

PASTOR'S DESK

Sometimes we confuse church year festivals and holy days with cultural ones. Memorial Day is not a church holiday nor is Veterans Day or July 4 or Mother's Day or Father's Day. We will frequently include responsive readings or litanies and prayers for veterans or for our national health or for mothers and fathers but the liturgical calendar does not celebrate these occasions.

Thanksgiving, on the other hand, comes the closest to being religious in nature. The act of giving thanks is woven through scripture from *Genesis* through *Revelation*. There are no fewer than 200 biblical references to thanks and giving thanks and thanksgiving. Thankfulness is at the root of being a person of faith. It is the expected reaction to hearing that we are loved unconditionally by our God and Creator. Thanksgiving inspires and guides the way we respond to the needs of others for it is in thanksgiving to God for His bountiful blessings that we share these blessing with other people. Thanksgiving is the root of biblical joy and the basis for our stewardship. Read through the service in our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, and see how often the word "thanks" or "thanksgiving" appears.

Let these brief thoughts inspire you to become aware of thanksgiving in your life. How often each day do you find yourself pausing to give thanks? How often do you recognize the blessings in your life and consciously say a little prayer thanking God for the material and spiritual blessings you enjoy?

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, let us seek to become a thankful people, expressing that thanksgiving in words and deeds.

*All my love,
Joe*

Joe
Joe

TRINITY HI-LITES "ABOUT US"

First Edition

November 2015

Published by:

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
64 South Main Street
Boonsboro, Maryland 21713
Office Phone - 301-432-2226
Pastor's Cell Phone - 240-675-1604
E-mail: pastortrinity@yahoo.com
E-mail: trinitylutheran@myactv.net
Web site: www.trinitylutheranboonsboro.org



Pastor: The Rev. Joseph I. Donovan
Editors: Mrs. Susan Brown
Mr. Ross Cunningham

November Birthdays

- | | | |
|------|----|----------------------|
| Nov. | 1 | Howard Boyer |
| | 1 | Kevin Boyer |
| | 2 | Zachary Holder |
| | 3 | Klaire Talhelm |
| | 5 | Debra O'Brien |
| | 9 | Hannah Himes |
| | 10 | Mike Henry |
| | 10 | James Hinlicky |
| | 12 | Robert Dellinger |
| | 13 | Zachary Rowe |
| | 15 | Mike Schnackenberg |
| | 16 | Mark Gaylor |
| | 16 | Elaine Michael |
| | 18 | Charles Rockwell |
| | 19 | Leah Pippin |
| | 20 | Adam Metz |
| | 20 | Larry Funk |
| | 29 | Harold Beachley, Sr. |
| | 29 | Travis May |
| | 30 | Charles Hutchinson |



The following members and friends of Trinity were included in our prayer list during October:

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Emily Saylor | Karen Saylor |
| Amanda Ales | April Ellis |
| Elouise Himes | Lorraine & Don Hair |
| Steve Riddle | Rick Moser |
| Carol Holman | Lena May Itnyre |
| Sam Neubauer | Marsha Leach |
| Bill Beer | Jeff Himes |

ATTENTION

Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the church office **NO LATER** than **9:00 Friday morning**.

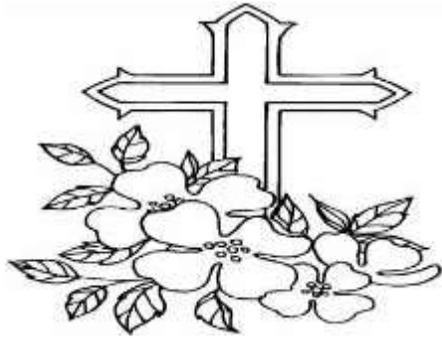
Newsletter articles should be submitted into the church office **NO LATER** than the **15th of the month**.

SECRETARY AND PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM – Noon



This is a reminder to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1 as we return to Standard Time



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes out to Bob Swain & family at the death of his sister, Janet Shumaker. We pray that God will comfort them in their time of sorrow.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes out to Cathy Landsman & family at the death of her sister, Marsha Leach. We pray that God will comfort them in their time of sorrow.



NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

- Nov. 1
- Nov. 8
- Nov. 15
- Nov. 22
- Nov. 29 Hutchinson

The above dates are for flowers to be placed on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one.

Our Children's Church Program at Trinity is a wonderful ministry to our young people ages 4 through grade 3. Children's church is offered the 3rd and 4th Sunday's of the month as part of our 10:15 A.M. worship service. Volunteers are needed! A sign- up sheet with the month's still needing volunteers will be available when picking your child up from children's church. Please consider leading two Sunday's a month so that we are able to continue this ministry. Thanks so much!



Joyful Noise Choir

Children ages 3 and older are encouraged to participate in the Joyful Noise choir. We practice the last 15 minutes of Sunday school and sing to the congregation on the 4th Sunday of each month. Any questions, please call **Jen Poffenberger** at 301-432-0456.



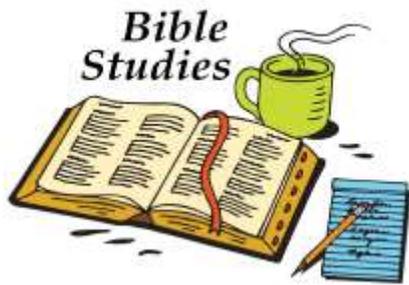
The Men's Bible Study meets in the Funk Education Center on Sunday, November 1 & November 15 at 8:00 AM. Join us for this very meaningful opportunity for fellowship and study.



Sunday, November 1 is **All Saints Sunday**, the Sunday of our liturgical year set aside by the early church to commemorate the martyrs who died in the faith and all deceased Christians. Each year on All Saints' Sunday, we recall the members of Trinity who passed over from this life into the fullness of the kingdom since last All Saints' Sunday. The service includes the celebration of Holy Communion. We will commemorate Christians, past and present, which shaped us and the Church.

- Helen Funk* – Died January 30, 2015
- Linda Donovan* – Died April 11, 2015

* Members



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

God's Yellow Pages The first four sessions of this Bible study will peruse Scripture for spiritual guidance for all types of emotions, circumstances, characteristics and situations that Christians experience or encounter.

After the introductory 4 weeks of delving into God's Yellow Pages, the class will determine the content and structure of future sessions. We will meet from 7:00-8:00 PM on November 5, 19 and December 3. The study will be conducted in an informal, conversational manner with emphasis on group participation. Those interested in joining are asked to email Chuck or Melissa Schwalbe at planthealth@myactv.net or mashogan@myactv.net or call 240 469 4569.



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016 will soon be available in alphabetical order on the table in the education wing. Please look for the envelopes in the near future and stop by and pick up your set of envelopes.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT

For quite a while now, Meritus Medical Center has NOT informed area clergy when one of their parishioners is hospitalized. The only way clergy can know of a patient admission is for the pastor to physically go to the hospital and check the clergy information available at the information desk or for you to call the pastor and inform him. If one of your loved ones is admitted to the hospital and you wish Pastor Joe to visit, please let him know IMMEDIATELY that your loved one is in the hospital. Please call him on his cell phone, 240-675-1604. He would love to visit any patient in the hospital but needs to know they are there!



Prime Timers will have a luncheon at noon in the social room on Wednesday, December 2. We ask folks interested in attending to sign the interest sheet on the podium in the narthex and indicate if you will bring a main course, side dish or dessert. You do not need to be retired or a seasoned senior to participate in this festive occasion. Please join us!!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Trinity will receive new members at the 10:15 a.m. service on **Sunday, November 8**. If you would like to join Trinity, please contact Pastor Joe by phone at 240-675-1604 or by email at pastortrinity@yahoo.com. Orientation classes are going on now in the Funk Center for several Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. during the Sunday school hour.



NOVEMBER FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

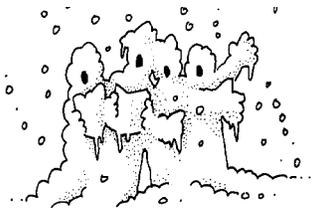
Friday, November 6th from 5:30 PM to 7 PM. Tom Smith is making homemade dumpling noodles for the chicken and dumplings, so you won't want to miss it!

We are looking for a co-host or two who would be willing to handle the clean up this month. Make your reservation via email: kristyathome@hotmail.com, or in person to Kristy or Tom Smith.



