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#### November 2021





#### "after the comma"

#### danke Schoen

"Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:18b-20

Pentecost this year has held for all of us many examples of how we are to be church. This has been challenging at times and a work of love. If it wasn't, we wouldn't feel the exhaustion of coming into this time of Fall. Just like the plants and trees, we spend the spring and summer building up, knowing the inevitable Fall is around the corner. In many cases, this is a time for reflection and thanksgiving for the harvest that is before us as we prepare for winter. We are thankful...even our calendar this month sets aside a particular day to highlight this annual trek through the year. Oh golly...do we need this season!

We give thanks! We give thanks knowing that our God has been a partner with us in what we as the church have been doing all through this growing season. It reminds me of a song from Godspell (one of my favorite musicals!) called "All Good Gifts". The lyrics are a tribute to what God has been doing while we have been going about our lives, and we just need to take a moment and be in awe of what has happened in us and the world;

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land..
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand..
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain...
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain...
All good gifts around us

Are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...
We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!
All good gifts around us

Are sent from Heaven above.. So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.. I really wanna thank you Lord!

Songwriters: John Michael Tebelak/Stephen Schwartz

# TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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#### **Office Hours**

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

# **Sunday Worship**

Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour: Follows service

**Holy Communion:** First Sunday of the Month

(unless noted otherwise)

### **Sunday School**

November 14th

Classes will be in session during worship service.

Contact Kathy Haass (<u>KatydidHaass@gmail.com</u>) with questions or for more information.

# Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am On Hold: Game Nights

Boy Scouts Troop 21: 11/7, 11/21, 6:00 pm Quilters: 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 8:30 am- 4:00 pm

### Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger

**Council Interim Convener:** Kathy Immekus

**Director of Music:** Mike Hetzel

Administrative Assistant: Mikey Hetzel Cleaning Custodian: Jodie Gerard Maintenance Custodian: Eric Dahm

Ministers of the Church:

All Members of Trinity United Church of Christ

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

The 15th of each month.



Tootie Seidl 11/12 Jill Gretenhart 11/13 Tori Rieves 11/17 Don Immekus 11/23

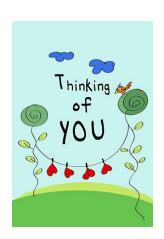
# **Happy Birthday!!**



Donald & Ruth Larson - 11/22

#### **HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Beverly Littmann Marion Wandsneider Fred Theilacker Joann Shue Lola & Jerry Krainer



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# Worship Services - November 2021

Sunday, November 7th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, November 14th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, November 21st Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, November 28th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

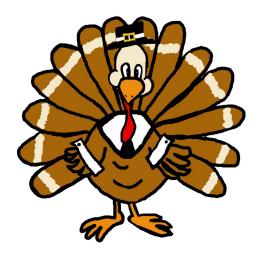


#### **Announcements Schedule**

11/7	Robin Komassa
11/14	Kathy Immekus
11/21	Lynne Mielke
11/28	Mike Hetzel

Could all Committee Chairs please get your announcements for the following Sunday to the appropriate Council member by Wednesday morning of that week.

Thank You all.



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Paul's letter encourages us to go beyond just thanking God, but becoming the joy given life through our songs, prayers, and how we are with each other. Yes, let's make music from our hearts!

As I write this article I am overwhelmed with thanks for the ministry, missions and people of Trinity UCC. I was recently surprised by you and the council on receiving gifts in the form of a gift card. This alone was unexpected and the presentation that this was for "Pastor appreciation Month" was humbling (didn't know this was a thing). To further the act of gratitude, you included my wife Brenda in the giving of a dinner at the American Club. I must admit my first reaction was "What? This was not needed or necessary...but then I realized this is what Paul is talking about. It was not just for me, although I am looking forward to not having to cook for a peaceful and celebratory evening. This giving and receiving is what we do. The gifts I received we're not mine to decline, rather they were given in love and thanks, and I accept with gratitude and humility. I many times forget that we are in the giving and receiving of gifts all the time, from each other and our God. This is not to say that I held expectation of these gifts given to me, to the contrary- I did not believe it was necessary for being the recipient of anything except another day to be with all of you. This was exactly what Paul was saying in his letter to the church in Ephesus. Yes, be filled with the Spirit of Love, speak to one another with songs, poetry of Love, make music from your heart that gives thanks to God and when doing so do not exclude anyone in these prayers and actions. This will become your habit, your way the more you do it.

