

Trinity Lutheran Church of Blanco, Texas

Where God is Seen

1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:19

Love is Felt

John 13:34-35

Lives are Changed

Romans 12:1-2

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November Events at Trinity:

Mondays: Harvest Workers—An Old Testament Overview Video and Discussion at 10am and 6pm, in the fellowship hall on all Mondays except for 3rd Monday, when we meet in the narthex, (due to Lucky Leaf 4-H Club meeting in hall.)

Thursday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Dave at 11:00am in the fellowship hall

Nov. 3—Daylight Savings ends—set your clocks back!
Breakfast At Trinity! Hosted by the Esther & Ruth Women's Service Teams from 8:30-9:15a.m. in the fellowship hall
All Saints' Sunday celebrated with Holy Communion

Nov. 10—Veterans Sunday Worship, Holy Communion
Congregational Meeting for the purpose of updating constitution/bylaws and Electing new officers Immediately following the service

Nov. 13—Ladies Game Day, Noon-2pm, here
Council Meeting, 6pm, here

Nov. 13-22—Secretary on Vacation & Volunteers in the Church Office, 9am-Noon, Mon-Thurs

Nov 14th—MOVIE NIGHT 7pm at Trinity's hall, join us for an inspirational movie and FREE popcorn!

Nov. 18—Lucky Leaf 4-H Club meets in the hall, 6pm

Nov. 19—Men's & Women's Groups, 6pm
meet for fellowship, a meal, and devotions!
Women's Group, co-hosted by Sheila Mercer and Laura Walla, here at Trinity's hall
Men's Group, hosted by Rocky Chisholm, at 1119 Mystic Breeze, Spring Branch

Nov. 24— Christ the King Sunday, Holy Communion
Community Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00p.m. at Gem of the Hills Community Center, a fundraiser for the Blanco Ministerial Alliance.

Nov. 28—Happy Thanksgiving! (Church Office closed)

Season of Advent Begins December 1!

Sticky Church

Does the church have a back door? Yes.

The front door is when people come to join us in worship, activities or maybe even membership. The back door is when people slip away because of an issue or because they have not developed or been brought into meaningful relationships. Their connections with people in our church are just not strong enough to help them or keep them or inspire them. Does this happen at Trinity? Yes. It happens in most churches. What can we do about it?

We can make our church stickier. We can do something to make our congregation more of a fellowship of faith where we are in relationship in a small group, where we build our faith together, where we are doing life and are in mission together.

Pastor Larry Osborne writes in his book, **Sticky Church**, about how they have organized their congregations around small "Growth Groups" and it has made their churches very sticky. It is not a program of their church, it is how they do church.

Here are five key principles:

1. Closing the Back Door: Pastor Osborne stresses the importance of retention over attraction. Instead of focusing solely on getting new members through the front door, churches should work to "close the back door" by keeping current members engaged and connected.

2. The Power of Sermon-Based Small Groups: Osborne advocates for small groups that dive deeper into the weekly sermon. These groups reinforce the message, encourage discussion, and provide practical applications of the sermon in everyday life. It is not simply a regurgitation of the preacher's sermon.

3. Leadership Development through Small Groups: He encourages building leadership from within by using small groups to identify and mentor potential leaders. This decentralized model allows for more organic leadership growth.

4. Authentic Community: Osborne stresses the importance of creating genuine relationships. People tend to stay where they feel connected and cared for. Small groups provide an environment where people can form deeper, personal connections.

5. Simplicity and Focus: Instead of offering numerous programs and ministries, Osborne encourages churches to focus on a few things that they can do well, like sermon-based small groups, to prevent burnout and to make church life less complicated.

This makes good sense to me. I have seen too many either not connect for lack of meaningful relationships or who have left for the same reason. Some people can't join one more thing. But others are still looking for a good place to connect.

What I'm looking for is a person who is organized and likes to coordinate to help me.

I'm also looking for people who feel called to host a group and others who will facilitate the discussions and interactions. Experts are welcome but not needed. There will be training.

Your brother in Christ, Pastor Dave

Notes from the Women's Ministry Gathering on Oct. 27

15 ladies met on Reformation Sunday for lunch, fellowship, and a productive time of sharing. Barb Geistfeld began our meeting with a wonderful devotion, "I love Jesus and...". (see *this month's Life Notes on page 4 for the devotion.*) After enjoying a lunch of pizza, salad, and dessert, (ice cream, cookies, and apple strudel!) the Ladies discussed the following topics.

