

# Trinity Today

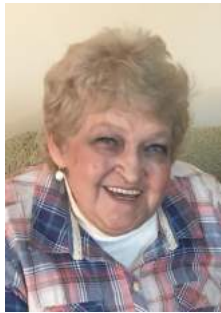
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## November 4th: All Saints' Sunday Observed!

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will observe All Saints' Sunday in Trinity's Sanctuary services. We will be celebrating and remembering the life and faith of all of our members who have gone on to the LORD in heaven since All Saints' Sunday in 2017.

This year, we will be remembering twelve members who lived and loved in the faith and strength of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Kathleen Dorothy Schmidt  
02/21/1947 -  
11/12/2017



Virginia Louise Marshall  
12/22/1924 -  
11/27/2017



Beatrice Hilda Windsor  
05/19/1924 -  
12/03/2017



James D. Woods  
07/24/1931 -  
02/04/2018



Lucile Marie Neger  
07/25/1917 -  
02/16/2018



Lucile Finn  
09/23/1916 -  
02/21/2018



Frances Winkler Miller  
11/28/1919 -  
03/20/2018



Faye Ellen Faszholz  
07/01/1932 -  
04/29/2018



Melvin James Petrash  
12/30/1927 -  
05/25/2018



Fred Walter Stoerkel  
05/29/1934 -  
06/17/2018



Lisa Marie Koerselman  
04/14/1967 -  
08/22/2018



Edward Efrain Compean  
10/19/1939 -  
09/02/2018



# Finance Corner - November 1, 2018

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Corinthians 9:10 ESV*

Dear Supporter of Trinity's Ministry:

God is working in our midst. Our average attendance for 2018 continues on an upward path, and the number of kids attending the new Kingdom Quest Sunday School more than doubled in September. Fifty-three pilgrims just returned from a trip to the Holy Land, and our Trunks 'n' Treats, Hymnfest and Oktoberfest events were well-attended.

That said, **through September of this year, tithes and offerings were significantly lower than our annual budget.** Our scheduled operational debt payments and emergency fund rebuilding process continue as planned. Our operational expenses in September were 3% more than our budget anticipated, and for the entire year our expenses are 4% (or, almost \$55,000) above budget.

For your convenience, please remember that you can track your contributions and/or print contribution letters online by logging into your Trinity Community Builder ("TCB") account. Just go to the "\$" on the left-most panel on the screen. Select it, and you will see your contributions listed in detail. If you then select the "Giving Statements" options on the top right portion of the screen, you can print your contribution statement.

Please keep in mind our annual Commitment worship services on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Prayerfully consider setting aside a portion of what you anticipate receiving from God in 2019 as a gift back to Him, taking into account the Biblical example of offering to God 10% of what He provides.

**Your faithful contributions continue to make a real difference in Trinity's ability to share the Good News of Jesus' love to all people, now.** Thank you for faithful giving as we can count on God to increase the harvest of righteousness in all of our lives!

He is, indeed, working in our midst.

Joyfully joining Jesus alongside you,

Ron Lacy, CFO



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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1238451>

Using this service from Amazon won't change the costs of the products you buy, and all of your account settings and preferences will be retained. The only thing that will change is that Trinity will receive a rebate!

# Thanksgiving Worship

Thursday, November 22, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

## Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries - The Coming King

What God has done for the world is most intimately expressed in the life of His Son Jesus. In *The Coming King*, explore God's marvelous work through the lives of those who were on the scene at the time of the Savior's birth.

The coming Savior's birth was foretold by the prophets of old and later experienced by many who were on hand as He came into this world. Mary and Joseph, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Simeon, shepherds, wise men from the east, a legion of angels, and even King Herod—all play their parts in the Gospel narratives that speak of the Savior's incarnation. Explore the many ways their lives were touched as God became one of us, for each of us, in *The Coming King*.

Printed copies of devotion booklets will be available on November 25. You may also view them online at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).



