



TWO opportunities to donate blood at Trinity in December!

> Friday, Dec. 6 Noon to 5:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 27 Noon to 5:30 pm

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter TrinityColumbus.



Do you love baking? Coffee? Hospitality?

Join Faithfully Blended Coffee Hour Sunday mornings at 9am!

We are looking to expand our

Contact Jocilynn at 402-270-5999 for more information. We would love to have you!

#### Are you receiving **Trinity's Weekly Emails?**

If not, let the Church Office know and we will make sure you are on the list!



Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28: 19-20

Rescue Mission to finish this

physical building process so that

There are seasons we go through

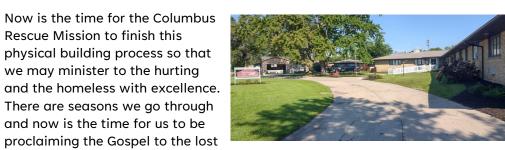
and now is the time for us to be

we may minister to the hurting

# **Columbus Rescue Mission**

Columbus is blessed in so many ways.

- We have world class manufacturing companies.
- Our agriculture positively impacts the entire planet.
- The new public facilities are outstanding.
- We have excellent, first class schools.
- And strong Churches.



and dying world. The plumbers are plumbing. The painters are painting. And the women/family wing is getting closer and closer to opening. Please pray that these physical activities would be the thing of our past in order that His eternal Kingdom would come into people's lives.



Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

We do not take any government money and depend on the generous support of our donors like you.

Thank you.

For His Glory,

**Chaplain David Porter Executive Director** 





Thank you to all who have filled an Operation Christmas Child box! What a wonderful way to fill a child's heart with joy and the love of Jesus!

Please return filled boxes to Trinity by Sunday, November 17.



Pray for one another. James 5:16

Trinity's Prayer Chain would love to include you or a loved one in their prayers.

Please submit prayer requests to Sandra Jochens at sjjoche@frontiernet.net or contact the church office.



#### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE & MEAL — AN INVITATION TO FAMILY



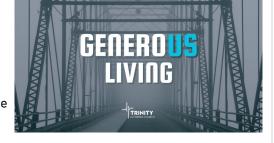
This Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27th, we nvite you to join us for a special time of worship and community at Trinity. Whether you're far from family, unable to travel, or simply looking for a place to belong, we welcome you to share in a Thanksgiving meal with us. Psalm 68:6a reminds us that "God sets the lonely in families." This verse has always encouraged me, especially during seasons when I've felt disconnected or alone. I know that for many, this can be a hard season, but please know, you are not alone. Let's gather around the table and give thanks together.

Trinity will provide the main course, and we invite everyone to bring their favorite Thanksgiving

dish to share. Service begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the meal. We'd love for you to be part of our Trinity family this Thanksgiving. Let's give thanks and enjoy a meal together!

#### **Generous Living**

Wouldn't you agree that there's something attractive about people who live openhandedly, who give freely and with joy. At Trinity, we've long been known as a church with a heart for generosity in our community, but how does that really connect with following Jesus. While we are asking questions why does scripture connect it with our discipleship? And how does generosity



really reflect the heart of God? Ultimately what causes someone to want to live generously, and why should that matter to us as followers of Jesus?

In our new series, Generous Living, we'll explore questions like this and more. I am reminded of the words from the Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:13 "For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." Helping us discover how God shapes our hearts and gives us the desire and power to live generously, not just with our finances, but a generous lifestyle that has the power to connect with every area of our lives. Together, we'll dive into what makes generosity so transformative, not just for those on the receiving end, but for the giver as well.

Whether you've been walking in generosity for years, just beginning to explore what it means, or want nothing to do with it, this series is for you. Join us as we unpack how living generously can transform us as individuals, as a church, and as a community to do what pleases Him.

#### November 2024

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# LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### **OUR MISSION:**

Loving God, Loving People, & Growing Followers of Jesus

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> > **Worship Schedule** 5:30 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. Sunday

> > > **Pastor** Billy Czapla

> > > **Pastor** Ollie Fullmer

Minister of Worship & Creative Arts Manuel Tabora

> **Youth Ministry Intern** Landon Sliva

**Director of Children's Ministry** 

Glenda Lundstrom

### TRINITY'S YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE

2024 INCOME & EXPENSE THROUGH September 30, 2024

 YTD Income
 \$ 573,160

 YTD Expenses
 \$ 533,132

 Surplus or (Deficit)
 \$40,028

Annual Projected BUDGET Income \$809,716 // Expense \$809,716

75% of year elapsed 71% of budgeted annual income received 66% of budgeted annual expenses incurred

#### **Trinity Council Members**

Kris Gernstein, *President*Ken Andreasen, *Vice President*Kay Johnson, *Secretary*Greg Eickmeier, *Treasurer*Cheryl Brewer, *Recording Secretary* 

Trina Jeffryes Amanda Jensen Mike Kruse Dan Mickey Hillary Rasmussen

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Church Office will close at Noon on Tuesday, November 12.

