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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)

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Dear generous friends in Christ,

I am hoping the way I have addressed this letter to you has caught your attention! Please know my use of the word "generous" is intended as a compliment in light of the gifts you have given to support the ministry of our congregation. Please also know it is intended to be a word of encouragement to you to continue to be generous in your giving and even to grow in your generous giving.

Speaking of generous, it is interesting to note that in several places in Scripture people of faith in God's promises are identified as being such by their generosity. Two of those instances can be found in Psalm 37. First there is verse 21: "The righteous give generously." That is followed by these words in verses 25 and 26: "I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous ..."

There is 'A' reason ('A' as in there is only one reason) that God's people can be generous and even noted for their generosity. God's people – you and I – we can be generous because we have a generous God! Here is just one verse of many that highlight the generosity of God. It's Psalm 145:15-16 – "The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing." Of course, here is the pinnacle of God's generosity as expressed by Paul in Romans 8:32 – "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?" Making that fact and promise even better is the fact that God is the owner of everything! In Psalm 24 we are told that "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

Can you grow in your generosity of giving? Can you become even more generous? Certainly the opportunity to "to grow in the grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:9) is ours due to the fact that God never stops being generous! "Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." (2 Corinthians

9:10-11)

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Next month, Pastor Paul and I will be sharing more with you about the many ways we can "live generously" and "give generously." It is my prayer to our gracious and generous Lord to so bless His Word in our midst and in our hearts to this end: "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, people will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:12-15)

In Christ,
Pastor Dave





All Saints/Mission Festival Sunday November 6th

Rev. Dr. Bernhard (Bernie) Lutz, and his wife Elly, will be here Sunday November 6th. Pastor Lutz will preach at both services and he will lead the Bible study. His sermon will be based on Isaiah 6:1-9, "God's Universal Gift". Pastor Lutz has served as a missionary in East Africa with the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). This year he was in South Sudan and Ethiopia in August and September. LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based. Christ-centered and Reformationdriven. LHF has published the catechism in more than 70 languages, including most recently the **Anyuak Small Catechism** and many more translations have been requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed more than 700 titles/editions and 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches – all at no cost to them.

Pastor Lutz will be encouraging to consider our calling to share the Gospel with all nations, "people groups".



During the 10:30 a.m. service Pastor John Bakou will also be reading scripture and praying the Lord's Prayer in Anyuak and we will have an Anyuak Choir.

After the 10:30 a.m. service we will have a potluck. You are asked to bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name: A-M Hot dish, N-Z Salad and Dessert will be provided. The Anyuak will bring their ethnic foods so be sure and try something different like Injera bread dipped in Lamb & Okra stew with a dollop of Asida.

A door offering will be received after both services to support the important translation work of Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Checks can be made payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church, with "LHF" in the memo line. Craig Cooper, DCO



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"Family Life" Midweek Advent Worship

Family life. It can be the best of times and - let's be honest - it can be the worst of times. consider these family facts:

- You don't need remote control for your TV. If you have children, the chances of controlling anything are already remote.
- More ominous than the sound of an approaching riot is the sound of children suddenly quiet.
- A survey of marriage counselors has uncovered this bit of data: no marriage can survive white carpeting.

Everyone needs godly wisdom when it comes to family relationships. That's why, as we begin our Advent/Christmas season at the end of this month of November, we plan to learn from the families connected with our Lord's birth. This includes Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, along with Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John. These families faced infertility, frustration, loss misunderstandings, death, and so much more.

On three Wednesday evenings in Advent, we will once again gather in worship to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior. Worship themes:

November 30 - **Two Families** (Luke 1:5-25)

December 7 - Our Way (Luke 1:57-66)

December 14 - A List! (Matthew1:1-17)

Join us each Wednesday for God's Grub in the fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. and worship at 6:00 p.m. Your family is worth time and investment in God's word.

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PIE FEST:

Please stay after the Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23rd for a piece of pie & a dollop of friendship. Watch for a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area for pie donations &



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kitchen help. Blessings!

952 -831-3525 x774 cmiller@acendas.com Psalm 84:10

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere."

Worship and Music Notes

See What Great Love the Father Has Lavished On Us!

What theme should be addressed in a November Worship and Music article? The lessons for our November services will cover topics ranging from Saints in heaven, the Beatitudes, the "Watch and Be Ready" text warnings of the end times, the reconciling message from Colossians and promise of paradise to the penitent thief from the words on the cross, and the Thanksgiving Worship lessons with the foreigner returning to give thanks. Finally, the last Sunday of the month is the churches New Year as we start the festival half of the church year with the First Sunday in Advent and have lessons that are very much like the previous Sunday texts with warnings to "Watch and Be Ready".

I would like to single out a text from Colossians: (the preceding verses refer to the Son)

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. (Colossians 1:19-20)

This passage seems to encompass all of the themes listed above. To be at peace with God through the redeeming blood shed on the cross. John 3:16- "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life," – is the "gospel in a nut shell" but I am comforted by these words of reconciliation. The love, lavish love, that has been given us covers it all. Period.