## Trinity Ladies Circle Bazaar

The Trinity Ladies Circle is having their Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, November 4, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gym.

There will be seasonal decorations, White Elephant items, kids table, food baskets and baked goods! Come do your Christmas shopping early for great bargains!

Proceeds go to mission projects the Ladies Circle supports.



## Decorate for Christmas

Plan now to spend a little time on Sunday, November 25, decorating our Lord's house for the Advent and Christmas Season. This is a great time of fellowship, fun, and service in His name. We will decorate after the 10:50 a.m. service. We need all ages to help.

Lunch will be served before we start—please RSVP to Lynn Bedner at 713.668.3977.



# Congregational Assembly Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Assembly Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 12:15 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Education Center. Lunch will be served.

The agenda is as follows:

- Approve the Meeting Minutes
- Elections
- Ratify the Spending Plan
- Capital Campaign
- Vote on Changing the Bylaws and the Constitution per our March Meeting
  - ARTICLE I 1.B. Calling of Pastor, Teacher or Worker
  - ARTICLE II 1. Annual Assembly
  - ARTICLE II 2. Special Assemblies, and
  - ARTICLE II 4. Agenda
  - ARTICLE IV. 3. Term of Office

## Bios for the Nominees for the 2019 Governing Board.

**Nominee:** Jim Baccus

**Age:** 69

**Years Trinity Member:** 31

**Occupation:** Crude and Finished Products Trading, Supply, Logistics, and Risk Management



### **Summarize your prior or present involvement in the church:**

- Have always had a passion for Missions. Served on Missions and Evangelism Committee (MEC) in 2002 when TLC was governed at that time by Parish Planning. While serving on MEC we created, endorsed, and sponsored ESL program at San Pedro.
- Congregational president 2004-2006 during transition from Parish Planning to Policy Governance in 2006.
- Member of the board established by Policy Governance for six (6) years from 2006-2009 (chairman in 2009) and from 2012-2015 (chairman and Elder in 2014-15).
- Member of Nominating Committee 2017 (Chairman) and 2018.
- Member of the Senior Pastor selection committee during which Pastor Dorn was called.
- Member of Pastor Dorn's HR committee
- Volunteer in serving Communion and operating ProPresenter.

### **What skills and experience do you bring to serving this Board?**

- Privileged and honored to be president of the congregation during TLC's two (2) year transition from Parish Planning to Policy Governance.
- Skilled in building relationships spiritually and corporately.
- Experience in board, congregation, and church matters.
- The Policy Governance process was a lesson for all of us regarding when change is necessary. We developed strong and binding working relationships as we prayed for guidance in furthering God's kingdom.

### **Any other information you would like to share with the congregation:**

Service to our Lord and Savior of any kind is an honor, but to be elected by one's peers to be a servant leader in His service is a special kind of privilege. God has given us all talents to be used to worship Him. We should all endeavor to develop His gifts to us.

**Nominee:** Sarah Crawford

**Age:** 30

**Years Trinity Member:** 4

**Occupation:** Harris County Deputy Clerk - Elections Administration



**Summarize your prior or present involvement in the church:**

I currently coordinate the scheduling of the communion set-up teams for the Sundays and special services at which the sacrament is celebrated. I participate in the Twenty and Thirties (TnT) group and Bible study as well as the Women's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings.

I previously Co-led an adult Sunday school class and was happy to be able to sing in the summer choir this year.

I have served as a Young Woman Representative for the LWML Bayou City Zone at the Texas District LWML convention.

**What skills and experience do you bring to serving this Board?**

I think I bring a unique perspective as a "millennial" who is active in the church, yet understands the struggle young people face in finding their place among fellow Christians inside and outside of the Church. To a certain extent, I know what it means to "fall away" and how truly comforting the Gospel is and the hope and support the Church provides through the preaching of the Word and the Sacraments.

**Any other information you would like to share with the congregation:**

I love the Lutheran Church and I love, that as the LCMS, we are dedicated to proclaiming the Truth of Gospel in its entirety.