Council is treating staff to lunch and a fun afternoon for Pastor & Staff Appreciation.



Trinity pastors and staff would like to say THANK YOU for the very generous outpouring of love, kindness, and appreciation in the form of cards, gifts, goodies (lots and lots of goodies!) and kind words during Pastor & Staff Appreciation Month. Your thoughtfulness means the world to us all and we are honored to serve such an amazing congregation!

#### What Invitation Is Waiting For You?

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, our hearts are often drawn to reflect on the blessings we've received; our families, our health, and the community around us. At Trinity, we believe that one of the greatest ways to express our gratitude is by responding to God's invitation to serve. Serving others is more than a nice feeling; it's an opportunity to live out our faith in meaningful ways, as Ephesians 2:10 reminds us: "For we are God's handiwork, created in



Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." When we serve, we become the hands and feet of Jesus, demonstrating His love to those around us.

I'm reminded of a story about someone who was invited to try something completely new. At first, she was hesitant, unsure if she could lead, teach, or even know enough scripture to serve in children's ministry. But after some gentle encouragement, she decided to take the leap. What she discovered was that serving not only filled her with joy but also ignited a passion for teaching young people. That one step of faith grew into a new calling, and what started as a simple 'yes' turned into a journey of growth, purpose, and unexpected joy outside of the church.

This season, we at Trinity want to extend that same invitation to you. As we pause to thank God for the blessings in our lives, consider how you might be a blessing to others. Whether you're drawn to working with children, supporting community outreach, helping with decorations, or being that first smile at the door, God may be calling you to discover the unexpected joy that comes with saying 'yes' to serving. There's no pressure, just an invitation, to experience the fulfillment and growth that comes from stepping into something new. Imagine the impact we could have on our community, showing the love of Jesus in real, tangible ways simply by saying 'yes' to serving.

Finally, I want to extend my deepest thanks to those who have faithfully served for years—you are the living example of the church in action, and we are grateful for you. For those who may still be on the fence, feeling that nudge but unsure, we invite you to take that first step. Who knows? You might find unexpected joy in the most surprising of places. This is your invitation, together, with God's help, we can show the love of Jesus to a world that desperately needs it.

#### October Council Notes

Council has approved a change in the sharing of council notes. The council notes will be available once the minutes have been approved. Unapproved notes will no longer be published. Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Council notes will be sent in the following Friday's weekly email.

#### Weekly Emails

If you are not receiving the weekly emails, check your spam, junk or promotions folders or contact the church office with your current email. If you have ever unsubscribed to a Constant Contact email from anyone, it will block ours as well. You'll want to add us as a safe sender. The address it is sent from is taugustine-trinityalive.org@shared1.ccsend.com.





**ACTORS: 9:00AM-11:00AM** 

3'S-6TH GRADE: 10:00-11:00AM

Thank you to all who participated in our Trunk or Treat! So many creative trunks!! Thanks to Men of God & Zeekey's for the yummy food!



















# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**1**st

Angie Biester Brooke Bronson Pastor Ollie Fullmer Wayne Jacobsen

Kim Messman

2nd

Dany Rodriguez Cathy Bardsley Crystal Bell

3rd

Sydnee Medinger Adalynn Woehrer

4<sup>th</sup>

Dane Pedersen Mary Seidel

5<sup>th</sup>

Jaron Dempcy Blake Mueller Tim Rodehorst Mark Voigt

6<sub>tt</sub>

Kent Ahlstrom Jaimie Badstieber Marsha Rath Karli Steiner

7t

Mitchell Ehmke Dick Liebschwager Tracie Rullo 8th

**Bristol Doles** 

9<sup>th</sup>

Kyle Petersen

10th

Brad Loseke
Divan Van Niekerk

11th

Marilyn Plugge Hillary Rasmussen Todd Went

12th

Lauryn Gernstein Rejean Lutjens Kyrstin Nickolite

13<sup>th</sup>

Maggie French
Evelyn Hilmer
Joyce Johannes
Mark Woodworth

14th

Roger Hughes Kelly Mohr Ryan Went

15<sup>th</sup>

Melissa Andersen Terri Hoesly Hudson Hollman Greg Klug

Troy Medinger Doug Stejskal

Kim Wilson

16th

Rex Davies Scott Langmack Carol Lewis Zachary Medinger

17th

Elaine Cielocha Amy Haynes Ayla Janssen

18<sup>th</sup>

Scot Ahlstrom
Dennis Durkop
Amber Shroyer

19th

Leah Kamm Lizzie Loseke Angie Reinke

20th

Jackie Alfson
Pastor Billy Czapla
Lyla Rasmussen
Dennis Schroeder
Larry Wilson

22<sup>nd</sup>

Dale Hausen

23<sup>rd</sup>

Eli Noyd Willa Rodehorst Willard Went Matthew Wills

#### **2**1th

Olivia Borer Mary Hollmann Ryker Jareske Caleb Sloup

25<sup>th</sup>

Katie Loveless Keith Petersen Craig Rollings Schaefer Jr. Luke Sanders Joslynn VanDerslice

26<sup>th</sup>

Neil Jensen Kimber Shefcyk

27<sup>th</sup>

**Quinn Taylor** 

28th

Josie Mickey

29<sup>th</sup>

Joy Meister

30<sup>th</sup>

Amelia Armbruster Brent Behlen Zoe Hawkins Lillian Hilmer

### In Memory

Your contributions to **TRINITY's MEMORIAL FUND** are greatly appreciated at any time in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Names of those being memorialized are listed in Trinity's Annual Report.