Brenda and I thank you so much for the gifts given to us, but we are most thankful for you. Your energy, willingness to be the church and most of all your love and understanding are the harvest of God's seeds planted again and again by being present. This year has been a bountiful harvest! I can't wait to see what we plant for the next season!

#### danke schoen!

Dear Abundant God create in us a culture of thankfulness and grace where we are able to give generously and be joyous in the receiving of what you want for each of us. We are forever grateful. In Jesus's name we pray- Amen

Pastor Dan



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# **Mission Project - School Supplies**

The School Supplies Drive held this past summer was impressive. On August 31<sup>st</sup> a CARLOAD of school supplies was dropped off at The Women's Center in Waukesha. Pens, pencils, markers, crayons, paper, erasers, scissors, glue, pencil boxes, rulers, backpacks and more were donated. The items were sorted, packed in boxes and loaded into Natalie Lannon's car. The trunk was full as well as the back seat. Impressive. Thanks to all who participated.

The Mission Committee wants to share this letter we received from The Women's Center to let you know that your donations are appreciated and make a difference. (letter on page 6)

# **Cup of Life**

CHRISTMAS MARKET AT ELKHART LAKE: The Cup of Life Group is inviting all women of Trinity and friends for a great day at the German Christmas Market at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI.

The date is Tuesday, December 7. We will be carpooling and leaving our south parking lot at 8:45 AM that morning. Admission is \$7.00 and payable when you get there. We will enjoy lunch at a restaurant in the Osthoff, and returning to church sometime in the afternoon.

Please contact Terri Allen, Janet Schstuer, or Lynne Mielke if you will be joining us by November 21, as reservations need to be made for our lunch..

Please join us for a day of Christmas shopping and fun.



# **Worship & Arts Dates**

Are you making plans for Thanksgiving? Make part of those plans to attend the THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE on Wednesday, November 24, at Trinity. Time to be announced soon.

LOOKING AHEAD:

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT is November 28. These services help in preparing our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. Service time is 10:00 am.

The CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 at 10:00 am.

TRINITY CELEBRATION SINGERS will bring you their special Christmas music on Sunday, December 19, at 10:00 am.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be Friday, December 24, at 4:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE will be a virtual broadcast on December 25 at 10:00 am

Please mark your calendar for these special services.



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September 22, 2021

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Jim Orth

Dear Dave,

**PAST PRESIDENT** 

Julia Kellogg

On behalf of The Women's Center and those we serve, thank you for the donation of school supplies.

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Hi Kids,

We are still learning about Creation, this story will tell us about another special thing God made.

#### The Story of Adam and Eve...

God took some clay from the ground and made the shape of a man. Then He breathed gently into the shape. The man's eye's opened and he began to live. God called him Adam.

The Lord made a beautiful garden for him to live in. The garden, called Eden, was full of many wonderful things. Beautiful flowers grew everywhere. Birds sang in the trees, streams flowed through the valley and animals roamed across the fields.

God had made the man in His image to keep Him company and look after the world.

God brought all the animals to Adam one at a time to be given their names. "Elephant", he would say, or "Tiger", or "Porcupine".

But God felt sorry for Adam. "None of these animals is really like him," thought God, "he needs someone to share his life. Someone who cares for him and who he can care for."

That night, God took a rib from Adam's side and made a woman. When Adam awoke the following morning, he found a wife, Eve, lying asleep beside him. Adam was so happy. He took her hand and she woke up. She looked up at him and smiled.

God told the man and woman that it was their job to take care of their new home.



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How many different words can you make from the words:

Garden of Ed	ien ( )

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