Every November Trinity has a congregational meeting following the 10:15 AM service to elect council members for the new calendar year and to approve a budget for the next calendar year.

This year's meeting is Sunday, November 22.



CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of the cancellation of Sunday school and/or worship services due to snow or ice can be heard on the following radio stations:

WCRH (90.5 FM) WFRE (99.9 FM) WJEJ (1240 AM)



Gaggle Gathers to Giggle

The Gaggle will celebrate Christmas with dinner out at the Braddock Inn on Tuesday, December 1st. Women ages 18-105 are welcome to come along. Cost is generally around \$25 per person and includes dinner, soft drinks and gratuity. Space is limited, so please let Kristy Smith know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

If you are on Facebook and would like to be added to the Gaggle page, please let Kristy know. We wouldn't want you to miss any scoop!



Do you want to schedule the social room or other space at Trinity for a church related or family activity or an event for an organization to which you belong? To schedule an event, contact the church office, Steve Jamison or Pastor Donovan. The master event calendar is kept electronically through Google calendar. Before you contact the office, you may view the Google calendar at Trinity's website at www.trinitylutheranboonsboro.org.

Click "home" at the top of the page to make certain you are on the home page then scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Calendar - See What's Happening at Trinity". This takes you to the Google calendar and you will be able to scroll through the entire year to find available dates. Knowing Trinity's schedule in advance will help you plan your events! We try to keep the calendar up-to-date as best we can!



WOW! Christmas Season is fast approaching, so tune up those voices for Christmas caroling. We will lead carols for the Olde Time Christmas Celebration on December 4th and visits to other locations during the season. If you are interested in joining us watch for announcements in the bulletins or contact Barbara Holder at 301-432-8933, bholder@myactv.net

REACH COLD WEATHER SHELTER

Fall is upon us. The days are getting shorter, the air is turning cooler and soon we will be snuggling in our warm homes as the weather turns from cool to freezing.

For the homeless of Washington County there is no warm home and they will be coming to the REACH Cold Weather Shelter



seeking shelter and a hot meal. Now is the time to renew our commitment to this ministry. The shelter opened on October 25th. Gene and Jane Walkley are the coordinators for the week of **Dec 20-27**.

Last season, Trinity provided coverage at the shelter for three evenings. This included the evening meal, coverage for all volunteer positions (check-in, intake, laundry assistance, hospitality) and donations of time, food, snacks, handmade hats and scarves, and prayers. Several members of the contemporary choir came to sing and some volunteers came back on other evenings to help.

This season, Trinity has again agreed to cover three evenings. The tentative days are Dec 20, 21 and 22. The Trinity Youth are providing volunteers and the meal for Sunday, Dec 20th. If you are interested in volunteering your time by helping to organize one of the meals on Dec 21 or 22, or if you are interested in helping in one

of the positions, please see Jane or Gene Walkley or call Jane at 240-675-6781.

Donations

We are collecting items the shelter will need this season. The current [Needs List](#) is at reachofwc.org.

The Basics...

The REACH Cold Weather Shelter provides temporary shelter for people 18 and over who are homeless, can care for themselves and are not at risk to themselves or others. The shelter is open from late October through the first Sunday in April and is operated and staffed primarily by volunteers from churches or organizations on a weekly basis. Hours of operation are 7pm to 7am Monday through Saturday and 3pm to 7am on Sundays. Hours may be extended during severe weather/cold. The Day Resource Center is open 9am to 1pm daily for those who need a place to stay warm.

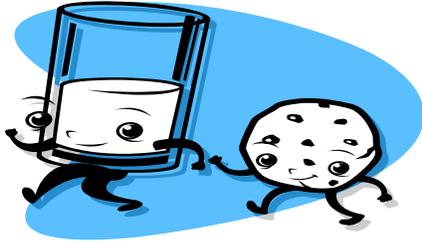
Maximum bed capacity is 56 (44 men and 12 women). When the temperature or wind chill factor is 32 degrees or below and/or there is the presence of snow up to 6 overflow beds are available.

