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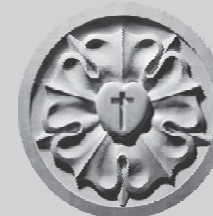
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Pastor’s Page

Thanks or Gratitude?

Have you ever noticed that we often have at least two English words to choose from? One will usually be a short, common-sounding word, the other a multi-syllabic word that maybe a professor would use. That's because our language has two main sources. Many of our words come from Anglo-Saxon, the old Germanic language of England that developed during the first millennium AD, while most of the rest of our words come from Latin, mainly through French.

So a person can either lie or prevaricate, be a crook or a criminal, feel loving or amorous, take a break or a vacation, and so on (or etcetera!). Depending on the goal of your conversation you might pick the short, common,

Germanic words or the higher-class Latin words.

Here's a pair for you—on the 22nd of this month, will you give thanks or feel gratitude? “Thanks” comes from the German “danken,” while “gratitude” comes from the Latin “gratis.” Both mean essentially the same, but there's something special about gratitude that might be worth thinking about this Thanksgiving.

“Gratis” is Latin for “free” or “gift.” In fact, we have this word in English—if I give you something without charging you, you receive it “gratis.” So when I am “grateful,” when I feel “gratitude,” the underlying idea is that I recognize that I have been given a gift. I didn't earn it, I didn't cause it to exist, I simply received it because someone who owned it

(or created it!) chose to give it to me.

Martin Luther expressed this idea (with the good German word “danken”!) in explaining the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer, “give us this day our daily bread.” He said that this means, “God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.”

Either way, then, the point of our November holiday is to grasp (or comprehend!) the fact that we are recipients, that all we have comes as a gift from God, that we didn't create it or earn it, but that we are totally dependent on his gracious generosity. That's true of all our earthly goods, and

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Birthdays, continued from page 14

Nov 25	Sarubbil, Douglas	Birthday
Nov 25	Trapp, Matthew	Birthday
Nov 26	Mooney, Mila	Birthday
Nov 26	Seward, Sarah	Birthday
Nov 27	Boggs, Kenneth & Terry	Anniversary
Nov 27	Ruffier, William	Birthday
Nov 27	Williams, Marjory	Birthday
Nov 28	Blackwood, David & Deb	Anniversary
Nov 28	Clark, Briana	Birthday
Nov 28	Hall, Steve & Deborah	Anniversary
Nov 28	Jones, Kaleb	Birthday
Nov 28	Painter, Linda	Anniversary
Nov 28	Rodriguez, Anne	Birthday
Nov 28	Schacht, Jordan	Anniversary
Nov 28	Strandquest, Jenna	Birthday
Nov 28	Walberg, John & Jane	Anniversary
Nov 28	Zimmer, Rick	Birthday
Nov 29	Alvarado, Allen & Michele	Anniversary
Nov 29	Myers, Marianne	Birthday
Nov 29	Wilkosz, Gail	Birthday
Nov 30	Barrett, Rita K.	Birthday
Nov 30	Cunningham, Jeffrey	Birthday
Nov 30	Jeffery, Reagan	Birthday
Nov 30	McFadden, William	Birthday
Nov 30	Sharp, Anna	Birthday
Nov 30	Trapp, Matthew	Birthday

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Other needs

The Vietnamese Congregation that meets here at Trinity will be voting on a new pastor this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek the one whom God has called to lead them.


Family of Ralph Wamsley, uncle of Judy Wolberg, need strength and support, God's peace.

Rev. Daniel Domke being installed at his new church October 7th.

For the Homeless we know by Name

Bobby Jo Eveland
Kelly Brough and
Justin Noonchester
Chris Thompson
Lewis Wilson
Veronica and Jonathan (10)
Paul Houston
Robert Caughey

Jackie & Max
Kevin & Adam
Helen Gamble
Kristy, Stacey & Marco



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especially true of what we need the most, the love and forgiveness of our Lord Jesus. Without the gift of his very life for the forgiveness of our sins, all the riches of this life would be pointless and wasted.

I am grateful right now for the new energy that I sense in our newly elected leaders! I am also grateful for the faithful service of those who have finished their terms, who served through the two major disappointments of the Travelodge project and the attempt to refine our structure. Those wore us all out, to say the

The Fork in the Road

With all due respect to the venerable baseball hero Yogi Berra, we have come to a fork in the road. But we're NOT going to take it!

Too often, the daily grind of life in this new millennium simply wears us down. Events try to dictate that we “choose!” That everything's “black or white.” “Right or left.” Implied is that there are only two ways to approach every challenge.

We're going to challenge that very idea in the months ahead. We're going to split that fork and chart a new trail. Not one dedicated only to the past; not one dedicated only to change. A new way that merges the best of both worlds. We're not going “left or right”—or even center!

