November 2026 Newsletter

TRINITY
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Enjoy the November edition of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter!

We appreciate your comments by emailing us at: trinityug.office@gmail.com

Upcoming November Events:

- **Oct 31** Trunk or Treat 5-7pm, Worship Service 7-8pm
- **Nov 8** Zion Handbell Choir - 9am worship service
- **Nov 9** WOW Meeting - Monday 7pm
- **Nov 12** Church Council Meeting - Thurs 6:30pm
- **Nov 15** Voter's Meeting
- **Nov 26** Thanksgiving Day Worship Service 9am
- **Dec 11** Parents Night Out 5-8pm



IT"S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!

Trunk or Treat - October 31 5-7pm

Hot dogs & Hot chocolate will be served!

Saturday night worship service at 7pm

Voter's Meeting

After Worship Service Sunday, November 15

Please Attend—We Need Your Input!

Agenda: 2027 budget & open council positions



Please join us for Worship Service with Communion on Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26 9:00AM





STARTING NOVEMBER 1

For the months of Nov & Dec, Bible Study will end at 11:00am and Sunday School will be extended until 11:30am.

This change is to help our children practice for their Christmas Eve program and to include the help of Pastor.

Thank you!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

Enjoy an evening out on

Friday, December 11, 5-8pm

and leave the babysitting to us!

Children 4 to 12 years old are welcome!

More info to follow in the church bulletin in the next weeks. Pizza supper provided.!

Looking for helpers for this event!

Babysitting Night Friday, December 11, 5-8pm

Volunteer floater:

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Craft Helpers:

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Bingo & Game Table:

_____ _____

Musical Chairs:

_____ _____

Dominos Pizza will be ordered and delivered.

Fruit:

_____ _____

Juice & Water:

_____ _____

Sugar Cookies & Frosting: SEPARATELY!!

kids will decorate cookies themselves

_____ _____

Everything will already be set-up this sheet is for the help we need night of. Please speak with Kari Pomije if you have any questions, thanks!

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ZION HANDBELL CHOIR

The talented **Zion Handbell Choir** will be sharing their music with us on Sunday, November 8, during our worship service!



Christmas Poinsettia Order

Order now through November 29

$16 per plant

Poinsettia's will be used to beautify our alter this Christmas season. After the Christmas Day worship, you can take your plant home to enjoy!



Church Council Meeting Highlights—October 15, 2026

- **The Sunday School children will have a Christmas Pageant this year with costumes. Practices start on Nov 1.**
- **Sunday School attendance is approx. 50% of the eligible number of children.**
- **Clean-up day was Oct 10 with several projects completed.**
- **Basement air conditioning will be proposed at the Voter's Meeting at a cost of approx. $20,000.**
- **The New Life Campus (combined Kenosha congregations) proposal to build a single church with possible K-8 grade school on the Shoreland property is still being discussed.**
- **The Condo Association for the community surrounding Trinity has requested use of our Fellowship Hall for their annual meeting. There would be a $200 refundable deposit required.**
- **Yvonne Croninger presented 3 designs for a possible new logo for Trinity.**
- **Cemetery large tree cut down, needs to be removed & sign installed.**

A City for God / Chaplains in Schools

For our Mission Festival on October 24-25, we welcomed "A City for God" to our campus. A City for God is a WELS-affiliated organization. "Through our dedicated team of chaplains, ACFG brings the love and teachings of Jesus into the lives of thousands of students, families, and educators in urban Milwaukee." Seminarian Ben Schwartz was here to preach for both of our worship services, and Chaplain Aaron Schultz, from A City for God, lead the presentation.

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PASTOR'S REPORT FROM OCTOBER 15 COUNCIL MEETING

Worship

At the start of this year, we used some liturgy settings from the new CW21 hymnal. Setting 1 is very similar to the Common Service on p.15. Matins is very similar to our Morning Praise on p.45. Finally, setting 4 is very similar to Divine Service 1, which we have become familiar with out of CWS over the past few years. We will introduce and use setting 2 from the CW21 hymnal for our liturgy in worship during the months of November and December. In doing so, we will strengthen and expand our musical muscles while also preserving elements of worship which are familiar and beneficial.