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2.*

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**Nominee:** Kim Davis

**Age:** 60

**Years Trinity Member:** 28

**Occupation:** Registered Nurse/Heart Transplant Coordinator



**Summarize your prior or present involvement in the church:**

Present governing board member with three-year term expiring in December. Served another three-year term 2008-2010. Served two terms on the commission for our Christian School. As Vice Chair of the board I led the call committee for our DCE, Michael Winckler.

**What skills and experience do you bring to serving this Board:**

I've witnessed God doing amazing things in our congregation, in His time and in His way. I continue to look to Him for direction in all Governing Board decisions. Because of other leadership and non-profit board experience, I know how to see the big picture and not get bogged down with minute to minute distractions.

**Any other information you would like to share with the congregation:**

It's a privilege to serve our Lord and the congregation of Trinity Downtown as a governing board member.

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**Nominee:** Delvin Dennis

**Age:** 62

**Years Trinity Member:** Lifetime

**Occupation:** Civil Engineer



**Summarize your prior or present involvement in the church:**

Baptized at Trinity in 1956

Graduate of Trinity school in 1970

Continuous member of Trinity my whole life

Served in various capacities over the years:

- Usher
- Elder
- School Board
- Maintenance Committee
- Finance Committee
- Chair Cemetery Committee
- Chair School Endowment Committee
- Governing Board 3 years, 1 year as Vice Chair

**What skills and experience do you bring to serving this Board?**

Besides my experience within Trinity as noted above, I have over 38 years of experience as a Civil Engineer in Transportation in the Houston market managing employees, budgets and clients.

**Any other information you would like to share with the congregation:**

It would be my privilege to continue serving Trinity in His honor.

**Nominee:** Janet Mueller

**Age:** 54

**Years Trinity Member:** 7

**Occupation:** Director of Nursing



**Summarize your prior or present involvement in the church:**

Currently, at Trinity Lutheran Church, I am a member of the Bell Choir and the Health Cabinet.

Previously, at Bethany Lutheran Church, I was a member of the Bell Choir for over 20 years. I served as Sunday School Supervisor/Treasurer and Sunday School teacher for numerous years. Additionally, I provided oversight for the School Lunch Program for bookkeeping, payroll, and program enrollment yearly. I also served as President for the Parent Teachers Organization and a part-time bus driver.

**What skills and experience do you bring to serving this Board:**

As listed above, I have had some experience in various church related opportunities. My current and previous management careers in nursing and retail management for Macy's Department stores has provided me multiple leadership opportunities. I have gained critical thinking skills through my nursing career and the ability to see problems and projects from numerous points of view. I have participated in multiple councils and committees that have required both nursing and business expertise. I developed a new service line for Houston Northwest Medical Center, providing oversight from construction, government certification, personnel acquisition, policy development, and continued oversight for the Bryan Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility within the hospital. I also served in an interim role of Assistant Chief Nursing Officer for 8 months.

**Any other information you would like to share with the congregation:**

I have been married to Ron Mueller for 31 years and we have three children, twins Sarah and Katie, age 29, and Eric, age 21. Sarah is a middle school science/math teacher working for The European Azerbaijan School in Baku, Azerbaijan. Katie is an elementary music teacher working for Concordia Shanghai International School in Shanghai, China. Eric is a senior Civil Engineering student at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.

I have a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from the University of Houston, a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and will graduate from the University of Texas at Arlington graduate program with a Masters of Science in Nursing Administration in October 2018.

Currently employed at Houston Northwest Medical Center since 1995.

# Be in the Word

## Adult Bible Classes - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### ["1 Peter"](#) - Led by Bill Fischer's Team - Room 201

Peter was a man of action, not writing, but he sends this letter to believers encouraging them to keep the faith in troubled times. His words ring true for us today.