We're going to follow a new path and leave a trail. We need only to commit ourselves, and the Holy Spirit will show us a better way. Duty is ours. Events belong to God! And Trinity is on the move. Here's how.

Like all new trails, ours must start at the other end. We need a destination. (No, I'm not talking about our final destination as

least, but our new leaders are bringing new excitement back, and I believe we'll see tremendous progress in the near future.

In other words, God has been very good to us, not because of anything in us, but simply because he loves us so much. As we see that all around us, the proper response is thanks and gratitude. I urge you to make good use of this whole month to count your blessings and offer your thanks God through Jesus Christi

by Wren Aber, Trinity Executive Director

Christians!) Trinity needs a well defined image of what we want our ministry to be at some point in the future. Say, five years. Maybe 10. We need to rally round that destination. Embrace it. Share that vision.

To lead the process, our new Parish Planning Council is implementing three long-term planning efforts that will eventually come together to provide a strategic growth plan for our future ministry.

Our new Treasurer, Ginny Ellis, is leading a long-term Financial Plan that will build on the solid accomplishments of our past while defining our strengths for future development.

Concurrently, our Development Committee Chairman Ron Roby is leading a completely new analysis of Trinity's future building needs and defining how we can grow from our solid, existing property position.

And a brand new Personnel Development Committee will similarly define long-term staffing needs based on our shared vision of future growth potential.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

The following people who were born or married in November. We thank the Lord for His great gifts of life & love! **If there is a mistake or we have missed you, please let us know so we can update our records.**

Nov 1	Becker, Austin	Birthdays
Nov 1	Cohen, Jules	Birthdays
Nov 1	Hyder, Michael & Paulette Tregre-Hyder	Anniversaries
Nov 1	Jopperi, Matthew	Birthdays
Nov 1	Kunze, Edna	Birthdays
Nov 1	Oakley, Gary	Birthdays
Nov 1	Rimmer, LoRena	Birthdays
Nov 1	Slusher, Paula	Birthdays
Nov 1	Yawman, Daniel	Birthdays
Nov 2	Bobletz, Richard	Birthdays
Nov 2	Nagy, Stephanie	Birthdays
Nov 2	Powers, Kathy	Birthdays
Nov 2	Stentz, Nancy	Birthdays
Nov 3	Nicholson, Kenneth	Birthdays
Nov 3	Scaletta, Benjamin	Birthdays
Nov 3	Smith, Tracey	Birthdays
Nov 4	Bambrick, Heather	Birthdays
Nov 4	Bell, John Michael	Birthdays
Nov 4	Eastlick, Arnie & Cindy	Anniversaries
Nov 4	Graft, Jeffery	Birthdays
Nov 4	Rossy, Jennifer	Birthdays
Nov 4	Schmidt, Edward & Diane	Anniversaries
Nov 4	Starr, II, Tammy	Birthdays
Nov 5	Cerecke, Veryl	Birthdays
Nov 5	Knudsen, Sharon	Birthdays
Nov 5	Lane, Aeron	Birthdays
Nov 5	Levine, Garrett	Birthdays
Nov 5	Wilson, Steve	Birthdays
Nov 6	Boogher, Christina	Birthdays
Nov 6	Boogher, Maria	Birthdays
Nov 6	Killinger, Erich	Birthdays
Nov 7	Dobson, Angelina	Birthdays
Nov 7	Flood, Paula & Joseph	Anniversaries
Nov 7	Gavin, Stephanie	Birthdays
Nov 7	Hyder, II, Michael	Birthdays
Nov 7	Schumacher, Gary & Kathy	Anniversaries
Nov 7	Stevens, Laura	Birthdays
Nov 8	Carrion, Steffen	Birthdays
Nov 8	Chartrand, Shalley	Birthdays
Nov 8	D'Angelillo, Ariel	Birthdays
Nov 8	Fischer, Wade & Amy	Anniversaries

