

November  
2018

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Gospel Freedom

John 8:32 - "Then you will know the **truth**, and the truth will set you **free**."

On the first Sunday in November, we will once again celebrate **Reformation Day**. Most of the **world** will not even **notice** our celebration. Government employees will not be getting the day off, and the majority of people will let the day slip away, much like any other day. But for those of us who are **Lutherans** - who bear the name of the great **reformer** of the church, Martin Luther - Reformation Day is a day to **remember**.

Martin Luther found himself feeling **enslaved**. He was **plagued** by his many **sins**, and he found **no comfort** from the church of his day - a church that largely had taken God's Word **out** of the hands of the people - a church that told the people that they had to **earn** their way, or **buy** their way into heaven - a church that put its **own laws** alongside of, and even in front of God's Word.

Luther felt **enslaved**. He knew, as we know, that a person can never **do** enough, or **feel** enough **love**, to satisfy our holy God who demands absolute **perfection**. He felt **enslaved** by **false** teaching that demanded something which sinners simply cannot deliver. We cannot make our **decision** for Christ, and all the **penance** in the world will never even begin to **make up** for the sins we have committed.

But **God's Word** gives us the beautiful news that everything which **needs** to be done, has been done **for us**. **Jesus** paid in full the price which God demanded. **God** made the decision to save us, through His Son, Jesus Christ. God's Word tells us that eternal life in heaven is offered as a **free gift** - to everyone who **believes** in Jesus as the **Savior** from sin.

Once the Holy Spirit led Luther to **see** that wonderful truth in the promises of God, the chains of **slavery** which Luther had felt slipped right off. He was **free** - and he wasn't going to keep that Good News to himself. Luther was intent on getting the Word of God back into the hands of the people. So they too could feel the freedom of life

as a redeemed and forgiven child of God. And the **rest** is **history**.

As you and I observe Reformation Day this year, may we **give thanks** for the truth and purity of the **Word** that God has given to us. May we make a renewed **commitment** to teach and preach that Word **faithfully**. May we diligently **search** the Scriptures, and enjoy the **freedom** which is found in **Christ alone**. And may we always **cherish** the fact that by the **grace** of God, His **Word** is our great **heritage**.

In Christ,  
Pastor Rosenow



Sunday Service: 9:00 am  
Wednesday: 7:00 pm

If you are unable to attend Trinity's Sunday or Wednesday services of worship, note the following opportunity:

Zion Lutheran, East Farmington  
Thursdays at 4:30 pm



**Special Worship**  
Wednesday, November 21st  
7 pm with Holy Communion  
Stay for pie & coffee  
after worship\*

\* If you are able to bring a pie for fellowship, please sign up on the sheet located on the narthex table.  
Thank you!

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### 2018 Trinity Church Council Members:

Will Stob, President  
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### 2018 Board of Elders:

Chris Riba, Wayne Riba, Dale Thurber,  
Tim Stob, Eddie Johnson



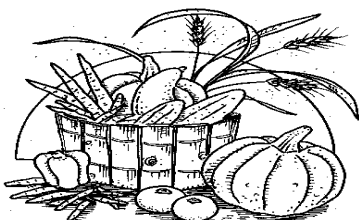
## Christmas Wreath and Cross Sale

We will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Crosses for the upcoming holiday season with proceeds going to the Sunday School program.

Orders will be taken **November 4th through November 18th**. The sign-up sheet is located on the counter in the narthex. They will be available for pick-up **November 25th**.

Prices are : Wreath \$15  
Cross \$20

If writing a check, make it out to Trinity Lutheran Church.