1. Monthly Tuesday Evening Dinner and Devotion—The monthly Tuesday evening gatherings for devotion and dinner have been successful and well received. Each month is hosted by two of our ladies. We never want expense or providing the devotion to inhibit anyone from hosting or attending our events. We are currently using the Lucado book, *TEN WOMEN OF THE BIBLE*, for the devotions for the hostesses that choose to use this topic of women of the Bible. If anyone wants to purchase a book, they are \$11 and will be available at the November gathering. Ladies are also welcome to just use a book at the event from a "class set".

It was decided a basket will be available for those wishing to contribute to the women's funds at Trinity. Not required and no suggested amount. Hostesses are then welcome to turn in their receipts for reimbursement to defray cost of providing food and beverages if they choose to do so. Paper goods are available. Location of events to be determined by the hostesses, and the Fellowship Hall at church is available by checking with the church office.

As daylight savings time is ending, it will be dark early. We have a list of drivers who have volunteered to pick up any and all ladies who prefer not drive in the evening! Please contact Barb Geistfeld (830-388-8640) to arrange transportation. Please contact Barb by the Friday before the evening events for your ride. If you would like to be included in the list of available drivers, please let Barb know.

2. Christmas Party—The December evening event will be a Christmas Party. We will meet December 17 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. Menu will be potluck Hors d'oeuvre and beverages. We'll have a fun gift exchange of lightly used "white elephant" gifts or purchased items around \$10. Be ready to "steal and swap". (Rides available!)

3. Quarterly Meetings—Quarterly Meetings will continue in 2025. Childcare with lunch will be available at every quarterly meeting next year with sign up reservations requested for planning purposes.

4. IF WE WILL...THEN HE WILL...—a national prayer program—Cindy Hawkins will be sharing information regarding this exciting program the women are hosting. Books are being ordered and will be available soon. More information coming!

5. Community Thanksgiving Dinner—Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at Gem of the Hills, November 24 beginning at 6:00pm. Trinity's contribution this year is desserts. Please bring your desserts to the church on Saturday or Sunday, November 23 or 24. If your dessert can be pre-cut, that will be helpful. We'll need a few ladies to help cut the remaining desserts after church on Sunday morning. Contact Karen Wagner for info (210-601-8042).

6. Angel Tree wrapping—For a Christmas service project, we ask all available ladies to help wrap the Angel Tree gifts that our congregation so generously provides through Trinity Tribe. Date and details to be provided.

7. On going programs—Trinity Takeaways going well. We will cook again soon. Prayer shawls and bibs are in good supply. Prayer shawls can be added to the supply. Please do not make additional bibs until Barb has confirmed if current ones are appropriate with size, pattern, material, etc.

8. Reminder of Facebook group: Blanco Trinity Lutheran Women is our Facebook group that Barbara Eubank set up for us. If you haven't joined, please do! Great place to get reminders and share information.

*If you have questions or want to learn more about any of the activities mentioned above,
contact Mary Jo Pfeiffer, Women's Ministry Leader at 210-213-7615.*

Life Thoughts: I LOVE JESUS AND.....

Jim and I recently spent ten days with our daughter and her family in upstate New York on one of our semi-annual mom-dad-grandpa-grandma visits. As you might expect, our granddaughters, Ella, seven, and Hannah, four-and-a-half, are, as the saying goes, “the light of our lives.” But there is another light in our lives that we cherish above all other lights---our Lord Jesus. This is the light that brings *Life* to all mankind.

Our Lutherans For Life Conference and Life Sunday 2025 theme this year is “Life Shines in Darkness,” based on John 1:4-5, “**In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**” Jesus is indeed *the* Light and *the* Life for the whole world.

As members of the body of Christ, we are called, or perhaps, more accurately, commanded, to live by this light and to let our light shine in the darkness, thus bringing glory to our Father in heaven. We are to let our *Life*, our actions, shine in the darkness as well.