Nov 8	Fleming, Bethany	Birthdays
Nov 8	Ramiz, Anthony	Birthdays
Nov 8	Schroeder, Richard & Celia	Anniversaries
Nov 8	Seidel, Mary	Birthdays
Nov 8	Smith, Paul & Kelli	Anniversaries
Nov 8	Smith, Susan	Birthdays
Nov 8	Sobol, Robert	Birthdays
Nov 8	Weidner, Emily	Birthdays
Nov 9	Cameron, Julia & Billy Hicks	Anniversaries
Nov 9	Gibson, Michael	Birthdays
Nov 9	Horton, Abigail	Birthdays
Nov 9	Jeffery, Michelle	Birthdays
Nov 9	Neubauer, Melissa	Birthdays
Nov 10	Feliciano, Cristina & Carlos	Anniversaries
Nov 10	Franklin, Catherine & Robert	Anniversaries
Nov 10	Ramiz, Anthony & Carmen	Anniversaries
Nov 11	Foley, Camden	Birthdays
Nov 11	Hansen, Jeff	Birthdays
Nov 11	Heise, Ilga	Birthdays
Nov 11	Hoevenaer, Maxwell	Birthdays
Nov 11	Husmann, Alice	Birthdays
Nov 11	Noble, Walter	Birthdays
Nov 11	Reyes, Albert & Carin	Anniversaries
Nov 11	Trapp, Michael	Birthdays
Nov 12	Roby, Susan	Birthdays
Nov 13	Bruno, Anthony	Birthdays
Nov 13	Dragotta, Jon	Birthdays
Nov 13	Foster, David	Birthdays
Nov 13	Tabor, Margaret	Birthdays
Nov 14	Bowman, Jody	Birthdays
Nov 14	Camichos, Jean	Birthdays
Nov 14	Erickson, Dave & Stacey	Anniversaries
Nov 15	Bowen, John & Rosalie	Anniversaries
Nov 15	Brice, Clay & Francine	Anniversaries
Nov 15	Hofmann, Shannon	Birthdays
Nov 15	Krzyzak, Erich	Birthdays
Nov 15	Lundquist, Eleanor	Birthdays
Nov 15	Seward, Nicole	Birthdays
Nov 15	Thomas, Margaret	Birthdays
Nov 15	Wiegman, Frances	Birthdays
Nov 15	Zoller, Virgil	Birthdays
Nov 16	Hoard, Joel	Birthdays
Nov 17	Docton, Katherine	Birthdays
Nov 17	Gebert, Herman & Charlotte	Anniversaries
Nov 17	Hogan, Evan	Birthdays
Nov 17	Nicholson, Kenneth & Debra	Anniversaries

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The Fork in the Road, *continued from page 2*

Each of these planning elements will find its roots in our Boards and professional staff, and we will use all available communications elements to involve every member of Trinity in the journey. It will be a fun trip, and we'll all ride in the front seat! Our goal is to get this process completed by next summer.

Meanwhile, there are many major growth programs that don't have to wait for big plans to develop. Most are being generated from all our fresh, new Boards and reviewed at Parish Planning Council for cross-functional integration.

In addition, a number of initiatives feature cross-Board leadership, Executive Committee leadership and staff development work. We're calling them “High Profile Parish Growth Programs.” Here is a list of these special initiatives we are planning for short-term implementation:

1. Produce “everybody's Bible study.”
2. Create Trinity Brand Development and Marketing
3. Introduce Trinity Entertainers and Community Events
4. Emphasize Music and Fine Arts
5. Create a Rotating Dinner Club for Members and Guests
6. Grow the Church Family Through Every Member Evangelism
7. Inspire Sunday School Attendance

And here are initiatives we are beginning that will take more time to develop:

1. Commit to Youth and Young Adults Development
2. Integrate and Retain Members of the Church Family
3. Initiate Future Church and School Planning
4. Formalize Year-round School/CDC Image and Enrollment Programs
5. Grow the “New Dimensions” Service Experience
6. Dramatically Grow Stewardship
7. Improve Internal Communications
8. Produce “Virtual Tour” of School and Church for Web Site
9. Investigate Producing a Radio Broadcast “The Orlando Lutheran Hour”

When some of these initiatives are in full swing, we'll see results. More may be added as we gain new views along our way. Some will be abandoned as baggage too heavy for the moment. But one thing's for sure. **Trinity is going somewhere!**

You are invited NOT just to ride along, but to help with the driving! Together, we will avoid the Fork in the Road and create a new path for Trinity. And leave a trail for those who are to follow! Pray today for God's guidance. And then contact me directly and tell me how you plan to help. waber315@aol.com.



The blood mobile will be at Trinity on **December 2** from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm**



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Peace and Comfort for Those who Mourn

For the family and friends of Doug Gordon who recently passed away after fighting cancer for some time.

For the family and friends of Joe Dubois, Rich Poole's grandfather, who passed away Wednesday September 5, 2007.

For the Jim & Liz Borth, who lost their nephew Bobby Crislip on September 6th.

For the family and friends of Helen Bentley who died on Wednesday 9/12/07 at 5pm. Helen was Nana to Christian & Tayler Bentley of TLS.

For the family of Carl Brink who passed away on September 27th. He was the father of Mark Brink and grandfather to Jenny Brockberg, the 4th grade teacher here at Trinity.

For the family and friends of Sylvia Mcknight, Katie Mcknights mother.

The family of Norm Benzing, a neighbor of Tom and Kathy Cotton, who was killed in a hit and run incident on October 11, 2007.