## Christian Education



- **Women’s Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.**  
Topic: “Luke” who he was, the audience to whom he brought God’s Word, and many other insights that will lead you closer to Jesus. Bring a friend!
- **Women’s Bible Study, Thursdays 10 am**  
Topic: “Book of James” how we are to live as Christians. All women are invited including women from the local WELS churches.
- **Sunday Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a. m.**  
Topic: “Book of Luke”
- **Sunday School (infant-8th Grade) & “Inner Court”**  
Sundays 10:15 a.m.
- **Catechism Class for 7th/8th graders**  
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
- **Men’s Bible Study will not meet in November**



Calling all ladies! Please join the Tuesday night ladies Bible study group on November 27th at 7 pm for a special Advent by Candlelight event. With a unique twist, this evening will include the Epiphany story of the Wise Men with a focus on three specific thoughts we can relate to:

- 1) they were led by the light of a star sent from God to direct their journey,
- 2) their journey ended in worship of their Savior Jesus, and
- 3) they were led home by the Holy Spirit under the watchful care of their Heavenly Father.

We invite you to enjoy a peaceful evening with songs, scriptures, snacks, and your sisters in Christ. Invite your friends to come along!



**Jesus Cares Ministries**  
*Where the Care of the Soul is the Soul of Care®*

Seven participants (and some caregivers) attended the October Worship at the Cross service. We studied the lesson of “Jesus is Betrayed by Judas”. Please continue to pray for the Lord’s blessings upon this ministry to the developmentally disabled. Our next service will be held on November 10th and we will be studying “Peter Disowns Jesus.”





## Mission of the Month November 2018

Our Mission for the Month of November again this year is the **Lutheran Military Support Group**. LMSG is an incorporated WI nonprofit, run by a Board of Evangelical Lutheran (WELS/ELS) Veterans from all branches of service, in several states.

The group is a national level organization, designed to have national reach, but local impact. We are designed to be both an auxiliary to WELS Military Services in their support of active duty service members, and an independent organization supporting the needs of our military veterans and our “military families” of both active duty members and veterans.

There are many opportunities to make a Synod-wide difference by driving national programs, projects, recognition and support for Lutheran military members and their families. Our organization wants to encourage local awareness, education and projects at the congregational level. There are also outreach/evangelism opportunities which might present themselves to individual congregations as the result of the activities of LMSG.

*“With God all things are possible.”*  
Matthew 19:26



Ladies Aid will be selling Christmas cards. The prices will be marked on the box and will vary by design and number of cards in a box. They will be located on a small table near the card rack in the Fellowship Hall.



On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we had our St. Croix Circuit Fall Rally. We opened with a devotion from Pastor Jason Thiel. We had a presentation by Shannon Bohme, Mission Connections, and volunteer Mark Hellman. Our closing devotion was led by Pastor Stephen Schmiel.

Shannon has goals to have more mission trips, more people participating, continued gospel sharing which also leads to more opportunities to grow in faith. This is a way for WELS to grow together in the Great Commission! By using congregations they can encourage each other, hold each other accountable, and keep the momentum going. They do hold a pre-trip training and a post-trip outreach event. Each participant takes away with being spiritually nurtured, urgency for sharing the gospel, outreach activities and blessing of being part of the WELS.

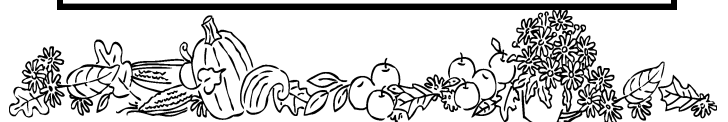
The attendance was 64 members and guests and our offering totaled \$1026. Our next rally will be held in the spring, at Shepherd of the Hills, Inver Grove Heights, on Saturday morning, April 27<sup>th</sup>.



*Celebrate with us ...*  
**JOINT REFORMATION  
SERVICE AT  
GRACE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

Celebrate the goodness of God to rescue the visible church from the grip of false doctrine and grant the preaching of the true gospel for our salvation.

Join us on October 28th at 4 pm for a joint WELS Reformation Service. Dinner will follow the service. If you are able to provide a dessert for the dinner, please see the sign-up sheet on the narthex table. Thank you!