How much more, then, are we motivated by our Father's love to share that lavish love with one another. We have been reconciled to God. Are we reconciled to one another? What keeps us from making peace? Life lessons are constantly being taught and learned. In my experience, **perceived** issues keep us from unity. The devil is very skilled at keeping division amongst us. (At home, at work, at church...) I was under the misconception that people did not care about me here at church. I was certainly proven wrong with the out pouring of love and affection from my church family at my 25 Year Recognition reception. Thank you everyone! My point here is that thoughts we harbor are not always reality. God has laid the ground work for unity among His children. Are we sharing His blessings of peace with one another? Psalm 133:1 states: **How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!** God grant us the grace and faith to do just that. I would like to challenge each of us to reach out of our comfort zone and make everyone feel valued and loved by going that extra step and be Christ's hands and feet to one another.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.

To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

(LSB 785:3)

God's Blessings to you in every season-Daniel Reineke, Traditional Music Director (320)656-0963 dreineke@trinitysr.org or danielreineke@charter.net

SPECIAL EVENT! Youth Night – Wed., November 9th at 6:00pm:

Former NFL football player,
Matt Veldman, will be speaking to the
High School Youth Group
(Everyone Welcome!)

Join us for God's Grub at 5:00pm also!!





WANT TO BE PART OF THE FIRST GROUP to hear about Pastor Paul's recent trip to

Germany? Please join Salt and Pepper on
November 15th at 6:30 pm. Not only will he
tell us about it, he will have pictures to
share too. Watch the kiosk to sign up for
this, no limits. Let's fill up the fellowship
hall! Coffee and treats will be served.
On Saturday, Dec. 3rd, we will visit the
Little Falls Mansion Tours!
Watch for details to come in the bulletin.

God's Grub

November 2: Hot Dogs November 9: ?? November 16: Taco in a Bag November 23:No God's Grub November 30: Sub Sandwiches

(Helpers needed on Wed. evenings, at 5:00pm or earlier!) Thank you!

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity LWML members were welcomed as they joined Good shepherd leaguers at their meeting Tuesday, October 18th. Chaplain Wilke led the assembly in Bible Study from the Fall 2016 Quarterly. Clara Czech and Pat Sauer served refreshments. Leaguers were reminded of the Zone Joyshop on Tuesday, October 25th, at St. John's Popple Creek from 10am to noon. Trinity LWML will meet November 10th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship hall. Please join us for study and refreshments!





The Sewing Guild will be

selling gifts items on
Sunday, November 6th
between services and during
the potluck. Please take a
look and get a
jump on your
Christmas list!

account.

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POP will place orders every Monday at 3 pm and orders will be ready for pick up on Friday. Each individual or family will need to fill out a sheet designating rebate funds. You have the option of designating all your rebates to the school OR half of the rebates to the school and half to a family. If a family fails to fill out a form, all rebates will automatically go to the school.

A big, heart-felt thank you to the people of Trinity for making me feel so



loved and appreciated at my 25-Year Recognition reception. Thank you for all of the greetings, cards, and gifts. All I can say is "Wow!" My friends from work were so impressed with how friendly our church is. They commented repeatedly on how welcomed they were by so many friendly people. Thank you to those that put this together and organized all the coffee hour refreshments. Everything was delicious! And thank you to the staff, as it is a privilege and honor to prepare for and worship with you in our Lord's House! God's blessings to you all.

In His Service, Daniel Reineke

Opportunities to Volunteer At the Salvation Army

- 1. Thanksgiving dinner—November 24th from 11:30am—12:45 pm (Assist with serving the meal)
- Food Shelf—Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 1pm—3pm, Tuesday and Thursday from9am—11am. (Help stock the shelves.)
- 3. Bell ringing—Nov. 10th—Dec. 24th. Volunteers are needed to ring bells at 19 locations throughout St. Cloud and the surrounding area. They are able to ring from 9am—7pm, Monday through Saturday. A two hour time commitment in requested.

Register to ring at http://salvationarmymnorth.org/community/st-cloud/

or

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Shannon at (320)257-7437

Christmas Stockings for Kids-the 25th year.

I am now beginning to seek items to collect for my Christmas stocking mission. Any items you are able to donate can be placed in the box in the back of the church. Items needed are as follows: School supplies, Children's small toys (no guns or other violent ones), Books (adult & children), Hats, gloves, scarves, Candy & candy canes, Fruit

Snacks, Combs, brushes, toothbrushes & toothpaste, Hair barrettes, headbands, Bars of soap, shampoo, deodorant, decks of cards, Stickers, Small stuffed animals,

Anything else that will fit in a 17" stocking.

Backpacks for the homeless, Men's socks, Men's gloves, hats & scarves, Hand warmers Small, rolled up blankets, Any nonperishable, nonfreezing food item.