Praise and Thanksgiving

The parents and grandparents of Isabelle Vansliedrecht have news to celebrate with everyone. On September 14, after an extended stay in Lutheran General children's hospital, Isabelle was finally able to go home. Thanks be to God! This little one is now short of 14 lbs, up from 1.9 at birth. Please continue your prayers, for she still has a long way to go with multiple medical issues. On a personal note: I wish to thank everyone for pleading on her behalf to our merciful God. Kevin Hinton

Amy (Kushnr) & Brian Helman welcomed their daughter Madison Marie Helman; born 9/7/07 weighing 4 lbs, 9 ounces. She went home with mom on Tuesday 9/11/07.

God has graciously answered requests for miracles on behalf of two young boys who have literally been battling for their lives, please continue to lift these little lives in prayer:

Tyler Koehne, the great nephew of Bruce and Bonnie Hahn, is two weeks old and has been battling an infection of the brain. We praise God that he is out of NICU and is under observation now, showing strong recovery and is going to go home soon. Tyler has astonished all the doctors, across the board, on his recovery!

AJ Wyent, a 14-month old that underwent surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in his lung has gone home. He has his doctors stymied by his recovery and behavior.

For the healthy little boy, Jordan, born to Javy and Jennifer Rossy, making the Schernikau's happy grandparents again.

For Abigail Marie born to Jeremy and Jessica Mostyn 10/6/07. She weighed 5lbs14oz and was 19" long.

For Jacob Barret born to Mike and Laura Barret on 10/4/07. Jacob was 6lbs7oz.

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A from Your Music Director

Hymn of the Month:

“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”

LSB 806

This favorite, written by Henry Smith in the 1970's, will be sung throughout the month of November, leading up to Thanksgiving.

2 Corinthians 9: 15 “Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!”

2 Corinthians 12: 9, 10 “But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

2 Corinthians 8:9 “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.”

November 12 – don't miss the awesome Trinity Lutheran School Veteran's Day program!!!

A Servant's Heart

On the heels of celebrating our Lutheran doctrine and the Reformation of the Church, we gluttonously embrace the Thanksgiving holiday. While I personally enjoy the Reformation celebration, my family is much more enthusiastic over the Thanksgiving meal. Actually, the two celebrations share a few commonalities.

Luther's appeal to the church for a reform from within was echoed about a half century later by reformers (“Puritans”) of the English Church. Luther struggled with political church powers who refused his changes, and Queen Elizabeth I and King James I were unwilling to

by Lisa Moore, Music Director

Mark your calendars! **January 6th**, Choral and Instrumental Concert celebrating Epiphany!

Bach Lunches-

St. Luke's Cathedral (Magnolia and Jefferson) **November 1** Noon UCF Guitar Ensemble

November 8 Norma Hunter, organist

November 15 Dueling Divas, soprano duets

St. Luke's, Oviedo Concert Series

Nov 17 UCF Symphony Orchestra

November Singing Schedule:

November 4 All Saints

8:00 Parish choir and bells

11:00 Sunday School

November 11

8:00 Men's Choir

11:00 Women's Choir

November 18

8:00 Parish bells

9:30 Parish bells

November 22

10:00 Parish choir and bells

November 25 Christ the King

11:00 Parish choir and bells

by Liz Borth, Deaconess

permit church changes by the Puritans. Because of this political power edict by English Royalty, a small movement grew within the Puritan group calling themselves Separatists, in accord with the verse found in 2 Corinthians 6:17:

“Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you.”

Prayer List

In order for the Triune prayer list to be up to date and functional, we have started to date the prayer requests and put them in a rotation. After three weeks of prayer, we will automatically take off that particular prayer. If you want us to continue the prayer, call the Church Office and request the prayer be put back on the prayer list for another three-week rotation. The prayer list of the monthly newsletter will consist of prayers that are longer term. If there are any changes on the list below or if you would like them in the Triune prayer list for three weeks, call the Church Office, 407-422-5704, or email tlc@trinitydowntown.org.

During the Month of October we prayed for:

Prayers for Health Concerns

Ron	Terry Goschey	Peyton Michele Oertle
Sharon Anthony	Mike & Paulette	Patty Pizer
Gretche Arias	Hamberger	Donna Prillaman
Janice Bailes	Rowland Heaton	Natalie Elise Prochnow
Grandma Bernice	Julie Hey	Martin Ramiz
Barrett	Nancy Hill	Dewey Ramsby
Mary Bell	Jim Hillyard	Irene Reynolds
Helen Bentley	Peter Hinton	Beverly Rieck
Emily Berry	Rev. Sam Hoard	Paul Robb
Sandy Best	Lynn Hoctor	Robin Roby
Lois Blair	Jennifer Hohenstern	Mike Rushing
Emily Bollinger	Tony Hughes	Judy Russell
Grace Brice	Pete & Erin Imlah	Clemens Schwanke
Derek Bruno	Tom Iselio	Wyatt Sexton
Dr. Robert Cade	Kevin Kane	Jane Shaffer
Jean Camichos	Janet Keller	George Shaw
Jean Camichos	Irie Kensler	Mrs. Stonebraker
Allison Carey	Gretchen Knoblauch	Carolyn Strandquest
Kathy Codd	Tyler Koehn	Bob Stuendel
Zoe Collins	Inez Kupsky	Hjordis Swenson
Tina Collyer	Amy & Madison	Joyce Taylor
Vicki Conn	Kushnir - Helman	Michael Tiberg
Jakob Crouse	Helen Lerner	Rita Ulicny
Scott Davis	Kathy Levey	Isabelle van Sliedrecht
Scott Davis	Charles Levey	Jack Van Vlandereen
Eddie DelloRusso	Shirley London	Lisa Warren
Luella Demlow	Cheryl Lovett	Larry Wenzl
Jeanette Dusel	Sydna Lowndes	A.J. Weyant
Robert Eveland	Don Mack	Lynn White
Patsy Fabry	Noah Magill	Tom White
Joy Fortunato	Benjamin Magill	Willie Williams
Andrew Foust	Grady Melear	Dick Wilson
Charles Foust	Paul Mielke	Jonathan Yawman
Frank Gawron	Maureen Miller	Michelle Zeigler
Karl Gebert	Betty Moss	Barb
Eileen Gerace	Emma Neal	
Brittany Goschey	Dan Newton	

For those Who Serve

- David Allmon
- Matt Ashburn
- Lauren B
- Brian Boisselle
- Joe Braneky
- James Bond
- Benjamin Booth
- David Buck
- Mark Chamberlain
- Ronald Cohen
- Will Cravens
- Andrew Darling
- Matthew Finton
- Roger Fringer
- Philip Grant
- Paul Goethals
- Rev. Jeremy Gorline
- Adam Inbody
- John Bradley Kane
- Robert J. Kasper
- Sam Lazarus
- Dave Lucas
- Richard Mast
- Stephan Merlics
- Chris Michaud
- Justin Niznik
- Christopher O'Dell
- Laura Rossow
- Cpr. Royston
- Josh Shelly
- Jesse Steele
- Lauren Stives
- Corey Surber
- John Ward
- Marcus Ward
- Adam Wilcox

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A Servant's Heart, continued from page 4

were driven away by the English government when they no longer accepted the Church of England as a true Church.

The first colonists came with a desire for freedom to worship God and with missionary zeal. They had heard stories of the natives in the new world who were certainly in need of salvation, but could not have missed the irony that the natives actually saved them. See how our amazing God shows His power in caring for us in spite of our foolish plans and selfish desires. The religious plans of the Pilgrim Fathers were shadowed by a contract they entered with English investors. The investors backed the Pilgrims trip in exchange for seven years of labor. (Do you see a similarity to Jacob working for his Uncle Laban in Genesis 29.) The colonists must have felt incredible pressure to succeed with their settlement. Most Americans are familiar with the history lesson of the settlers suffering an unusually

severe winter the first months after their arrival, and how their survival was credited to the heathen natives. Squanto (or Tisquantum) is the Native American honored for his guidance and help to the Pilgrim settlers of the early 17th Century. But did you know his ability to communicate in the English language was due to his abduction into slavery by English merchants? In fact, the personal history of this Native American reminds me of the adventures of Joseph, son of Jacob and Rachel (Genesis 37-45). Despite the evil intentions of English merchants years earlier, Squanto was a special instrument of God to the Puritan settlers. God really does show His power in caring for us in spite of our foolish plans and selfish desires.

While you gather together to thank The Lord for bounty, remember to also thank Him for the many times He cares for you despite your foolish plans and selfish desires.

Annual Orlando Christmas Parade

The annual Orlando Christmas (yes, the city still uses the correct name!) parade is just around the corner on November 24. Trinity is planning on entering the nativity scene float into that parade and into the Winter Park parade on December 1. In order to defray the cost of entering and decorating the float, we are selling the second in the Trinity Christmas Ornament series. The green & gold ornaments will be available on



November 11 and every day afterwards until sold for \$10.00. There is a small number of last year's, first in the series

available for a reduced price of \$7.00. Please send your check to the church office made payable to Trinity Church and note it is for the 2007 ornament, or look for the display table in front of church.

