michael and Kelly were retired engineers with two adult children. They owned a home, some stocks, and IRAs. They met with their financial advisor to discuss a plan to provide for their family, and for some of their favorite charities.

Kelly: We both had a lot of money in our IRAs, which was more than we could ever use. We wondered if we could pass this on to our children.

Michael: Our advisor explained the problem with giving our retirement savings to our family. He said a majority of the gift would be taxed. We didn't want our children paying any more in taxes than they already pay.

To alleviate their concerns, Michael and Kelly's advisor created a plan that stipulated their stocks and home go to the children. He then recommended a bequest of the retirement assets be left to their church and other charities, which could then receive all the assets tax free, allowing them to use the funds to further their missions.

Michael: It was easy to make bequests from our IRAs to our church. We filled out the online forms on our custodian's website that permitted us to allocate percentage shares to charitable causes.

Kelly: This plan met all of our goals. We like the fact that our children could immediately sell the house and stocks with little or no tax due. We were also happy to help our church.

Information and confidential consultation about planned giving options that might benefit you can be obtained by contacting either Mr. David Priebe, retired business attorney (612)508-4640; or Mr. George Miller (800)482-5022. Both David and George are Gift Planning Counselors for the MN North District - LCMS.

Trinity High School Youth Group 9th-12th grade

We are meeting again on Wednesday nights from 6-8PM. God's Grub will be available before hand at 5PM. Anyone who wants to knock out some homework, or just hang out, can show after school.



Be sure to connect with one of the youth leaders for the National Youth Gathering next summer. Dates are July 16-20, 2016. This event will be in New Orleans, LA. Get signed up.

We're going to Nawlins Y'all.

Make sure you are connected to the youth leaders via media of your choice.

Facebook, twitter, instagram, email...

In His service, Youth Leaders Emily, Charlie, Brett, Leah and TK

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Prayer Chain: Delores Volkers 252-2101
Youth Ministry: Terry Kurash 251-4071;
Kristen Sigurdson 493-6621
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- · How to pass on money to heirs or charities in a tax-wise manner
- · Increasing the probability of investment success.
- · Multigeneration IRA planning ... and more!

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12 pm Thrivent Financial Conference Room

2835 West St. Germain Street, St. Cloud Wednesday, November 18, 2015

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It's Turkey Time!!!

Remember to bring in your turkey stamps (we need the whole receipt) and cards, even if they are only partially filled. We will use this resource to supplement our food shelf during the holidays. Please bring all cards to the church by Sunday, Nov. 29th.

Thank you so much for your help!



Remember: We set our clocks back Sunday, Nov. 1st! Happy

Event Details

ourself and a guest.

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Free information will be available to assist you in remaining healthy, active, and preparing for your future including:

Driving, Home Design, Hearing, Vision, Vaccinations, Health Care Directives, Dental Health, Mental Health, Exercise,

and more!

November Birthdays

Nama	Distb Data		
Name Davis Assard	BirthDate		
Doug Aagard	10-Nov		
Mananyoth Abella	10-Nov		
John Alstrup	11-Nov		
Berkley Anderson	19-Nov		
Taryn Anderson	23-Nov		
Rich Austin	29-Nov		
Sandy Austin	13-Nov		
Medho Balo	23-Nov		
Siri Becker	5-Nov		
Alyssa Behrendt	24-Nov		
Stephanie Collins	16-Nov		
Kari Cooper	20-Nov		
Gayleen Dierks	25-Nov		
Sharon Eickhoff	26-Nov		
Andrew Figallo	22-Nov		
Metech Gora	28-Nov		
Gail Haake	16-Nov		
Betty Hiltel	4-Nov		
Trevor Jevne	10-Nov		
Fred Joesting	26-Nov		
Allan Johnson	7-Nov		
Sheena Johnson	30-Nov		
Tim Jurek	22-Nov		
Koral Kampa	8-Nov		
Joann Kath	7-Nov		
Joanne Keck	15-Nov		
David Keske	17-Nov		
Korey Keske	30-Nov		
Carol Kiekow	27-Nov		
Earl Kothman	23-Nov		
Kathryn Kranz	24-Nov		
Wendy Leeb	13-Nov		
Jon Lentz	9-Nov		
Logan Ludwig	13-Nov		
Sandy Machula	26-Nov		
Connie Mooney	9-Nov		
Jim Mooney	14-Nov		
Dayne Morin	19-Nov		
Deb Mousky	3-Nov		
Don Murphy	9-Nov		