### ["Concerning Spiritual Gifts"](#) - Led by Pastor P. Dorn - Room 233

This six-week course is about the gifts given by the Holy Spirit to individual Christians for the sake of specific ministries in the Church. The course provides an opportunity for participants to discover the spiritual gift(s) the Holy Spirit has given them. As our bodies are made up of many parts with different functions, so the body of Christ, the Church, is made up of many members with different gifts of the Spirit for the common good (1 Corinthians 12).

### ["The Lutheran Mind"](#) - Led by Pastor Michael Hofmann - Room 234

### ["WWJD: Adventures in Luke"](#) - Led by Jim Cleary's Team - Room 205

Join us as we see what Jesus did and said in a variety of situations during His public ministry. A chance to ask the question — what would Jesus do — and get the answer right away! Discussion-oriented.

## Kingdom Quest Sunday School - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### *Grades 1 through 4 meet in Mary/Martha Hall in basement for opening.*

[Pre-K \(ages 3 - 4\)/Kindergarten](#) - Room 212

[8th and 7th Grade Confirmation](#) - Room 124

[1st - 4th Grade](#) - Basement

[9th-12th Grade](#) - USC (basement)

[5th - 6th Grade](#) - Room 207

## Adult Midweek Bible Studies

### [Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Class](#)

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. - Room 205 – Women's Bible Study led by Audrey Black. The study is based on the Old Testament book of Esther, using LifeLight materials. For more information, contact Audrey at 713.782.6307 or [dgb32@att.net](mailto:dgb32@att.net).

### [Wednesday Women's Bible Study - "Family Trees & Olive Branches \(Creating a Culture of Grace in Your Family\)"](#)

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. - Gathering Space - Women's Bible Study led by Jan Case

### [Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study - "Gospel of John"](#)

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. - Room 207 - Women's Bible Study led by Mary Oliver

### [Sonrise Bible Study](#)

Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. - Room 124 - Led by Pastor Black

Class discusses the Scripture readings assigned for the following Sunday. The class is open to men and women. Coffee is available. For more information, contact Pastor Black at 713.229.2917 or [dblack@trinitydt.org](mailto:dblack@trinitydt.org).

### [InT - 20s and 30s Group Bible Study](#)

Current Study: "1<sup>st</sup> John, 2<sup>nd</sup> John and 3<sup>rd</sup> John" by Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard - Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 7:30 p.m. - off site. Contact Rachel and Dag Calafell at [rachel.calafell@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.calafell@gmail.com) or 832.389.8998 for more information.

# Count Your Blessings One by One

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, let's not forget to count the ones that have enabled us to survive and overcome our challenges. Hard times and difficult days sooner or later become part of life's lot for all of us – as individuals, as families, and among nations.

What do we do with the dark times and our memories of them? Do we conclude that those were times when we were not blessed, or that God had forsaken us, or that God had it "in" for us, or that we had gotten on the "outs" with God? At times like those, it is easy to fret and fume and voice Job's lament: **"Behold, I go forward, but He is not there, and backward, but I do not perceive Him; on the left hand when He is working, I do not behold Him; He turns to the right hand, but I do not see Him. But He knows the way that I take; when He has tried me, I shall come out as gold."** (Job 23:8-10). Job ultimately realizes that God is always there; He is always present in our lives, seeking to speak to us no matter what our circumstances. We are reminded of God's promise to us in (Isaiah 43:2): **"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."**

We are not just counting the blessings of accomplishments and prosperity. Despite our own periods of faithlessness, God will always be faithful in His promises. In good times, God comes to call us to praise Him and be good stewards of what we receive. In hard times, we are called to be grateful for His caring and to be made humble by the realization that life does not consist of material "things." Trying times may also be times to learn some new lesson or direction. We should be most thankful that no matter what, God is Immanuel – God with us.