Coming Soon! Member Spotlight

Coming soon! Keep an eye on this space for introductions and stuff you never knew (or maybe you did!) about members of our Trinity family. Each month we will have the opportunity to learn some interesting and perhaps entertaining facts and stories about our sisters and brothers. Far from being a gossip column, this is an opportunity to meet each other and find out how many degrees of separation there actually are between you and the person in the "other" worship service. Interviews begin this month.

November Readings

November 4th, 2007

All Saints' Day (Nov 1)

First Lesson: Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matt. 5:1-12

Psalm: Psalm 149

November 11th, 2007

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ex. 3:1-15

Second Lesson: 2 Th 2:1-8, 13-17

Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

Psalm: Psalm 148

November 18th, 2007

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Mal. 4:1-6

Second Lesson: 2 Th. 3:(1-5) 6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

Psalm: Psalm 98

November 22nd, 2007

Thanksgiving Day

First Lesson: Deut. 8:1-10

Second Lesson: Phil 4:6-20 or 1Tim. 2:1-4

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

Psalm: Psalm 67

November 25th, 2007

Last Sunday in the Church Year

First Lesson: Mal. 3:13-18

Second Lesson: Col. 1:13-20

Gospel: Luke 23:27-43

Psalm: Psalm 46

Trinity Lutheran School Alumni

Are Invited Home for Thanksgiving

Trinity Lutheran School's 30th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran School's Kindergarten Thanksgiving Play on Sunday, November 11 following the 11am worship service. The 20-minute play, starring current kindergarten students, will be followed by a congregational Thanksgiving dinner, to which all alumni are invited. Surprises for all alumni as well as a "special visit" from a direct descendant of the Mayflower Pilgrims are planned. The event will conclude with a blessing for all Americans leading into Monday's observance of Veteran's Day. Please contact the school office at 407-843-4896 for reservation information.

If you are a TLS alumnus, or know how to contact other alumni, please contact Jean P r o c h n o w at :

jprochnow@trinitydowntown.org or call the school office at 407-843-4896 or the church office at 407-422-5704.

Trinity Book Club

Announcing a new opportunity for women to share their opinion. Each month a book will be featured for you to purchase or borrow, read, and then "discuss" electronically. The Book Club Blog will be completed soon, please contact Deaconess Liz at eborth@trinitydowntown.org for the address and for more information. If you don't have access to a computer, you can send a written review and comments to Deaconess Liz at the church mailing address and she will post it for you.

November's book to read and discuss is *Reconstructing Natalie* by Laura Jensen Walker, Thomas Nelson, Inc, 2006. Paperback edition SRP \$8.00.

Those Sunday School Students With Perfect Attendance For September Are:

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Angelina Blackwood | Emily Blackwood |
| Sara Barfield | Spenser Tesch |
| Isabel Bermudez | Jake Anderson |
| Julian Gonzalez | Joy Bourgeois |
| Cooper Tesch | Alyssa Foschini |
| Kelly Zavitz | Matthew Hey |
| Hallie Krzyzak | Emma Kate Tesch |
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| Martin Ramiz | Caroline Tesch |

Praise God for the gift of dedicated Sunday School teachers and parents who encourage children to learn. Sunday School is a good example of God's grace, for there is no need to earn or perform to a standard or achieve an academic goal or grade to know and receive God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Trinity Health - The Flu

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responsible. Anyone can get influenza, but rates of infection are highest among children, those 50 years old and older, anyone with a weakened immune system and those with long term health problems.

Along with getting a Flu Vaccine, practicing good hand and mouth hygiene is one of the best ways to prevent infection. Also, a healthy diet which should include lots of fruits and vegetables high in Vitamin C.

Begin now by either calling your physician or those pharmacies already giving the Flu Vaccine. Walgreens, CVS and Publix have their dates and times listed in many of their pharmacy centers, by phone and online. Several told me they will accept those with Medicare Part B with only a Co-pay. Prices range from \$30.00 to \$40.00 for the Flu Vaccine and or the Pneumonia Shot. Both can be given at the same time if your health permits.

Folks it's that time of year again. Typically, November signals the beginning of Flu season. Already some pharmacies, doctor's offices and hospitals have begun their Flu Vaccine Campaigns.

You don't want or need a Flu shot? Need to save for those who really need it? I can handle the Flu, I'm very healthy.

In 2003, there was a shortage, not this year. Plenty to go around. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), every year in the United States, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from Flu complications. About 36,000 die from Flu and/or complications. If you don't want the vaccine, don't mind being sick yourself, think of your loved ones. The Flu is highly contagious.

The Flu virus spreads mainly from infected persons to the nose or throat of others. Coughing, sneezing and touching objects handled by those infected can be directly

PORTALS OF PRAYER

Portals of Prayer, daily devotional booklets, are available in the back of the church. Please take one. A limited number of large print editions are also available in the church office.

