



## Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

November 2012

### Prayer Requests:

- Marilyn Doyle
- Judy Heckert
- Tim VerHaar
- Jean & Marilynne Lampson
- Sally Magruder—cancer
- Steve Roche
- Anne Stark
- Bob Zeismer—loss of his beloved wife, Ann
- Beverly Ann Davis
- Kelly Hannon

### Military in Action:

- Wesley Davis
- Matt Head—USMC
- John R. Hill—Air Force
- Matt Olson—USMC
- Jason Sieberg—NM Air National Guard

## *Pastor's Ponderings*

### **Dear Friends in Christ:**

I have to wonder sometimes if our celebration of Thanksgiving is somewhat similar to how we pray the Lord's Prayer every Sunday: just saying the words without understanding the true meaning behind the words. Do we do things by rote even when it comes to saying "Thank you" to God for His daily blessings?

One of our problems is that we are blessed in so many different ways that we can begin to take them for granted. Ralph Waldo Emerson said that if the stars came out only once a year, everybody would stay up all night to look at them. He observed that we have seen the stars so often that we don't bother to look at them anymore. It's easy for us to be like that. We can become so accustomed to our blessings that we can lose our sense of gratitude.

What if I were to issue a challenge to everyone in this congregation to do things a little differently on Thanksgiving? It has become a common practice around the dinner table on Thanksgiving for each person to tell others what they're thankful for. Not to put words in your mouth or to upset your traditional family practice, but what if you were to tell others around the table what you are thankful for that is not obvious to everyone. Yes, we can go ahead and be thankful for our grandparents, our parents, our family, our friends, our pets, our health, God, Jesus Christ, etc. – but what are some things you are thankful for that no one else could even imagine you'd be thankful for. God's big blessings in our lives are certainly obvious and we should always show Him our gratitude. But what about those "small" or "insignificant" blessings God shares with us on a daily basis? It will take a little bit more soul-searching and looking for other blessings that have been right in front of our very eyes, yet we were unwilling to acknowledge them in our lives.

Sometimes, to truly appreciate a holiday, you have to shake things up a bit to realize just how special that particular day really is, not only to you but also to our Father in heaven. God always enjoys those "AH-HA" moments in our lives where our hearts, minds and eyes are open to something new for the very first time.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

*Pastor Davis*

*Trinity Lutheran Church*

Pastor: Larry Davis  
 Sunday School Leader: Tami Baker  
 Youth Leader: Richard Baker  
 Newsletter Editor: Terri Cross  
 Website Editor: Terri Cross

2012 Church Council

President: Bruce Glade  
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 Marie Schumacher  
 John Penney  
 Cindy VerHaar  
 Richard Baker  
 Terri Cross  
 George Head  
 Youth Representative: Sarah Head

We are still collecting motel necessities for the Family Crisis Center. Please put your donations in the silver bag in the large gathering room. The Family Crisis Center really appreciates the kindness of the Trinity family. Thank you from the Women's Bible Study. Motel amenities should be unopened.



Kathleen Lamb is collecting Box Tops for Education. If you have any, please bring them to church.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JIM & CHRISTINE DUNLAP 13<sup>TH</sup>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HEATHER JOST 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 THOMASINA JOHNSON 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 KYMBR MORDECKI 18<sup>TH</sup>  
 ARIEL VERHAAR 18<sup>TH</sup>  
 AXEL VERHAAR 25<sup>TH</sup>  
 LINDA WEISS 27<sup>TH</sup>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**



Lunch Bunch will meet at K-Bob's on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11: 45 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd of each month. Please come for some great fellowship. They also have a prayer chain. If you have prayers, please call one of the following:

Linda Pike [327-4624]  
 Barbara Barr [325-3124]  
 Kathleen Lamb [327-1562]

The first of every month, we are collecting food for Daily Bread. You can get the large cans at Sam's Club and at Wal-Mart for less than \$5 sometimes.