Does some burdensome or negative remembrance seem to dominate your intent to give thanks? Consider what one family did to use a negative memory for a positive good. Every Thanksgiving, this grandmother prepared a generous serving of mashed rutabaga (yellow turnips) as part of her dinner. No one in the family had any desire to eat this dish on any day, especially on a holiday! Why did she serve it? When she was a child growing up in southwestern Germany during WWI, food was scarce. For a whole year, her family had nothing to eat but yellow turnips fixed in every conceivable way. She fixed this dish of rutabaga every year as a reminder of that hard time in her life and to give thanks to God for keeping her family alive. Without the rutabaga, they would not have survived.

Some of the most unpleasant parts of our lives can be used to remind us of blessings which were difficult to see at the time. They remind us to look more carefully as we count our blessings; there might be hidden ones.

**Thank You, Lord, not just for all the wonderful parts of life but also for all You have done that enabled us to meet challenges. Thank You for gifts and blessings that we do not see, and thank You especially for the gift of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

My prayer for you this Thanksgiving is that you will find joy and contentment and that the words of this gospel hymn will brighten and bless your day!

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

**Refrain:** Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by. **(Refrain)**





When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy,  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high. **(Refrain)**

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. **(Refrain)**

Johnson Oatman, Jr.  
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At Trinity, we have a ministry of care that provides high quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people experiencing a difficult time in their life. If you or someone you know needs a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Michael Dorn at [mdorn@trinitydt.org](mailto:mdorn@trinitydt.org) or 713.229.2940 or Ron Lacy at [lacy@trinitydt.org](mailto:lacy@trinitydt.org) or 713.229.2970.

Linda Gray, Stephen Leader

## Houston Camerata in Concert, November 11 at 2:30 p.m.

The Houston Camerata will present *Lest We Forget*, a concert commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War I on Sunday, November 11 at 2:30 p.m. in Trinity's sanctuary.

This Veterans Day concert will remember those who fought, served and died in that war and will pay tribute to all who serve or have served in the military.

Sponsored by the Trinity Concert Series, this performance will be conducted by Dr. Paulo Gomes and will also feature baritone, Paul Fink, pianist Sheila Keyes, and bassoonist, Eric Stone Miller.

There is no charge for the concert, although a freewill offering will be appreciated.



**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
November 4th**

**Remember to set your  
clocks back one hour.**

# Annual Fall Food Drive

Hello, fellow Christians. Wow, how humbling that is to be called a Christian. This begs the question, what is it exactly to be a Christian? For me simply, it is to follow and act like Jesus. What better way to accomplish this than to give ourselves? Please take the time this November, the 11<sup>th</sup>, to set aside a portion to help those who are in need, some in desperate need, in our neighborhood. May God bless us all in this effort. Please refer to the list below for needed items or call Steve, Tana, or Zach Bell anytime.

Thank you,  
Steve and Tana Bell

## Suggested Contents for Thanksgiving Meal

Instant Mashed Potatoes .....large box  
Green Beans ..... 2 cans  
Kernel Corn ..... 2 cans  
Sweet Potatoes .....1 large or 2 small cans  
Gravy ..... canned or dry mix  
Cranberry Sauce..... 1 can  
"Stove Top" Stuffing ..... 1 box

Donations to be used to purchase turkeys and other necessities are also needed. Gift certificates to Fiesta or Kroger are also helpful!!! **No TURKEYS please because we have no freezer!!!**

As the need exists for more than just food for Thanksgiving Dinner, perhaps the Spirit will move you to add one or more of the following items to your grocery bag.