Nightly Schedule

- 7-8pm – Check-in time and hot evening meal is served
- 9pm – Lights are dimmed in the dining area
- 10pm – Sleeping area lights off

Morning Schedule

- 6am – Lights on and everyone up
- 6-6:45am – Light breakfast is served
- 7am – Everyone must exit the building



Cookie Walk 2015

**Ready for another Cookie Walk?
Bakers will be needed!**

The annual Cookie Walk to support Micah's Backpack is on again for the Christmas season. The Cookie Walk will be in the social room of Trinity and we need bakers again. The date is **Dec. 5, 2015**. The time is **10 am - 4pm**. Start thinking of baking those delicious cookies and bars, now for that event. Contact Melissa Schwalbe at mashogan@myactv.net or **240-469-4569** for information.



CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Trinity's congregation is anxious to begin the Advent Season in our beautiful sanctuary! Eight wreaths will adorn Trinity windows at a cost of \$30.00 each. Please make out the check to Mountainside Gardens. Would you like to purchase a wreath as a memorial or to honor a loved one?

Contact Elf Paula Ford by email at pkf0402@aol.com or phone or text her at 240-818-3335 to reserve a wreath. Please give her your order by Sunday, November 22 (they go quickly). Wreaths will be hung on Saturday, December 5. Contact Paula Ford if you enjoy decorating and she will be certain to include you in the fun of decorating the Christmas tree in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 6, immediately following worship!



We have started our Toys For Tots Program in Washington County, please donate, we need your help. Last year we provided toys to more than 3,700 verified needy children in Washington County in 900 families. The need may be greater this year. Thank you for your help in the past.



High school youth interested in attending Roadtrip 2016 should contact Jennifer Poffenberger at her email jenjpbaskets@aol.com or call 301-988-6626.

January 22-24, 2016
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel
Ocean City, MD
2016 Registration opens October, 2015

Bring your High School youth for a weekend of service projects, faith-filled discussions, and relationship-building in small groups. **RoadTrip** includes workshops and networking for adults, as well as opportunities to worship with brothers and sisters in Christ from throughout our Synod. Come make new friends and renew friendships with attendees from throughout our synod! You're invited to learn how God is speaking to and through you – to the world.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2015

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- WiFi in the church and education building is improving. The router and modem have been repositioned and we have better coverage.
- Chuck Schwalbe had requested a flat screen TV and modem, at an approximate cost of \$400. Beth made a motion to purchase two TV's and a modem, for a cost of up to \$700. Susan seconded the motion; all voted in favor.
- The Worship and Music Committee met and they have planned for the rest of the year. The Christmas Program will be on December 13.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor Joe is currently holding a new members class and presented four families/individuals for membership: Mike and Lindsey Norris (Brody and Carter), Ed Allison, Kimmarie Grimaldi, and Belinda Phippen (Grace and Leah). The children (Brody, Carter, Grace and Leah) will be baptized.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Pictorial Directory:** Photos have been mailed to families. Kristin sent in the layout and the roster. When we receive the proof, the Committee will review it. We are on target to have the Directories by Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS

- The proposed Annual Budget was reviewed and will be published in the November Hilites.
- Council increased the total of the Benevolence Fund by \$6,000 (to equate to 10% of our total budget).
- Council added revisions will increase the proposed 2016 budget by \$8,353, for a total of \$168,383.



The Bulletin Board

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship – All Saint's Sunday w/Communion	2 7:15 AM Young Life	3 8AM Prime Timers 7 PM 11 th Step	4 7 PM Adult Choir	5 1-3 PM Food Bank & Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA	6 5:30 PM First Friday	7
8 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM – Contemporary Worship	9 7:15 AM Young Life	10 7 PM Council 7 PM 11 th Step	11 7 PM Adult Choir	12 1-3 PM Food Bank & Micah's Backpack 6 PM Girls Scouts 7 PM AA	13	14
15 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM worship – Children's Church	16 7:15 AM Young Life	17 7 PM 11 th Step	18 7 PM Adult Choir	19 1-3 PM Food Bank & Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA	20	21
22 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship - Children's Church/Joyful Noise 11:30 AM Congregation meeting	23 7:15 AM Young Life	24 7 PM 11 th Step	25 7 PM Adult Choir 8PM Contemporary Choir	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM worship – Children's Church – Youth Gathering	30 7:15 AM Young Life					