Thank you for your response. Please have any donations in by **November 20**. We will be filling the stockings, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. You have been so generous over the years. I really appreciate all you've done. *May God bless you for all your help!*Kathy Schlueter

<u>Do You Like to Crochet or Knit?</u> <u>Do you have extra yarn to donate to a project?</u>

A small group of members is meeting on Tuesday after Bible Study, approximately 11:30-1:30, to make simple prayer shawls. If you would like donate yarn, it needs to be at least 600 yards of the same color or complimentary colors to begin this project. Monetary donations are also welcome. If you have questions or interest in participating, contact Judy in the church office, 252-3670. Prayer shawls are to be given to members of any age, after surgery or during illness.



Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon. And it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

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Parish Nurse: Jennifer Machula Prince of Peace School Office: 251-1477

Events at Tríníty ín November 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Frí	Sat
No en est		1 6:30pm Celebration Ringers (W) 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (M)	7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 8:30am Finance Team Mtg 5:00pm God's Grub 6:00pm Youth Night (Y) 6:00pm Confirmation Classes 6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	3 9:00am Sewing Guild (F)	9:00am Parish Workers	9:00am Altar Guild 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal (W) Set Your Clocks Back
6 ALL SAINTS DAY/MISSION FESTIVAL 8:00am Worship (HC) Z3 9:15am Youth Study 9:15am S.S./Bible Classes 9:15am Gift Sale 10:30am Worship Z4 Mission Festival & Potluck Daylight Savings Ends	7 6:45pm Narcotics Anon. (Y)	8 10:30am Bible Class (Lcl) 6:30pm Celebration Ringers (W) 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (M)	9 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 5:00pm God's Grub 6:00pm Youth Night with Matt Veldman (Y) 6:00pm Confirmation Classes 6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	1:00pm LWML 5:30pm Lay Ministry Mtg. 6:45pm Leadership Team Mtg. 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	9:00am Parish Workers Office Closed	9:00am Altar Guild 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal (W)
8:00am Worship Z5 9:15am Bible Class & S.S. 9:15am Youth Bible Study 10:30am Worship Z1 (HC) 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 4:00pm Creative Crafts	6:00pm Bev's CC (CM) 6:45pm Narcotics Anon. (Y)	15 10:30am Bible Class 6:30pm Salt & Pepper Event with Pastor Paul 6:30pm Celebration Ringers (W) 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (M)	7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 5:00pm God's Grub 6:00pm Youth Night (Y) 6:00pm Confirmation Classes 6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Sewing Guild (F) 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	9:00am Parish Workers	9:00am Altar Guild 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal (W)
20 8:00am Worship (HC) Z2 9:15am New Member Welcome 9:15am Bible Class & SS 9:15am Youth Bible Study 10:30am Worship Z3 12:00pm Anyuak Worship (M) (HC)	6:45pm Narcotics Anon. (Y) Newsletter Deadline	10:30am Bible Class (Lcl) 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 9:00am Parish Workers 6:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Z4 (HC) 7:00pm Pie Fest 7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	24 Thanksgiving Day 9:00am Thanksgiving Worship Z5 (HC) Office Closed	25 Office Closed	9:00am Altar Guild 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal (W)
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Room Reservation Key	W=Worship Space	Scl=Small Class Room	M=Music Room	Lcf=Large Conf Room	CM=Care Ministry	CDC=Child Dev. Cntr.
O=Overflow Room	F=Fellowship Hall	Lcl=Large Class Room	Y=Youth Room	Scf=Small Conf Room	K=Kitchen	

November Birthdays

Name	Birthdate
Doug Aagard	10-Nov
Mananyoth Abella	10-Nov
John Alstrup	11-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
Gayleen Dierks	25-Nov
Sharon Eickhoff	26-Nov
Marla Elgin	20-Nov
Andrew Figallo	22-Nov
Melissa Freborg	11-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
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
Becka Kurtz	5-Nov
Sheena Kutzorik	30-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
Dayne World	101

Name	Birthdate
Deb Mousky	3-Nov
Don Murphy	9-Nov
Corey Neils	23-Nov
Tara Nelsen	12-Nov
Bob Neumann	1-Nov
Bob Nordquist	18-Nov
Isaiah Novak	27-Nov
Achan Obang	27-Nov
Apiew Obang	27-Nov
Agwa Ojullu	15-Nov
Dub Ojullu	12-Nov
Anni Omot	3-Nov
Debraha Omot	13-Nov
Ojem Omot	5-Nov
Evelyn Pingel	3-Nov
Cheryl Reberg	6-Nov
Dolores Rehder	20-Nov
Jacob Ripka	2-Nov
Angela Roering	11-Nov
Kim Schwartz	14-Nov
Cathy Smith	18-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
Walter Wendt	17-Nov
Diana Weyhrauch	18-Nov
Joanne Wilke	13-Nov
Miranda	
Wurdelman	22-Nov

