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PASTOR'S DESK

Sometime during his life St. Augustine wrote this prayer: *Blessed are all your saints, O God and King, who have traveled over the tempestuous sea of this mortal life, and have made the harbor of peace and happiness. Watch over us who are still on our dangerous voyage, and remember such as lie exposed to the rough storm of trouble and temptations. Frail is our vessel, and the ocean is wide, but as in your mercy you have set our course, so steer the vessel of our life toward the everlasting shore of peace. Bring us at length to the quiet haven of our hearts' desire, where you, O our God, are blessed, and live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.*

November is often called the "month of end times". The first Sunday of the month (November 5) is called "All Saints Day" – a day for honoring all the saints, both those living and those who have gone to their eternal rest. Then, we bring the month to a climax (November 26) with Christ the King Sunday – the festive Sunday dedicated to looking forward with great anticipation to Christ's triumphant and glorious return to make all things, including us, new. And in between, we focus on Christ's judgment and salvation. It's a month that holds many spellbound.

I've always been held spell bound by Augustine's portrayal of God's "saints". For in a world so often consumed by veneration of seemingly superhuman individuals – those who have long since passed through this mortal life and entered into the life of the world to come – Augustine prays for himself, and for all of us who have had God's claim put on us in Baptism, but are still struggling through life in this broken and sinful world. You see, Augustine knew full well, from firsthand experience, that absolutely *no one* becomes one of God's "saints" (one of God's "holy ones, if the Greek is translated literally) by their own power and ability.

We're all born children of a fallen humanity; or, as the Apostle Paul puts it, *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23). Saints are not born – saints are made!

God's Holy Spirit, in the waters of Baptism, literally takes us "sinners" and makes us "holy ones" – "saints". It's the great gift of God, purchased by the sacrificial death and resurrection of God the Son, Jesus the Christ. It's a gift that's given in the here and now, in the waters of Holy Baptism, but does not come to completion until we've fully died to sin and risen to new life. In other words, in this life we're "Simul iustus et Peccator" (simultaneously saint and sinner). That's why Augustine prays as he does for himself and us – those of us *who are still in our dangerous voyage, and...lie exposed to rough storms of trouble and temptations.*

November, with all its eerie texts and images, is a month of promise and hope. For in it, we get a glimpse of the good things God has planned for us when He brings to completion the good work that was begun at our Baptism (Philippians 1:6). God bless you as we all continue *our dangerous voyage...toward the everlasting shore of peace...the quiet haven of our heart's desire* where God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – lives and reigns for ever.

Peace be with you all,
Pastor Ron

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

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Peggy Costion	Jim Everline
J.J. Bain	Mary Wolfe
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Barbara Douglas	Bill Hughes
Mary Porter	Jeff Stewart
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Richard Bennett	Dylan Starkey
Jacob Matheny	Andrew Karn
Anna Burkett	Zach Hardy
Cullen Talhelm	Lawrence Clay
Jeremy Karn	Dorothy Phillips
Margaret Shannon	Dennis Krisko
Ron Nelson	

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	Travis May
30	Charles Hutchinson

ATTENTION

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

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

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM – Noon

You may reach the pastor and secretary by leaving a message on the church answering machine. Messages are accessed several times a day.



This is a reminder to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4th as we return to Standard Time.



Thank you to all who donated and or walked in this year's CROP WALK on Oct. 8. It was a good day, light rain, but many attended, and we received over \$1,100 which is a new record for Trinity. I think it was a great success and CWS will appreciate all the donations. Couldn't have happened without your participation. I like to say, "It is what we do". Thank you again!

Dear Book Drive Participants,

A belated, but heart-felt THANK YOU for collecting children's books for the Community Book Drive!! The total number of books collected this year is: **13,849**

We will soon begin to distribute these books to more than 30 schools and organizations in Washington County who will get them into the hands of vulnerable children. These books will go a long way toward ensuring that all children in Washington County have books in the home and a chance to succeed.

We are truly blessed to have such a great, collaborative community, where so many people care about children. Thank you again for your help!

- Community Book Drive Team



NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 10:15 WORSHIP

- November 5 – Lindsay & Mike Norris
- November 12 – Karen Cunningham
- November 19 – Laura Lager
- November 26 – Julie Williams

Please be considerate to others when placing your children in the nursery during worship time. The nursery is for children ages infant to 4 years old. Older children 5 and older should not be in the nursery. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure our little people are properly cared for.



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Bible Study meets in the Funk Education Center on **Sunday, November 5th & 19th at 8:00 AM.** Join us for this very meaningful opportunity for fellowship and study.

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



Sundays of the month as part of our 10:15am worship service. Volunteers are needed! Please consider leading two Sundays a month so that we are able to continue this ministry. Thanks so much!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE!

K-3rd grade class teacher rotation
November- Tammy Panther
December- Julie Hartman



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**.



Sunday, November 5th 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.



NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 5
Nov. 12
Nov. 19
Nov. 26 Hutchinson

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



Gaggle News

The Gaggle is a women's fellowship opportunity for women ages 18 to 104.

The Gaggle has set December 7th for our Christmas Dinner.

Cost is \$30 per person and RSVPs are necessary as space is limited.

Cost includes a two/three course meal and soft drinks at the Main Cup in Middletown.

RSVP to kristyathome@hotmail.com or [240-285-8894](tel:240-285-8894)

We will provide the famous chicken noodle dinner at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter on December 28th. More info will be forthcoming but if you would like to cook, chop and freeze a chicken or two in advance, please do.