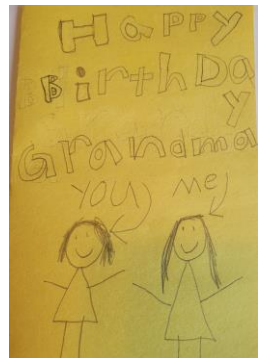
“Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5: 15-16

Related to being a light and living a life in Christ is the command to “**Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.**” Proverbs 22:6 And again we read in Psalm 78:5-7, “**[God] appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.**”

We who truly love our Lord endeavor to do just that, trusting in God to keep His promise to us that He will bless His children to a thousand generations to those who fear and love Him. We often do not see the results of our teachings. We may not fully know how our life and our light--gifts from our Savior, shining in the dark world--have impacted those around us. But, *sometimes* God richly blesses us by showing us the fruits of our labors done in His name.

I celebrated my 75th birthday in September, and Ella waited for our visit to give me her hand-crafted birthday card. It is one of the most meaningful, beautiful cards I have ever received—and I have received a *lot* of birthday cards. The outside is wonderful, and the drawings of Ella and me warmed my heart.

But the inside of the card caught me totally by surprise and blasted into my heart like a ray of sunshine.



Ella's card lists the two things that *she* sees that her grandma loves best...Jesus and birds (in that order!) Words cannot begin to express the incredible joy that brings into my heart.

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 4

My prayer for *all of us* in the body of Christ is that in the days ahead, we may continue to teach our children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors, of all ages, about the Jesus we know and love. May everyone who sees us see the *light* of Jesus shining in our lives. May they see His *life* shining in us as well.

I pray that those who see each of us will say, “Barb loves Jesus and birds.” “Jim loves Jesus and gardening.” “_____ loves Jesus and _____.” Just fill in the blanks and allow God to make *your* life a sharing and a shining of the Light and the Life of the world—our Lord Jesus.

Barb Geistfeld, Trinity Life Team Leader

Dear Friends at Trinity Lutheran Church,

I just wanted to send out the latest update on your church's involvement with our Baby Bottle Boomerang. Since the last bottle was turned in, the running total of Trinity's giving is **\$1,244.25!!** Thanks so much for your generosity! As of today, *there is only one bottle that has not been returned!* That's good! Again, I want to thank you for your support and giving! God bless! Blessings, Karla Ross, Office Manager, The SHARE Center www.bulverdepregnancy.org; 830-885-2277 (office)

Trinity's Life Team Adult Bib Project: October 27th on Reformation Sunday the congregation blessed adult bibs and prayer shawls. These will be given as gifts from Trinity to local nursing homes and individuals as they are needed. Thank you to all those who made these gifts possible!

By Barb Geistfeld, Life Team Leader
Jim Geistfeld, Arlene Hamlin

"A huge "thank you" from deep in my heart to all of you who sent prayers and cards and who gave me warm hugs and huge smiles as we made our way down the cancer path together. Our Lord Jesus was present every step of the way, and you were the tools He used to do that. Thank you for being my brothers and sisters in Christ. Barb Geistfeld"



Blanco Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser—Sunday, November 24th at 6:00p.m. at the Gem of the Hills Community Center. This special holiday community dinner receives freewill offerings from attendees to raise funds for the Alliance and their assistance to persons in need.

Each participating congregation takes turns hosting the event and donating food for the early Thanksgiving dinner. First Baptist Church will provide the turkey and gravy as well as hosting the event at the Gem of the Hills. This year, Trinity is responsible for the desserts. For more information on how you can help with donating desserts or transport to the Gem of the Hills, contact Karen Wagner at 210-601-8042 or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex on Sunday.



NOV 10—VETERANS' SUNDAY The Trinity family is looking forward to our annual Veterans Sunday on November 10th. Trinity's veterans are planning a special time to honor the veterans who have passed on as well as to acknowledge those who continue to serve today...in the Army of the Lord. All veterans who can still get into their uniforms are encouraged to do so that day and muster for duty!



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Guest Author, John Waak

Weeks of worry brought a woman to the surgery waiting room. Nagging symptoms in her husband's body grew to the point that not even manly denial could dismiss the feeling that something was not right. His wife, with womanly strength, bore the torch of hope - a hope that said, "You're going to the doctor!" He went. The prognosis was serious but hopeful, but surgery was required to understand what was truly going on. So, there we sat, she and I. We chatted about meaningless things, and then in words that were few, she talked about her worst-case fears. I am sure that somewhere in there we prayed. Then the Doctor came out. As compassionately as he could, and with words that plainly explained what he found, he shared that the situation was terminal and fast-acting. She was stunned into silence until at last, realizing that she needed to say something, quietly uttered a one-word expletive. In that word I clearly heard something that came from the depth of her soul. It wasn't offensive, but honest; not dirty, but pure; not profane, but prayer. It was the most authentic prayer I have ever heard next to Jesus praying, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