“Why We Do What We Do When We Worship”  
(running series, part 4)

SERMON

In the sermon God’s Word is brought into our lives with meaning and power. God confronts us in our own language to liberate us and make us new. It is the instrument through which God speaks to us today. The primary purpose of the sermon is to hold up the Word of God and, incidentally, the preacher. Writing in a book about preaching for preachers, someone has said, “The test of good preaching is not our reputation as a speaker, but the response preaching brings about in the lives of our listeners. There have been many good sermons that have ended up being good – good for nothing, because nothing ever came of them.” With this in mind, it is appropriate for us to ask what does a congregation expect out of a sermon? Do we come to hear God’s Word? Do we expect to be soothed? Do we come to be entertained, or maybe made to feel good? The Word of God has power to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. The sermon is a two-edged sword.

There is no interruption between the reading of the lessons and the preaching of the sermon. This conveys that the reading of the Word and the preaching of the Word are all part of one piece. The first half of the service reaches its climax in the reading and preaching of the Word.

HYMN AND CREED

The hymn and the creed which follow the sermon are our response in faith to the Word of God. The hymn is the principal hymn of the day and is selected because it relates to the day’s theme.

In the Creed we express our faith. The Nicene Creed is primarily reserved for festivals, Advent and Lent. The pronoun “we” is deliberately selected to show that we share in the faith of people of all ages. The Apostles’ Creed is a simple, straightforward expression of faith and is the creed primarily associated with baptism.

*(In the December issue of the church newsletter, we will discuss why we have the Prayers and The Offering in our worship service. Thanks to Gary Rollstin for this information.)*



Calendar of Events:

- Nov. 5.....K-Bob’s Lunch, 11:45 a.m.
- Nov. 5 .....Church Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 2.....Women’s Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 16.....Women’s Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 20.....Thanksgiving Service at New Covenant United Methodist 7 p.m.
- Nov. 26.....Worship & Music, 7 p.m.

Coffee Hour Host List:

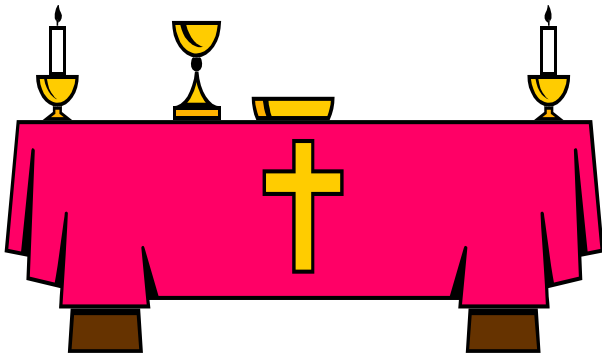
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| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 8 a.m.     | Joan Emrich                 |
|                  | 10:30 a.m. | Sandy Samson                |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | 8 a.m.     |                             |
|                  | 10:30 a.m. | Daisy Penrod & Carla Jordan |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | 8 a.m.     | Miriam Cowman               |
|                  | 10:30 a.m. | Nicole Baker                |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8 a.m.     |                             |
|                  | 10:30 a.m. | Carol Sanchez               |



# NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

8:00 a.m.            Rose Marie Cole

10:30 a.m.         Shannon Lobato



### Ushers/Greeters:

4<sup>th</sup>     8:00    David & Linda Pike  
         10:30    Carol Sanchez

11<sup>th</sup>    8:00  
         10:30    Shawna Cuevas

18<sup>th</sup>    8:00  
         10:30    Shawna Cuevas

25<sup>th</sup>    8:00    Tami Baker  
         10:30    Carol Sanchez

### NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Assistant Minister:

4<sup>th</sup>     8:00    Gary Rollstin  
         10:30    Dale Wirth

11<sup>th</sup>    8:00    Luanne Davis  
         10:30

18<sup>th</sup>    8:00    Gary Rollstin  
         10:30

25<sup>th</sup>    8:00    Luanne Davis  
         10:30

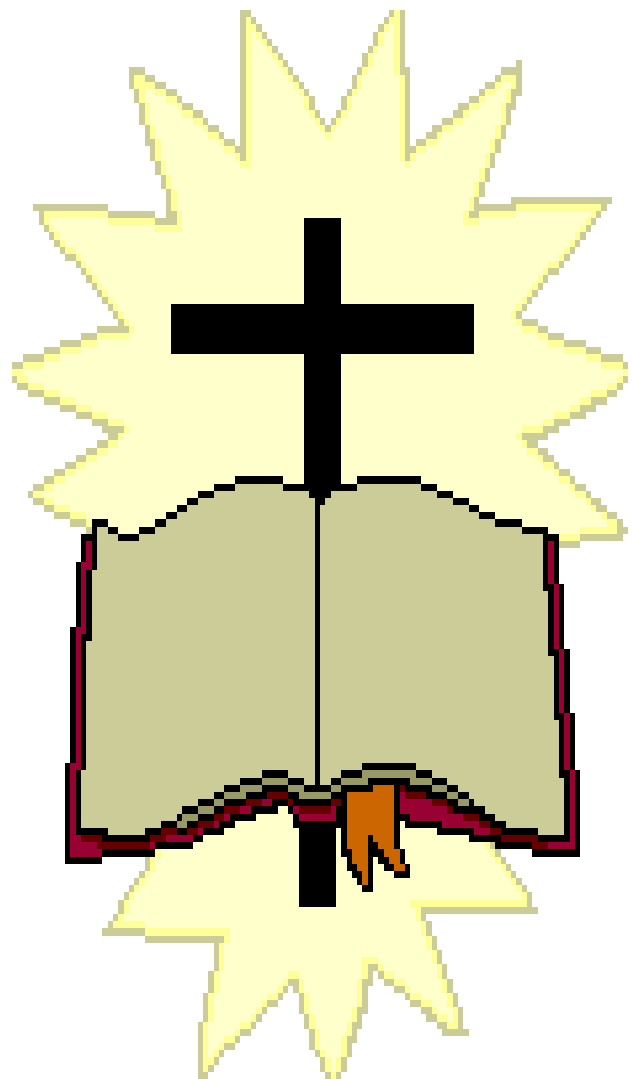
#### Lector:

4<sup>th</sup>     8:00    Lynaya Groth  
         10:30    Terri Cross

11<sup>th</sup>    8:00    Larrie Wright  
         10:30    Terri Cross

18<sup>th</sup>    8:00    Rose Marie Cole  
         10:30    Carol Sanchez

25<sup>th</sup>    8:00    John Penney  
         10:30    Carol Sanchez



Thank you volunteers for serving  
the Lord!



As you know, Matt Head is residing in San Diego at USMC boot camp. Please contact him during this time with a simple card or note of encouragement.

Matt Head  
Recruit Head  
2<sup>nd</sup> BN Echo Co. Plt. 2109  
38001 Midway Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92140



## 2013 Summer Camp at Rainbow Trail!

RTL's theme for 2013 is  
"Blessed to be a Blessing"

Many programs available for youth groups, families, adult groups, etc. Check out the summer brochure in the Fellowship Hall. Call RTL at 719-276-5233 or their website at [www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org) for more information.



## Searching for a "Creator"

How that's possible in a church of all places?!?! TLC is in need of some creative scrapbooking help. We have uncovered many old photos that are being organized chronologically then scanned onto a disk. Once that's completed, we need one or many who would like to give the pictures some "tlc" and scrapbook them with as much creativity as you'd like. Think you or your group have the time and imagination to give it a shot? Please call Terri at the church office.

## Thanksgiving Service

Our service this year will be held on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at New Covenant United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. We will also be joined by our brothers & sisters from St. John's Episcopal Church. Come celebrate the blessings God has bestowed on you.