NOVEMBER FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us on Friday, November 3rd for a bowl of soup and a slice of friendship from 5:30 to 7 PM in the social room. A short informational program will be presented following the meal. Please RSVP to Kristy Smith.

Youth Group News Upcoming Events

Saturday Nov. 11th – 5pm

Viewing of Screenagers (see more info below) and Social Justice Night with youth group sleeping outside in cardboard boxes to get an idea of what the homeless face.

Sunday, November 19th

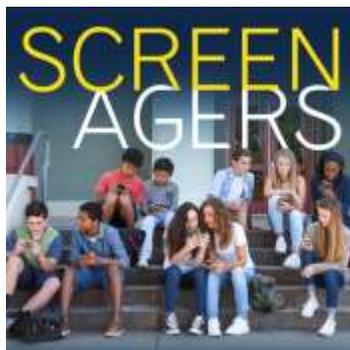
Cookie Making, Wrap San Mar Gifts, decorate boxes for Thanksgiving Blessing Meal

Tuesday, December 26th

REACH Shelter- Arrive at 6pm

Sat, Nov. 11th - Social Justice Night, 5pm

Trinity's Youth Group will host the screening of Screenagers on Sat., Nov 11th, at 7pm in the sanctuary. This award-winning "Screenagers" probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy



struggles, over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world. After seeing the film, people have reported that they feel more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time.

The film is 68 minutes long and directed by Delaney Ruston, M.D. This film is for everyone as all of us are bombarded daily with screen time and how to find the right balance.

The film is open to the public and free of charge due to the generous gift from the Rich and Susan Daughtridge Fund at the Community Foundation of Washington County.



NOTICE OF TWO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

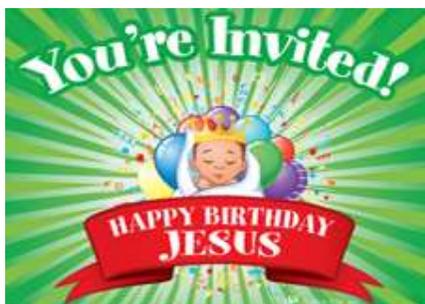
November 12th – Budget Meeting - We will hold a congregational meeting to determine the budget our church council proposes for 2018. A budget must be adopted before the following Sunday, November 19, because that is the day our pastoral candidate will lead worship and preach the sermon, after which there will be a congregational meeting whether to extend a call to the candidate. Both meetings will take place immediately after the worship service.

November 18th and 19th - MEET AND GREET OUR PASTORAL CANDIDATE. The church council and the call committee invite you to visit with the man we are considering extending a call to be our new pastor. This is an opportunity for everyone in Trinity, young and old, to visit with and get to know the man our call committee and council will present to the congregation on Sunday, Nov 19. The meet and greet will take place Saturday evening, Nov 18, at 6:00.

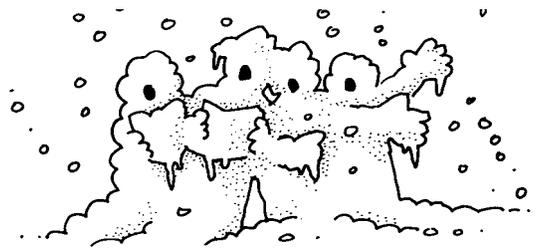
**Sola Scriptura: A History of the Bible, Translation,
and the Word of God**
Mountain Topics: November 28th
at Mar Lu Ridge
Rev. Dr. Mark Vitalis Hoffman

Have you wondered why there are so many English versions of the Bible and which one was the best? One of the hallmarks of the Reformation and Luther's work was the translation of the Bible into the German vernacular so that it was available for lay people to read and study. In this study, we will survey the history of the Bible and its translation and look at how modern English Bible versions continue the tradition of seeking to let the Word of God speak today. Rev. Dr. Mark was one of the pastors who filled the pulpit when Paster Ron was on vacation.

mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org 800-238-9974



Everyone is invited to attend!!!! Immediately following the Christmas program on Sunday, December 17th the Sunday school classes will be hosting a Birthday Party for Jesus. We will enjoy a mini luncheon together provided by the Sunday school classes. If you would like to contribute something but don't attend Sunday school, items such as cheese and crackers, vegetables and dip, meatballs, mini sandwiches, fruit etc. would be graciously accepted. There will be a Toy For Tots donation box that the children can place their gifts in. We will conclude the party by singing Happy Birthday to Jesus.



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)



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 Ron to visit, please let him know IMMEDIATELY that your loved one is in the hospital. Please call him on his cell phone, 304-561-4482. He would love to visit any patient in the hospital but needs to know they are there!

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	2 1-3 PM Food Bank & Micah's Backpack 5:30 PM Tai Chi 7 PM AA	3 5:30 PM First Friday	4 Clocks turn back
5 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship –All Saint's Sunday w/Communion	6	7 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class	8 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	9 1-3 PM Food Bank & Micah's Backpack 5:30 PM Tai Chi 7 PM AA	10	11
12 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Contemporary Worship – Children's Church 11:15 AM Congregational Mtg	13 6:30 PM Busy Bees Knitting Group – Social Room	14 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class 7 PM Church Council	15 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	16 1-3 PM Food Bank & Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA	17	18 6 PM Meet &Greet Pastor Candidate
19 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship - Communion Children's Church/Joyful Noise 11:15 AM Congregation Mtg.	20	21 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class	22 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
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