THANK YOU for your contribution to the Memorial Fund in the third quarter of 2024:

Bernetta Berlin
Gayle and June Borchers
John and Janell Cromwell
Dale and Judy Dicke
Mike and Bonnie Evans
Stan and Shirley Gottscha

Lon and Sandra Jochens

Stan and Shirley Gottschall Aleta Heins Wayne & Dianne Hellbusch Rita Ingold

Merle and Joyce Johannes
Phil and Kay Johnson
Minnie Johnson
Jerry & Sharon Nauenburg
Sharon Nyffeler
Bob and Arde Petersen
Lillian Schroeder
John and June Steiner
Gary and Gay Stover

Alice Woodard



ALLURE HEALTH & MED SPA HILARY MUHLE, NP

HORMONE
REPLACEMENT
BOTOX
FILLERS
SCULPTRA
VITAMIN INJECTIONS
AND MORE!







# November 2024

Friday, November 1

6:30 Friday Men's Ministry

Saturday, November 2

OCC Shoeboxes Available
5:30 Worship Service

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Sunday, November 3

OCC Shoeboxes Available
9:00 Education Hour
Faithfully Blended

10:00 Worship ServiceMonday, November 4

6:00 Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, November 5

1:15 Prayer Shawl 5:15 Jubilation Ringers

Wednesday, November 6

1:30 Starting Point6:30 Breakout

(Grades 3-6)
6:30 Jr High LIVE!
Confirmation
(Grades 7 & 8)

7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

Thursday, November 7

10:00 Commodore Call with Columbus Chamber of Commerce

Friday, November 8

Jr. High Retreat in Iowa TEC Weekend at Trinity 6:30 Friday Men's Leaders

Saturday, November 9

Jr. High Retreat in Iowa TEC Weekend at Trinity Prayer Shawl Giveaway 5:30 Worship Service

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Sunday, November 10

Jr. High Retreat in Iowa TEC Weekend at Trinity Prayer Shawl Giveaway 9:00 Education Hour

Faithfully Blended

10:00 Worship Service

11:30 Missions Board

Tuesday, November 12

Church Office closes at Noon 5:15 Jubilation Ringers 6:00 Finance

Wednesday, November 13

11:30 Women in the Word 6:30 Breakout (Grades 3-6)

6:30 Jr High LIVE! Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)

7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

Friday, November 15 6:30 Friday Men's Ministry

Saturday, November 16 5:30 Holy Communion Worship Service

Sunday, November 17

9:00 Education Hour Faithfully Blended 10:00 Holy Communion

**Worship Service** 

Monday, November 18 6:00 Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, November 19 5:15 Jubilation Ringers 6:30 Council Wednesday, November 20

11:30 Women in the Word 6:30 Breakout (Grades 3-6) 6:30 Jr High LIVE!

Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8) 7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

Thursday, November 21 9:30 Widow's Group

Saturday, November 23 5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, November 24

9:00 Education Hour Faithfully Blended 10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, November 26 5:15 Jubilation Ringers

Wednesday, November 27
NO CLASSES

5:30 Thanksgiving Eve
Holy Communion
Worship Service
6:30 Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, November 28
Church Office Closed



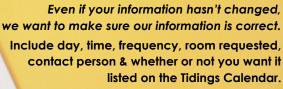
Friday, November 29
Church Office Closed
Saturday, November 30
NO Worship Service

Sunday, December 1
9:00 Education Hour

Faithfully Blended

10:00 Worship Service

Please submit 2025 schedules for committees, Bible studies, rehearsals, etc. to the Church Office to make sure your space is reserved.



#### SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

All Stars

Age 3 - Grade 6 Various Classrooms

Jr & Sr High Youth Grades 7 - 12 The Outlet & The Well

Fireside Faith

Adult Bible Study Fireside Room

Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E. Coffee & Conversation

Fellowship Hall

Nursery Available

During 10:00 Service

# WEDNESDAY EVENING

Breakout

Grades 3 - 6 Various Classrooms 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Jr High LIVE! / Confirmation

Grades 7 - 8 The Outlet 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

High School IMPACT

Grades 9 - 12 The Well 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

#### Communion

We celebrate Communion the 3rd weekend of every month. ALL are welcome!

Baptism

Baptisms may be scheduled during either service the 2nd weekend of the month.

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