### Key People for November



#### Fellowship:

- Nov 4—Chris & Tracy Riba
- Nov 11 —Jim & Corinne Rogers
- Nov. 18—Ed & Peggy Johnson
- Nov. 25—Doug & Sandy Wellumson

Fellowship Coordinator—Carol Otto-715-294-4343  
Pat Kytola-715-554-1096

#### Greeters:

- Nov 4—Earl & Carole Plattner
- Nov 11—Joanne Johnson & Susan Neafus
- Nov 18—Kevin Rogers & Ryan & Sean
- Nov 21—Randy & Trudy Getschel-**Thanksgiving**
- Nov 25—Bob & Carol Jensen

#### Ushers: Team #3                      Team #4 (Thanksgiving)

- \*Jake Hoverman
- JP Hoverman
- Lyle Guggisberg
- Dick Durand
- Will Stob
- \* Lead Usher

#### Communion:

- Nov. 4 —Jo Jasperson
- Nov 18—Lyle & Marsha Guggisberg
- \*Nov 21—Peggy Rydeen (**Thanksgiving Eve**)

#### November Counters:

Will & Rachel Stob/Colin & Kathy Hendricks

#### Pray for our members in the service:

William Pool & Gregg Traylor



#### Pray for our "Befriend a Mission" missionary:

**Home Mission:**  
Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church  
5071 Center St.  
Omaha, Nebraska

### Birthdays for November



Bob Jensen	November 2
Rita Link	November 8
Sean Rogers	November 9
Kristen Jasperson	November 17
Rachel Rixmann	November 19
Mary Lou Durand	November 22
Julia Heil	November 22
Gilbert Brown	November 23
Lyle Guggisberg	November 26
Brittany Johnson	November 28
Robert Bantz	November 29

### Anniversaries for November

Doug & Sandy Wellumson	November 6
Kevin & Maureen Rogers	November 11
Tracey & Julie Steffen	November 16

### Membership Changes

#### Funerals:

**Arnold Otto** died Sept. 21 and funeral service on Sept. 28 at Trinity Lutheran.

**Joyce Ekstrand** died September 18 and funeral service on October 12 at Trinity Lutheran

Please note: If we have missed your name for a birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please call the church office at 715-294-2828 and we will make the correction. Thank you!

What **ARE** you Thankful for?





Several weeks ago I began working with our Quilting group (what a great group of people) to obtain Thrivent funding in the amount of \$250.00 for their projects. The funding was approved and received; it will be used for batting and other quilting supplies. At that time, the Trinity Quilters had already made and distributed 138 quilts. Since then an additional 34 quilts were made available. Thus, this year so far, a total of 172 quilts were made. All of their quilts are donated.

Donations include the Northside Ministries of Milwaukee, lap quilts for Nursing homes, baby quilts, quilts for house fire victims, the homeless, and families in need at Christmas time. The quilts made, thus far, this year equal about \$13,000 if purchased at a store.

The group meets every Monday 1-3 pm. Pauline and I have attended a few sessions and can attest to the great time they have. The group consists of about 8-10 people. More members are encouraged to attend and support this great ministry. All you have to do is show up on Mondays and see for yourself.

Also, if you are a Thrivent member look into the "Action Group Program" to see if you qualify for funding to support this type of program. Thanks Quilters, Wayne Riba

## Mark Your Calendars!

Several church events upcoming for the holidays. More information will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

- ◆ **Advent Services:** December 5, 12 & 19. A meal will be served at 5:30 pm followed by Worship Service at 7 pm.
- ◆ **Decorating the church & Trimming of the Tree:** Saturday, December 1st at 9 am with a Chili lunch. If you are able to bring any fixings for the chili lunch, watch for the sign-up sheet on the narthex table.
- ◆ **Christmas Caroling:** December 16 at 3 pm. We will return to church for refreshments.
- ◆ **Ladies Aid Christmas Party:** December 20th at 12 noon.
- ◆ **Christmas Services:** Children and Candlelight Service at 7 pm on Christmas Eve (fellowship following the service) and Christmas Day at 9 am.
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Service:** Monday, December 31 at 7 pm. Fellowship will follow the service.
- ◆ **Take Down Christmas Tree:** Saturday, January 5th at 9 am.

## Serving Jesus with Our Gifts and Talents

Income and expenditure information for September and the fiscal year.

BUDGET UPDATE		
	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$18,925	\$56,540
Expenses:	\$16,967	\$50,745