School News

Veterans' Day Program

You are cordially invited to our Veterans' Day Program on Monday, November 12 in the gym at 9:00 a.m. The students will present a musical salute to the military services followed by taps and the Star Spangled Banner. We will also have a special tribute for World War II veterans. In addition there will be slide shows and a choral reading. Our

guest speaker has not been confirmed but will be announced in the Triune. This program will warm your heart and perhaps bring a few tears also. Seating for adults will be in folding chairs. Please mark your calendar with red, white, and blue and invite your friends to come with you.

Grandparents Day Celebration

Brings TLS Families Together

"Let us love one another" was Pastor Paul Foust's message at the September 26 Grandparents Day Chapel service for Trinity Lutheran School's students and their families. More than 150 grandmothers and grandfathers attended the service, which was followed by a special brunch in the Fellowship Hall prepared by PTL members. Door prizes and gifts were featured at the brunch. As in years past, grandparents visited their grandchildren's classrooms and enjoyed special programs presented by the students. The members of Mrs. Prochnow's class and their grandparents traveled to Fort Christmas for the annual kindergarten field trip. "We

honor our grandparents because they are such special blessings in our lives," said TLS Principal Dr. Bob Shaffer.



Pre-K teacher Gladys Foust leads her students in a classroom activity prepared especially for visiting grandmothers and grandfathers at this year's event.

Monarchs Sighted!

Recently, about 140 paper monarchs were sighted "flying" around Trinity Lutheran School. Where are they going? Why, to Mexico, of course!

These paper insects are joining their live counterparts on a "Journey South" to warmer winter weather. For the fourth year in a row, Trinity's students are taking part in a friendship exchange with 150,000 Canadian and Mexican students. The paper monarchs are part of a "symbolic migration" which marks

by Miss Bell, Spanish Teacher

the yearly migration of live monarchs from the U.S. and Canada to Mexico.

In the spring, our paper butterflies will return stateside, along with the real Monarchs. To follow the journey, 'round trip, simply log on to the Spanish homework site at: <http://www.trinitydowntown.org/School/Spanish/viaje.htm>

Maestra



Trinity Lutheran Church Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner

The Fellowship Board



Join us in thanking our Lord and Savior for all the wonderful blessings that He has bestowed on us. On Sunday, November 11th, the Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner will be held immediately following the 30th Anniversary performance of the Kindergarten Thanksgiving play. All Trinity Lutheran School Alumni are invited to join our congregation in celebrating the many blessings enjoyed by everyone here at Trinity

Lutheran Church & School. Our congregation will also be joined by the Vietnamese and Haitian congregations who continue to worship here at Trinity.

The Fellowship board will provide turkey, ham, stuffing, rolls, and desserts. Members whose last name starts with A-G are asked to please bring a salad to share. While members, whose last name starts with H-Z, are asked to please bring a warm side dish. The Fellowship board will also be collecting a free will offering. Please R.S.V.P to the church secretaries ASAP at 407-422-5704. Thank you and God Bless!

Stewardship

I am so happy to be writing this article as the newly installed director of the Stewardship Board. I am very excited about what God can do through us during the upcoming years.

This is the first in a series of articles that will appear monthly in the newsletter devoted to the various aspects of Stewardship. Trinity's Stewardship board is dedicated to encouraging our church's members to be good stewards of our Time, Talent, and Treasure. In the coming months, we will also be doing our best to recognize good stewardship of these God-given resources.

First up is Time... The stewardship of Time is a very important aspect of valuing the resources that God has given us. We know from the scriptures (and also popularized in a well-known 1960's chart-topping hit by The Byrds) that "There is a time for every purpose under heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1. The scripture verses that follow explain that time is appointed to us by God and He has made everything

by Tony Ramiz

appropriate in its own time.

Since our time is divinely appointed, there is a direct relationship between how we use our time and how we honor God. Our time spent with God and serving Him is so important. Too often we include God in our lives at the end of our day or at the end of the week—perhaps trying to find time for Him in the leftover hours. But what a difference it would make to put the time we spend with Him as a first priority! When we put God first, everything else fits amazingly into our lives!

So the challenge is clear for us all alike, especially as we approach the busy Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Will extra activities in our schedules prevent us from spending time with God? ...or will we demonstrate our love for Him with the use of our time. Let's make a point of giving the Lord the First Fruits of our Time!

by Anna Moore

Glimpses of Life and Work in Macau, continued from page 8

Catholic school for several years. That only made the situation more heartbreaking, because she has heard the Word and still refuses to believe. Please keep Charis and others like her in your thoughts.