- Paper towels, toilet paper (these items cannot be purchased with food stamps)
- Vegetable oil for cooking (plastic bottles preferred)
- Sugar, rice, dry pinto beans (small and large bags)
- Breakfast cereal (unsugared, such as toasted oats or wheat flakes preferred)
- Disposable diapers (from newborn through size 3)
- Canned chicken, turkey, beef, tuna
- Canned chili and stew
- Canned fruits, juices, and vegetables (any variety)
- Canned tomato products, jars or cans of spaghetti sauce
- Liquid dishwashing soap

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35



# A Hand-Washing How-To

According to news reports and news articles in the past few days, our "Flu Season" is well into our lives. When I was on our school staff as "the Nurse" I taught handwashing at the beginning of almost every school year. It was a fun time for our students and for me. Proper technique was demonstrated, practiced and our school had a "light" that was used on each set of hands to see how many "germs" were missed. Here is an easy technique and it must be followed each time your hands are washed. I am shocked by the number of people who do not wash their hands upon leaving the restrooms or before meals. I hope this is a good review! I have given similar information before, but it has been a number of years.



1. Wet hands with warm or cold running water (I prefer warm if available). Apply enough soap to cover the full surface of hand.
2. Rub your hands together to create lather. Be sure to include the back of your hands between your fingers, and underneath your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for **at least 20 seconds**. The students were taught to "sing the ABC song" as the time allotment. This article suggests humming "Happy Birthday" twice.
4. Rinse hands thoroughly and dry them well. (Dry hands transfer germs less easily than wet hands.) Use a paper towel for the faucet handle and the door-knob to avoid germs that were not washed away or for those that were used by individuals who did not wash their hands.
5. 'YUK! I see this every time I use a public rest room. That door knob can be "germy" for sure!

**SOURCE:** "Consumer Reports **On Health**" January 2017

## "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

Gracious God You send great blessings  
New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending, For Your love we offer praise.  
Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim.  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
May bring glory to Your name.

Lutheran Service Book #782

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

*Julie Bertrand, Retired R.N.*

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# Greetings from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis!

This semester is flying by! We are halfway through and I've already completed a class on Exodus. The basketball season has begun once again and an interview about vicarage is in the very near future. Registration for the spring semester has already been done as well. Not only that, but the weather suddenly hit winter levels. The folks from up north call this "fall", but in Houston terms, this is definitely winter! I have a lot of things to juggle, just as I expect I will in the parish. Once again, the formation process shows itself to be far greater than just the classes we take here.

One example of this is that we're at the end of Reading Week as I write this and I haven't done nearly as much reading as I had anticipated. Besides the normal duties at my campus job, I also had an extensive exam for my Systematics course, training to complete for a marriage counseling tool I will use for another class, Bible study preparation, and a short service to prepare and lead for a local Scout camporee. And that's just the "non-reading" assignments! These are all great blessings, though. They keep me connected to people and the rest of God's creation. I enjoy being able to bring the things I'm learning from Systematics into my Bible study and then listen to a podcast where pastors from our Synod are talking about topics we just covered in the very same Systematics class on which I had just been tested. The relevance of it all is striking in a time when people are asking questions about the future of the Church. The Word of God gives us life, guides us, and gives us meaning in this life. That very same Word endures forever. Christ will not forsake His Church. We should not be fearful of the future, because it is in God's hands. We are given our work to do in the present moment and we entrust all else to our Creator and Redeemer.

I see a sample of this receptive life in a project given to the entire second year class. In our formation groups – our individual Winkel groups of 4-5 guys – we were tasked with utilizing the 211 service ([www.211helps.org](http://www.211helps.org)) to find a social service in the area of an assigned local congregation. You may not be familiar with this service, as it seemed no one in our class was, either. This is a free service that helps connect people with social services to meet their needs. For instance, if you needed help with meals or shelter, this service could connect you with a local food bank or a homeless shelter. Besides informing us of this service and becoming familiar with it, the assignment challenged us to look at the needs of a particular community and try to identify ways in which our assigned congregation could address those needs. My group identified housing as a prominent need in the community around our congregation. We found a shelter that works with youth and interviewed one of its staff. What we found was that they do regular outreach to ensure that people are aware of their services and that youth in troubled situations are able to get to their facilities. However, they could use help with volunteers giving rides to these teenagers as they try to get a job and learn to live a self-sustaining lifestyle. This sounds like a great opportunity for a church body! People with more flexible schedules can offer their time to help these youth get on their feet and provide a strong Christian influence at the same time. This is but one small example, but what a wonderful way to put your faith into practice.