The ancient teachers of Christian faith have taught us that two situations teach us to pray authentically, that is, from the heart. One is the experience of being awed at the magnificence of something astoundingly beautiful. The individual experiences a kind of emptying, and rises in heart-felt worship for that which one has now experienced. And when experienced, the experience longs to be shared. The other situation is in great suffering. Here, too, there is an emptying, but in anguish. The mind fails for words, but the heart speaks its own prayer in a language known and heard by the Spirit of truth. Here too, where there is an emptying there is a great filling, a filling of grace. The woman above uttered a one-word prayer. She was filled with a grace that bore her husband's suffering and eventual death. She was, by grace, the incarnation of God's love, and was herself healed by her faith.

So there you have it. Emptying and filling, dying and rising. One is in the presence of overwhelming beauty, the other in the presence of overwhelming suffering. Yet both result in worship and the experience of the Love that surpasses all understanding. Both are sacred. Both are missional. Both situations demand that you be present to that which is right there before you. Both demand that you pay the price. Both result in divine love flowing like a torrential river for your neighbor. Are you willing to rejoice for the love God has for your neighbor? Are you strong enough to be weak in tears and steadfast in compassion? Do you really want the Lord to teach you to pray? You may find He is teaching you to love. You may find He is teaching you to live. You will certainly find that you are not the object of your prayer, but its fulfillment, by grace, to His glory, as it was for the disciples of old.

John Waak is recently retired from Martin Luther, Giddings, a member of the LCMC Texas District Council, and instructor of the Old Testament, and Spiritual Formation, in Harvest Workers, an online ministry training program (learn more at www.harvestworkers.net).

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UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

NOV 17 GREAT FOOD RACE RESTOCKING GOOD SAM 12:30-2PM

On Sunday Nov 17th we will have our annual Great Food Scavenger Race. We will meet up in the youth room at 12:30 to break into teams for the scavenger hunt, which will conclude at 2:00p.m. There will be at least one vehicle and two adults with each group of youth. The neighborhoods are divided depending on the number of groups.

Our goal is to restock the student side of Good Sam before the Thanksgiving break. The food is dispersed directly to the students discreetly at school. There are different points for the different types food collected and total weight added to the points to see which team collected the most. We've always had a great time doing this event and it is a great service opportunity for the youth to give back.

DEC 8 ANGEL TREE GIFTS WILL BE DUE BACK AT CHURCH BY TODAY!

DEC 15 ANGEL TREE WRAPPING AND GIFT PICK UP. STARTING AT 12:30, PICK UP 3-5

DEC 22 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

COMING SOON IN DECEMBER—The **Angel Tree** will be coming out soon! This annual service project hosted by the youth provides an opportunity for anyone to sponsor a child with gifts at Christmas. There are many ways to sponsor a local youth and/or family this Christmas! A list of children's "wants", "needs" will be posted for boys/girls with their ages included.

Sponsors are encouraged to:

- Adopt a child's "want";
- Adopt a child's clothing need;
- Adopt a child's want and clothing need;
- Donate for a specific child and we will shop for you;
- Donate to the general fund to make sure everyone is taken care of;
- Donate to a bike fund

To find out more about this Youth Project, contact Ashley Finch, Youth Leader, at 830-237-6288

Sunday School is held each Sunday morning from 11-11:45am—Join us!

News From Your Council of Ministries

Jerry Gass—President	Travis Kersten—Worship
Hal Switzer—Vice-President	Karen Wagner—Evangelism
Karen Steiger—Secretary	Norman Eubank—Property
Keith Morgenroth—Treasurer	Ashley Finch—Education/Youth
Sheri Riley—Financial Secretary	Sally Anderson—Stewardship

COUNCIL NOTES—from the September 11, 2024 Meeting

President Jerry Gass called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Council members in attendance were Norman Eubank, Jerry Gass, Pastor David Mayer, Keith Morgenroth, Sheri Riley, Karen Steiger, and Hal Switzer. In remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy, Pastor David's devotional challenged us to know the difference between *being marked* by an experience and *being defined* by that experience in how we react. Jesus was *marked by* the Cross, but *defined by* the joy of His obedience to His Father knowing that He was doing this out of love for His Father and for us... that we might believe. Referenced John 3:16.