- Four of the long-term teachers (including myself and my roommate) have started studying Cantonese with an old friend of the Center. Actually, I've done more assisting than learning, but it's still good practice.
- When I first came to Macau, St. Paul's congregation and the Center barely tolerated each other. Now, thanks to the Father, we have finally begun to work together. We are now holding our Friday night free classes at St. Paul's and will soon begin offering Sunday morning classes for the children! Praise Him!
- According to my most recent financial report, I now have full funding for my two years in Macau. Any further money received will be used to fund projects at the Center, such as purchasing new Books for the Center and St. Paul's. I am so thankful to each of you for making it possible for me to be here. Praise Him with me for all His blessings!

P.S. I thought I'd share some more humorous examples of Chinglish (English as spoken by the Chinese):

- T-shirt: "Hi! My friend of picture book!"
- Sign: "In case of emergency, do not take life [lift]."
- T-shirt: "Mouse Mickey"
- T-shirt: "A very good sensation"
- Sign: (located near a staircase) Caution: landslide.
- T-shirt: "A world of wander and colors"

EMAIL ADDRESS?

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continues to burn incense for the ancestors,

but for the sake of his family. A few years ago, Timothy was very sick. His wife asked Kun lam, the goddess of mercy, to heal him and promised that he would serve Kun lam for the rest of his life. Out of respect for his wife, Timothy continues to do so. This situation is very common among the Chinese. Please keep Timothy and his family in your thoughts.

- When I first arrived in Macau, I was the only long-term teacher at the Center. Now I am one of six, with two more expected in January. Thank you, Father! Please keep these new teachers in your thoughts as they adjust to living and working in Macau.
- Another student, who has been a believer for some time, asked me if she could hold the Book while talking to her Father. I told her that not only could she hold the Book while talking, but she could even talk while walking or cooking or taking a shower. She was delighted! Thank You, Father, for so many reasons, however small they may seem, to rejoice.
- Last Sunday a number of students joined us at the beach for a barbecue and some hula dancing, although none of us really knew how to hula!
- Charis, an atheist who had never previously used class time for conversation, came into class one day and announced that her grandmother had died. She then proceeded to ask me where I believed her grandmother, an unbeliever, now was. It was one of those times when I desperately wished the "phone a friend" option was available in real life. A lengthy discussion about the afterlife followed. During the course of the conversation, I learned that Charis attended a

Stephen Ministry



“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 This is the theme verse for Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Series is a complete system of training and organizing lay persons for caring ministry in and around their congregations. These lay caregivers – called Stephen Ministers – provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. They support, strengthen, and expand the caring ministry pastors/deaconess can provide, ensuring that quality follow-up care is available for as long as it is needed. Thousands of congregations and other organizations, representing more than 100 denominations, from all over the US, Canada and 20 other countries, are using the Stephen Series.

Stephen Ministers are members of Trinity who make a two year commitment to go through 50 hours of training and then serve as a Care-giver. Stephen Ministers visit with a care receiver about an hour a week. This caring relationship lasts for as long as the care receiver needs it.

When someone requests a Stephen Minister - Pastor, Deaconess Liz or a Stephen Leader will meet with that person to explain what Stephen Ministry is, and to determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of care that person needs.

Everything a care receiver says to his/her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, he/she listens, cares, prays and helps the care receiver find his/her path to healing and wholeness.

Trinity's current class of Stephen Ministers have fulfilled their commitment to serve as Stephen Ministers as of November 1. So, there is a need to train more Trinity members for this ongoing ministry. An information session regarding the Stephen Ministry will be held in December with a new class to begin training in January 2008. If you are interested in serving the Lord in this caring ministry and wish to learn more, please contact Pastor Moore or Deaconess Liz at 407-422-5704, Kae Retzlaff at 407-469-9062, Walt Wolters at 407-855-5945. Or, speak with someone who has served as a Stephen Minister at Trinity: Karen Arnett, Leo and Stephanie Nagy, Gary Oakley, Susan Roby, Beth Schumacher, Wendy Churchville, Jean Prochnow, Peggy Trapp, Marilyn Blackwood, John and Jane Wolberg, Emily Berry.

Prayer: O Lord Jesus, when you looked out at the crowds of people, you had compassion on them. You prayed to your Father to send laborer out into the field. Guide us now as we look to train people to serve as Stephen Ministers. Help those whom you have gifted for this ministry to hear your calling and step forward, so we may reach out with compassion to those who are hurting in Jesus name and by the power of your Spirit we pray. Amen.

by Anna Moore

Glimpses of Life and Work in Macau:

- The 19th international fireworks competition lit up the skies of Macau, dwarfing the bright lights of nearly thirty casinos, and reminding me that sometimes all we need is to shift our perspective. Our Father is so much bigger than the challenges and
- One of our students, when asked if he was a believer, replied, "Not yet." He has an excellent knowledge of the Book and may in fact believe that it is true. Nevertheless, he