Name	BirthDate
Corey Neils	23-Nov
Tara Nelsen	12-Nov
Bob Neumann	1-Nov
Bob Nordquist	18-Nov
Isaiah Novak	27-Nov
Agwa Ojullu	15-Nov
Dub Ojullu	12-Nov
Anni Omot	3-Nov
Debraha Omot	13-Nov
Evelyn Pingel	3-Nov
Mrs Cheryl Reberg	6-Nov
Dolores Rehder	20-Nov
Jacob Ripka	2-Nov
Angela Roering	11-Nov
Kim Schwartz	14-Nov
Lucie Schwartzkopf	23-Nov
Cathy Smith	18-Nov
Marla Storms-	
Linquist	20-Nov
Amanda Stuart	27-Nov
Dorothy Torell	9-Nov
Carol Truenow	18-Nov
Kristie Voge	4-Nov
Thomas Vogel	19-Nov
Kianah Watson	15-Nov
Amber Welsh	27-Nov
Jordyn Wendt	13-Nov
Walter Wendt	17-Nov
Diana Weyhrauch	18-Nov
Joanne Wilke	13-Nov
Miranda Wurdelman	22-Nov





November 2015								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1 ALL SAINT'S DAY 8:00am Worship (HC) Z1 9:15am Bible Class & S. S. 9:15am Youth Bible Study 9:15am Parenting Class 10:30am Worship Z2 11:30am MSYG Leaf Raking 12:00pm Anyuak Worship DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS	2 6:30pm Salt & Pepper Planning Mtg (Lcf) 6:45pm Narcotics Anonymous (Y)	NO BIBLE CLASS 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	4 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 8:30am Finance Team Mtg 5:00pm God's Grub 6:00pm Confirmation Classes 6:00pm HS Youth Night (Y) 6:00pm Confirmation Classes (Scl, Lcl Lcf) 6:00pm Adult Choir Practice (W)	5 9:00am Sewing and Crafts (F) 6:30pm Brownie Troop Mtg. 7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	6 9:30am Parish Workers	7 9:00am Altar Guild Anyuak Worship 12:00pm 4:00pm Pastor John Bakou Ordination Service 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal(W)		
8 8:00am Worship Z3 9:15am Bible Class & S. S. 9:15am Youth Bible Study (Y) 10:30am Worship and Pastor John Bakou Installation (HC) Z4 12:00pm Anyuak Worship (M,Y) 4:00pm Creative Crafts	9 6:00pm Bev's CC (CM) 6:45pm Narcotics Anonymous (Y)	10 10:30am Bible Class 6:30pm Sandwichers CC (Scf) 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	11 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 5:00pm God's Grub 6:00pm HS Youth Night (Y) 6:00pm Confirmation Classes (Scl, Lcl Lcf) 6:00pm Adult Choir Practice (W) 6:15pm Ladies Leaning on Christ (CM)	Team Mtg. (Lcf) 7:00pm Worship	9:30am Parish Workers	9:00am Altar Guild 1:30pm St. Cloud State Prison Bible Study 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal(W)		
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Room Reservation Key	W=Worship Space	Scl=Small Class Ro	oom M=Music Room Lcf=Large Conf Room CM=Care Ministry					
O=Overflow Room	F=Fellowship Hall	Lcl=Large Class Ro						
CDC=Child Development. Center								