Adult Bible Study

We are wrapping up our study of the book of Judges. Over approximately 350 years, 12 different judges, with various gifts and talents, were used by God to rescue his people from oppression and to lead the people back to God. The Lord's patience and compassion were especially on display throughout these lessons. We will begin a video study called "How We Got the Bible" from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Lessons will reinforce the reliability of Scripture and debunk some false claims about the scriptures. Please join us as we grow in our knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

Catechism Classes

Our students are preparing for a review test on the first half of the Lord's Prayer. When we conclude our study of the Lord's Prayer, we will also cover the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as well as the use of The Keys and Confession in the church. May God continue to bless our students as they grow closer to God through his Word.

Trunk-or-Treat

Get your cars and costumes ready for our annual Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31st. We will gather in our parking lot from 5-7 pm and pass out candy to everyone who stops by. (The date and time are connected with trick-or-treating throughout the village of Union Grove) Since this event is the same time as Saturday evening worship, the Council recommends we push back worship to 7 pm on that week.

- *Pastor Justin Pomije*

Pastor's Corner — Council Meeting Devotion – October

1So if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one mind. 3Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves. 4Let each of you look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:1-4)

King David wrote in one of his songs of ascent, "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1) Paul echoes this sentiment as he begins chapter two of his letter to the Philippians. Despite being in chains on account of the gospel, Paul gave thanks to God for the gospel's impact on the lives of so many others. That was especially true for the Philippians. Paul's "if" in verse 1 does not express uncertainty. He knew the encouragement we have, "that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (1:6) He knew the comfort of Christ's love and the fellowship of the Spirit. These are what sustained him every day of his imprisonment. Bible commentator William Hendriksen wrote, "Paul says 'if' not as if he doubts whether the condition is really true, but simply to emphasize that when the condition is present, the conclusion should also be present." (Philippians p.99)

It is as if Paul is writing, "Since we, as individuals, are so marvelously united with Christ, then it should also be true that we, as individuals, continue to grow in our unity with one another." Paul implores us to love one another with the same love God has put on display through his Son. The gospel makes clear God does not wait for mankind to earn or deserve his love. It was freely offered to Adam and Eve immediately following their reckless disobedience to God's command. It was issued again and again, despite Israel's constant grumbling in the wilderness and despite their constant wandering during the distressing days of the Judges. "Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned?" (CW21 #345 v.4) The birth of Jesus, his life and ministry, his death and resurrection, these truths concerning God's love for us burn within us; motivating us to reflect that love while we interact with each other.

Instead of selfish ambition or empty conceit, Paul urges us to be clothed with humility and gentleness. This is counter to our sinful pride which elevates our own accomplishments, while simultaneously diminishing the achievements of others. We are confident of our surefire plans. We find little value in the thoughts or ideas of someone else. We envision ourselves as a hero, never a zero. And that main-character syndrome separates us from the unity which characterizes God's family. While there is an "I" in family, the individual "I"s must remember that I has a place alongside, not above, the rest of the members of the family.

Finally, Paul directs us to look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Rather than focusing on what is good for the goose, we acknowledge what is good and beneficial for the whole gander. Such kind helpfulness to others reflects well on Christ's command to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) This kind of love, humility, and concern for others, are the very characteristics which help build unity in God's family. Since the truths of the gospel resound in your heart, let us also be likeminded with one another. Love one another. Support and encourage one another. Serve one another. Such unity will not only make Paul's joy complete. It will make yours and mine complete as well.

- Pastor Justin Pomije

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NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9am- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion 10:15-Bible Study & Sun. School	7pm Catechism					5-5:45 Adult Choir 6pm WORSHIP
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9am- WORSHIP 10:15-Bible Study & Sun. School	7pm Catechism			**Thanksgiving Worship 9am**		5-5:45 Adult Choir 6pm WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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7pm ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE						



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