I was also privileged to go to part of the Lutherans for Life national conference recently as it was held here in St. Louis and the seminary sponsored seminarians to attend. I got to hear from a representative of Bethesda Lutheran Communities ([www.bethesdalco.org](http://www.bethesdalco.org)) talk about incorporating people with disabilities into the life of a congregation. I thought her presentation was excellent and I spoke highly enough about it to the president of our seminary life team that we are now having her come to present to our campus community. This is great because we just don't get this sort of training in our classes. The presenter recounted a previous experience with a seminarian who said that they feel more equipped to deal with the death of a child than with the birth of a child with any sort of disability. What an incredible statement considering the relative frequency of these two very different occurrences! All people are created by God, loved by Him, and are sustained by Him. He works through His people in different ways, bringing dignity to all through the Gospel. We should reflect this in our churches. There are many ways we can do this, but one recurring theme in the presentation



**Chuck Ridley**  
Seminary Student

given was to simply ask. Ask a parent of a child with special needs how you can help them. Ask the teenager with special needs how they would feel most comfortable participating with their peers. Ask the adult with special needs how you can help them feel welcome. It sounds so simple, and yet it happens so rarely.

On the more social side of life, the seminary hosted its annual Oktoberfest at the end of September, offering food, drink, and entertainment to the seminary community. Local beers, traditional German food, and live music were provided in the main quad while children were playing in a variety of bounce houses on the other side of the fountain. Our seminary soccer team also played another local seminary team that evening and we celebrated the winning of the Witten Eva Cup this year. I also learned of and attended a local event at which various home brewers, breweries, bars, and restaurants set up tents and offered samples of their food and their fermented and distilled beverages. But this was no ordinary event! This "Brew in the Lou" was a fundraiser for the Lutheran Elementary School Association in St. Louis. I was told that this is a great fundraiser each year and I can see why. There was a great crowd despite the dreary weather. People could vote on their favorite home brew and chili options. Now, speaking of chili, the whole "beans/no-beans" continues to be a battle that I fight here. I stick to the Texas origins of the dish which doesn't include beans. Virtually no one up here listens to me, but I digress.

The seminary campus will soon begin a series of lectures which cover Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book "Life Together". Everyone was given a copy of the book and we will be reading it and hearing professors lecture on individual chapters. I read through this book for the first time at the end of the summer and I appreciated what Bonhoeffer had to say. He highlights the centrality of Christ in the daily life of a Christian and how this should play itself out. I look forward to gleaning even more wisdom from my professors as they bring forth their insight into the book. The Student Association will also be hosting a series of movie watching events where we will discuss the Christ figures in various classic films. In big and small ways, the students, faculty, and staff of Concordia Seminary are seeking to engage the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." (Philippians 4:23 ESV)



Showing off my lederhosen at Oktoberfest.

## Youth Group Regular Gatherings

High School and Middle School Youth Group regular gatherings are held weekly on Sundays. We begin the events by coming together around the table for some food while connecting with other students and youth mentors. Next, we meet as a large group and spend time playing fun games, hanging out, and studying the Bible.

Middle School Youth meet from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. and High School Youth meet from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



# CHURCH REPORT

September 17 - October 21

## BAPTISM

### October 7

Ella Grace Johnson



### October 21

Lucas Robert Fehl



## REVENUE UPDATE

### Year To Date through 10/21/18

Actual Receipts . . . \$1,198,393  
 Budgeted Receipts . \$1,297,095

## ORGAN FUND UPDATE

### Year To Date through 10/21/18

Total Contributions . . . \$502,771  
 Remaining Balance . . . \$89,111

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTALS

	PK-8	H.S.	Adult	Total
09/23	40	0	122	162
09/30	26	0	132	158
10/07	29	1	125	154
10/14	43	0	91	134
10/21	40	0	119	159

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5:00	8:15	10:50	Total
09/22	51			
09/23		184	136	371
09/29	41			
09/30		188	152	381
10/06	37			
10/07		208	144	389
10/13	39			
10/14		138	115	292
10/20	39			
10/21		224	162	425

# The 39 Club

The 39 Club is invited to meet in the foyer following the 10:50 a.m. service on November 18 (the third Sunday) and plan to have lunch together at the Spaghetti Western Italian Cafe, 1608 Shepherd Drive.

