



Trinity Lutheran Church

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PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

John Owens, Lou Mayer, Carol Smith, Sandy Coyle, Linda Leslie, Alicia Musheno, Keith Smith

TLC FRIENDS

Patrick Moseley, Rita Shetler, Debbie J,

Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

10:00 am Worship w/Communion

w/Children's Church

11:00 am Deeper Waters

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:30 pm Executive Team Meeting

5:45 pm Zumba

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, DECEMBER 4

6:00 pm Soup & Salad Dinner

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:45 pm Zumba

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

10:00 am Worship w/Communion

w/Children's Church

11:30 am Lunch followed by

Christmas Caroling

at Harmony House



The Happy Valley Business Association, formerly the Patton Township Business Association (PTBA) will be conducting their 20th Annual Winter Clothing Drive of new or gently used winter coats, winter boots, scarves, gloves, and hats for the Burrowes Street Youth Haven as part of the Centre County Youth

The collection box is in the narthex for any contributions that you may have for this worthwhile annual event. Collection is from November 1st to December 20th.



TOYS FOR TOTS FOOD DRIVE

We will continue to collect food for the Centre County Food Pantries until Sunday, December 15th. So far we've collected 147 food items.

Please consider bringing in an unexpired, unopened food item to donate to this cause.

Please no home made items or dented cans.

Food items needed most:

Soups, snack items, cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauces, side dishes (pasta, instant potatoes)
canned fruit, coffee, oil, Gluten Free items

The food pantries can also use non-food items like:

Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressing, BBQ sauce)

Tooth brushes & Toothpaste

Soaps—body soap, hand soap, laundry detergent

Toilet paper, Diapers and Feminine products

OFFERING COUNTERS

Since COVID life in many ways has changed for everyone. As we continue to move into our new normal, it is likely we will not return to some of our old routines. One of those is having worship servers volunteer to help with worship as we once did. Included in that list of worship duties is that of volunteers who would stay after worship to count the offering, prepare the bank deposit and make the deposit. As you know Beth, our Office Administrator, is returning at the end of this month. With the staffing changes, it is hoped that we might begin again to have volunteers come in, if not on Sundays, then maybe on Monday to count the offering, and prepare and make the deposit. If you are willing to help with counting, we will need at least two people each week for this task, please contact Pastor Ron, TLCRevRon@comcast.net or Beth tlcoffice2@comcast.net. Thanks in advance for your help in this important stewardship task!

PARKING LOT INDEBTEDNESS

While it is wonderful having the church parking lot sealed and striped, there is an expense involved. For cash-flow purposes we had to move funds from savings into checking to cover this and other one-time expenses. With the hope of restoring the funds to our savings, those who can make special donations beyond your annual giving would be greatly appreciated! Thanks so much!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

As we approach the Holiday Season, plans are underway for ways by which we here at Trinity can not only prepare ourselves and our homes, but we can help others prepare as well. One way for us to do this is to share the gift of music, particularly Christmas Carols. To that end, on Sunday, December 8, everyone is invited to join a group going to Harmony House on Blue Course Drive, to sing for the residents. We will gather right after worship for a luncheon of pizza and salad, then around 12:30 pm head to Harmony House. We will begin singing around 1 pm or whenever we are ready, as the residents are finishing their lunch. The choir will be going, and everyone is invited to join the group!



WEDNESDAY SOUP & SALAD SUPPERS

ADVENT 2024

Wednesdays

6:00 PM – Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM – “Holden Evening Prayer”

December 4, 2024

Chicken with Rice Soup (GF/DF)

New England Clam Chowder (GF)

Chili con Carne (GF/DF)



Desserts are always welcome!

A free will offering will be collected.

From the Pastor's Desk

November 30/December 1

Dear Beloved of God,

As we celebrate a Nationwide Day of Giving Thanks, it tends to mark the start of the Holiday Season, comprised of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years as well as food, football and family! Wonderful! It also marks a time when those dealing with food insecurity feel the pressure the most. Here is a story for Thanksgiving Day that reflects what many experience—along with their hopes and prayers.

A Thanksgiving Turkey on Every Table

We'd given our turkey to a family that was even more needy. But who would help us?

By Mary Jarvis, Pawhuska, Oklahoma

I lifted the heavy lid of our old freezer in the garage and peered inside, looking for some vegetables to make for dinner. For the past year, we'd scraped by on my small teacher's salary while my husband, Mike, was away at graduate school. With three hungry teenagers to feed, it was a challenge to stretch our grocery dollars. Now, one glance at the half-empty freezer made me question what I'd done on impulse a week earlier.

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Kathy, my 14-year-old, blurted out that one of her friends wasn't celebrating the holiday because her mother couldn't afford it. "We could give them our turkey, Mom," she said. "We don't need it since we're going to Uncle Pat's." How could I explain to her that I was saving our turkey for Christmas? We didn't have enough money for Mike to come home for Thanksgiving. The kids and I were going to my brother-in-law's so I wouldn't have to invest in a big dinner. How could I afford another turkey before Christmas?

We taught our kids to help others. But to help someone else when we could barely help ourselves? Still, I knew I couldn't say no. *Lord, I hope you have a plan because I sure don't.*

We gathered up a bag of potatoes and cranberry sauce I had in the pantry. I sent my son, Matt, out to the freezer in the garage to get some vegetables—and the turkey. When we brought Kathy's friend the food, her mother cried tears of joy. At the time, their happiness made me feel better about giving away our turkey. But now, looking into our freezer, I wondered, *Who's going to help us?*

I rummaged through the frozen containers—broccoli, carrots, some blackberries from our garden. I pushed aside some frosted bags of green beans and corn. Wait...something was there. Suddenly I stopped and stared. Nestled among the vegetables was a newly bought turkey.

I never found out who the mysterious donor was. Does it matter? Whoever it was knew exactly what we needed, when we needed it.

I visited Pawhuska, OK, once when Rebekah lived in Oklahoma City. It's a tiny town with many of the storefronts vacant and/or boarded up. The Pioneer Woman (Ree Drumond) is from and lives in Pawhuska. Lots of cattle and farm trucks rumble through the small downtown. No doubt some there live with food insecurity among other needs and yet they find reasons to give thanks this time of year.

So, for what are you thankful? What raises your awareness of gratitude? For me, I give thanks for:

Our Scout Troop #375 and the work they did with some TLC folks to clean up our property moving all the leaves. The grounds look terrific!

For the fellowship opportunities we share here, looking forward to another Advent Soup and Salad Season.

For family time, as we gather on Thanksgiving Day.

For our staff members, all of whom do an outstanding job serving our congregation and the ministry we share.

For Beth as she transitions to retirement and for Debbie and Kristen for volunteering to help in the interim.

For Brian, who quietly keeps our facilities clean and comfortable.

For Barb and Graham, who lead us in worship along with a wonderful choir.

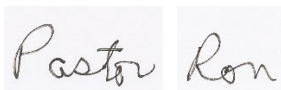
For the council, a wonderful group of leaders, like all the previous councils, with whom I have the privilege of working. We laugh a lot!!!

For volunteers stepping up when needed to do a wide variety of tasks, including office and clerical work.

For all the beloved of God who **ARE** Trinity Lutheran Church, the best congregation ever!

With just a little effort, I am sure we all can find reasons to be grateful and as we gather with family and friends throughout this Holy Holiday Season, may the richest blessings of God be yours in abundance, blessing you to continue to be the blessing you are to countless others! Happy Thanksgiving!

Love, joy, and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Ron". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Pastor Ron