There were no corrections to the Minutes of the August 14th Council meeting. The Action Items were discussed. Jerry announced that Travis had secured January 6, 2025, as our BISD Teacher Appreciation Luncheon date. Keith made a motion to accept the Minutes, Sheri seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. Sheri gave the Financial Report through August 2024. Keith gave the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2024.

Pastor submitted his report for September 2024. Jay Slaughter and Casey Brones have requested membership at Trinity, and Pastor Beverly Tye is interested in becoming an associate member of Trinity; thereby, retaining her retired pastor affiliation with the Methodist Church. Sheri made the motion to accept these 3 people as members/associate member of Trinity, Norman seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. Pastor David announced that the Harvest Workers Bible study will resume on Monday, September 16th, now covering the Old Testament with Pastor John Waak. The Thursday morning Bible study continues with I & 2 Peter. Nine people have been trained to administer Holy Communion. The Rocky Road Band will lead the worship music on Sunday, September 22nd. And the Blanco Ecumenical Men's Breakfast will be hosted by St. Ferdinand's Catholic Church this Saturday, September 14th. Pastor David gave each Council member a book entitled Sticky Church by Larry Osborne... how to develop a small group ministry to keep people from leaving out of the back door for the wrong reasons.

Committee Reports:

Youth and Education – No report was submitted.

Stewardship – No report was submitted.

Evangelism – No report was submitted.

Worship – In Travis' absence, Pastor David reported that Janice would like more training on the organ. Leta will begin choir practice again soon. She hopes to sing for Veteran's Sunday, Reformation Sunday, and work on something special for Christmas.

Property – Norman submitted his report. Concerning the auxiliary parking lot lighting project, Norman discussed 3 options. Council agreed to go with Option 3). Trinity would purchase a pole mounted light to be installed on the existing meter pole left by the coffee truck with a timer & on/off switch. Later purchase & install 4 wall pack lights. Norman did a quick review of several Capital improvements he would like to do in 2025.

Norman made a motion to accept the Committee Reports, Keith seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

Old Business –

--The Communion Assistants Schedule was updated as follows: Nov 3 (All Saint's Sunday) Sheri Riley; Nov 10 – Jerry Gass; and Nov 24 – Keith Morgenroth

--The Polka Worship service was discussed, and it was decided to bring it before the congregation as to whether we should continue scheduling this service in future years.

--Pastor announced that he will begin seeking additional participants in a more contemporary music venue to start small perhaps during Sunday School later this Fall. He will be at the Annual LCMC Gathering & Convention Sept 29-Oct 2 in Marion, Iowa. He will visit with his brother in Des Moines earlier, so he will leave on Sept 26th. And he will find a replacement preacher for Sunday, Sept 29th.

--The Church Council Retreat will be held Saturday, Oct 19th in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am to Noon. Be familiar with the 2 books, and have lunch brought in.

--Hal has chosen the Nominating Committee consisting of Rocky Chisholm, Sharon Cox, and Hal Switzer. The Budget Committee will consist of Rocky Chisholm, Connie Cox, Keith Morgenroth, and Hal Switzer.

New Business –

--The contents of the November 10th Congregational Meeting were discussed. The election of President, Secretary, and Worship will take place. Copies of TLC's Constitution were handed out and changes to be proposed were highlighted in red.

--Annual reports by Council members should be turned in by the end of the year, so they can be included in the January 2025 Congregational Meeting packet.

--Hal handed out a Proposed Budget for 2025. Council members are to review the Budget and submit comments, etc. on or before the November Council meeting.

Pastor David brought up for consideration possibly providing financial assistance to smaller struggling sister congregations like Patrick Welton's congregation since TLC is very financially stable at this point. Pastor Patrick was receptive to the idea.

Sheri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm with everyone reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Nov. 10th CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for the purpose of Election of Officers and updates to the constitution/bylaws of Trinity will take place in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Pick up a copy of the proposed changes to the constitution/bylaws at church on Sunday or contact the church office to have a copy emailed/mailed to your address on file. Council positions open for election include: President, Worship, and Council Secretary.