In October the group enjoyed food and fellowship at Southwell's Hamburger Grill. Those who are single, 39 and over, are invited to join us. For more information, contact Jean Minsch at 281.550.4752.



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# NOVEMBER 2018



Trinity Lutheran Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p>			<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30 31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 AM Sonrise Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 AM Ladies Circle Meeting</p> <p>1:00 PM Peace-Filled Quilters</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 AM Houston Bronze Ensemble</p> <p>5:00 PM Satellite Service</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies Circle Bazaar &amp; Bake Sale</p> <p>8:15 AM Traditional Worship (C)</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study Hour</p> <p>10:50 AM Traditional Worship (C)</p> <p>12:30 PM MS Youth Group</p> <p>2:00 PM HLC Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 PM HS Youth Group</p> <p> Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Camerata Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM Staff Leadership Team Meeting</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Stephen Ministry</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Bronze Ensemble Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Symphony Chorus Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 AM HPCC Nursing Home Devotions</p> <p>5:15 PM Trinity Brass</p> <p>6:15 PM Trinity Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Youth MAT</p> <p>7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 AM Sonrise Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Camerata Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:00 PM Satellite Service (C)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:15 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study Hour</p> <p>10:50 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>12:00 PM Congregational Assembly Meeting</p> <p>12:30 PM MS Youth Group</p> <p>2:30 PM Houston Camerata Concert</p> <p>5:00 PM HS Youth Group</p> <p>Food Drive</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Camerata Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Staff Leadership Team Meeting</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Bronze Ensemble Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Symphony Chorus Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:15 PM Trinity Brass</p> <p>6:15 PM Trinity Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 AM Sonrise Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:00 PM Satellite Service</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:15 AM Traditional Worship (C)</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study Hour</p> <p>10:50 AM Traditional Worship (C)</p> <p>12:00 PM 39 Club</p> <p>12:30 PM MS Youth Group</p> <p>2:00 PM HLC Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 PM HS Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Camerata Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 AM Staff Leadership Team Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Stephen Ministry</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Bronze Ensemble Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Symphony Chorus Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 AM Ladies Circle HPCC</p> <p>5:15 PM Trinity Brass</p> <p>6:15 PM Trinity Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 AM Thanksgiving Worship Service</p> <p></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:00 PM Satellite Service (C)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:15 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study Hour</p> <p>10:50 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>12:00 PM Decorate the Church</p> <p>12:30 PM MS Youth Group</p> <p>5:00 PM HS Youth Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 PM Elders Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM Governing Board Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Camerata Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM Staff Leadership Team Meeting</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Sunday School MAT</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Bronze Ensemble Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 PM Houston Symphony Chorus Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:15 PM Trinity Brass</p> <p>6:15 PM Trinity Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 AM Sonrise Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	

# Ladies Circle Ministries - November 1

The Ladies Circle will meet at 10 o'clock on Thursday, November 1, in Room 205. Refreshments and fellowship time will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The program for the day will be a presentation about the Star of Hope Mission. All are invited to come and hear about this ministry in our community.

For more information about the Ladies Circle and its ministries, please call Debbie Leonard, president, at 319.431.6804, or email to [Debbie.Leonard.TX@gmail.com](mailto:Debbie.Leonard.TX@gmail.com).



## Additional dates to remember:

Sunday, November 4 - 8 a.m.-1 p.m. - Bazaar & Bake Sale - Gym

Wednesday, November 21- 10 a.m. - Devotions at Highland Park Care Center; 8861 Fulton St.



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