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MAKE ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRINITY? Download the **Tithe.ly** app to your smartphone, and set up your account. Choose "Trinity Lutheran, Blanco," and input the amount of your contribution. The Tithe.ly app provides an option to include the transaction fee as part of your gift or the amount of your gift will be reduced by that fee. Enter your preferred payment method and process the payment. Once you have completed set-up, the next time you access the **Tithe.ly** app the process is streamlined.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025



If you prefer to utilize envelopes for your offerings to Trinity Lutheran Church, the church provides each contributor with a boxed set. Each set includes one envelope for each Sunday plus special envelopes for Lent, Christmas and Thanksgiving. If you prefer to NOT use the weekly envelope sets, please let me know.

Envelope sets have been marked with the name and address of the contributor and set out in the narthex for members to pick up in November. Envelope sets are dated for use beginning January 2025. If you are not able to pick up your envelopes in person, please call the church office and I can mail your envelopes to you. Thank you, Angie Daniels

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NOVEMBER 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR--TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BLANCO

Pastor David Mayer ----Worship: 9:30 AM, offered in person in the sanctuary or live on Facebook

Sunday School: 11-11:45 AM in the fellowship hall

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 All Saints Day <i>Fall Back time change!</i> Breakfast Served, 8:30-9:15 Communion	4 <i>Harvest Workers, 10am & 6pm</i>	5 6pm Barnabas Banquet at Cindy Hawkins	6	7 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here	8	9
10 Veterans' Day Communion Congregational Meeting for Elections, 10:30a.m.	11 <i>Harvest Workers, 10am & 6pm</i>	12	13 <i>Secretary on vacation until Nov. 22</i> Ladies Game Day, Noon-2pm 6:00pm Council of Ministries meeting	14 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here 7pm Movie Night at Trinity	15	16
17 <i>Noon-2pm Trinity Tribe Youth Great Food Race</i>	18 <i>Harvest Workers, 10am & 6pm</i> Lucky Leaf 4-H meets at 6pm, in fellowship hall	19 6pm Women's Group <i>meets here</i> Men's Group meets at Rocky Chisholm's	20	21 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here	22	23
24 Communion Christ the King Sunday 6pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Gem of the Hills	25 <i>Harvest Workers, 10am & 6pm</i>	26 Newsletter articles due TODAY!	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving! <i>Church office closed</i>	29	30



NOVEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Please use this handy section to keep track of monthly responsibilities organized by Sunday. Each Sunday there are many important opportunities to serve your church.

	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24
Altar Flowers	Marie Anna Lindeman & Sharon Cox	<i>OPEN</i>	Rocky & Melanie	<i>OPEN</i>
Usher Teams	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley
Worship Assistant	Jim Geistfeld	Jim Geistfeld	Jim Clifton	Jim Clifton
Greeters	Jayne Lightfoot	Trinity Veterans	Sophie Johnson Sandy Mann	Stan & Karen Steiger
Lectors	Kathy Kersten	Trinity Veteran	Keith Morgenroth	Roland Pfeiffer
Communion Assistant	Sheri Riley	Jerry Gass	<i>No communion</i>	Keith Morgenroth
Altar Guild this month	Arlene Hamlin, Lacy Lukich, Sharon Wolbrecht, Cindy Hawkins			

Altar Guild Teams—

Many Thanks to Marie Anna Lindeman, Sharon Cox, Karla Riley and Connie Russell for their service to the altar and to Sunday worship during the month of October! With all their diligent efforts, Trinity celebrated Reformation AND Polka Worship!!

During the month of November, Arlene Hamlin, Lacy Lukich, Sharon Wolbrecht, and Cindy Hawkins will be responsible for preparing the altar for worship services. In November there will be three opportunities to celebrate Holy Communion: Nov. 3rd—All Saints’ Day; Nov. 10th—Veterans Sunday; and Nov. 24th—Christ the King Sunday.

If you would like to join a team that serves once or maybe twice a year for only a month at a time, talk more with Bonnie Triesch at 210.705.2811.

Sign up for Altar Flowers

Flowers may be placed on the altar in Honor or in Memory of loved ones for Sunday worship services. Sign up on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board near the annex kitchen. Included in the Sunday bulletin are the names of the donors of the altar flowers and any special occasion or memorial you request.

Live plants or arrangements may be delivered or ordered from the local florist. Speak with a member of the Altar Team on duty for the month or call Angie in the church office at 830-833-4771 with your questions, or to let her know if you will bring flowers or if you would like the church to order them from Blanco Floral.