



TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Spencer, Iowa

November, 2025



To Know, Love and Share Christ



Pastor Renae's November Message

What are you wearing?



Are you adding a few extra layers (ok, maybe not this many) these chilly fall days? As we begin adding more layers to our winter wardrobes, let's talk about adding a garment of praise.

Are you wearing a garment of praise?

Isaiah 61 talks about putting on the Garment of Praise.

"... give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor." Isaiah 61:3

When we put on the garment of praise, we are equipped with something that is of great benefit to us. When we focus our minds on seeing all of God's gracious layers of goodness that He lavishes on us, it delivers something incredible. It gives a garment of praise and thanksgiving for God and for others.

Paul encourages us in Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers,
whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is just,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence,
if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

May your days be filled with Praise and Thanksgiving not just this day but everyday.

Pastor Renae Behrends





KIDS GIVE TO KIDS - NOVEMBER 23

On Sunday, November 23 our S.C.S. will be having a food collection for the less fortunate in our community. Kids are asked to bring canned goods to church which will then be donated to our local Food Pantries, just in time for Thanksgiving.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING & POTLUCK NOVEMBER 30

Following worship on November 30, we will be decorating the narthex and sanctuary for Christmas and would love to have your help! Afterwards a potluck lunch will be served. Please bring your favorite dish to share. We hope everyone will join in the fun and fellowship!

ADVENT WREATH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will need families to light the Advent Wreath during the Sundays of Advent. If your family would like to participate, please sign up in the office.



2025 MESSIAH

SELECTIONS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Spencer Messiah Board would like to invite you to this year's presentation of Selections from Handel's Messiah. The concert will be presented on December 7 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and will include a chorus, soloists and orchestra. Every church in Spencer and surrounding area is invited to participate in this program. A free-will offering will be taken.

For more information visit "Spencer Messiah" on Facebook.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Sunday School has begun! Our Sunday School is for youth in preschool through fifth grade. Class meets right after the Children's Sermon. All youth are encouraged to attend.

We are looking for teachers to help lead our Sunday School classes. Teachers are able to sign up for the Sundays they would like to teach. If you would like to serve as a teacher, please sign up in the office next to the dates you would like to teach.

ALTAR ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are looking for more Altar Guild assistants (both men and women may serve) to help set up / clean up the altar and light the eternal flame on Sunday mornings. Assistants are scheduled to serve one or two months each year. If you would be willing to help with this important ministry, please contact the office or sign up in the narthex.



SENIOR CHOIR RESUMES



Our Senior Choir is just beginning its season. We practice on the days we sing at 8:15 am and usually sing once a month. We always welcome new voices!!! If you would like to be a part of this musical ministry, please talk to De Linda Leu or just join us on Sunday mornings. Schedules of when the choir sings are available in the parish office.



November Calendar of Events

CHRIST THE KING

2 Sun	8:15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal Sunday Worship / All Saints Sunday School Bible Study
5 Wed	6:00 pm	Confirmation / Meal at Faith Lutheran Church
9 Sun	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:45 am	Sunday Worship Sunday School Bible Study
12 Wed	6:00 pm	Confirmation / Meal at Faith Lutheran Church
16 Sun	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:45 am 10:45 am	Sunday Worship Sunday School Bible Study Parish Council Meeting
19 Wed	6:00 pm	Confirmation / Meal at Faith Lutheran Church
20 Thurs	9:30 am	Ruth Circle
23 Sun	9:30 am 10:00 am Today	Sunday Worship with Praise Band Sunday School Kids Give to Kids Collection
27 Thurs		Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed Today
30 Sun	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday Worship Decorate & Potluck

November Birthdays



6 - De Linda Leu
9 - Michael Kroll
9 - Lauren Long
23 - Linda Foerster
26 - Grant Leu



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 1. Don't forget or you will miss the most important hour of the week, the Sunday Worship!!!

November Parish Worship Ministries

With Bible readings to prepare for worship

ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Anderson,
Becky Caswell, Amy Gronemeyer

November 2, 2025

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

To prepare for worship, please read:
Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17 Psalm 149
1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

SERVERS: Sophia Porath
LECTOR: Andy Anderson
C. ASSISTANT: Molly Vander Linden
GREETERS: Andy & Bonnie Anderson
USHERS: Dean Gronemeyer, Guy Schurz
O. COUNTERS: Dean Gronemeyer, Guy Schurz

November 9, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:
Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 148
2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17 Luke 20:27-40

SERVERS: Harper Nolte
LECTOR: Scott Nolte
C. ASSISTANT: Grant Leu
GREETERS: Lynn & Nancy Heideman
USHERS: Brian Behrends, Dale Kroll
O. COUNTERS: Lynn & Nancy Heideman

November 16, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday after PENTECOST

To prepare for worship, please read:
Malachi 4:1-6 Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13 Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

SERVERS: Nolan Kelley
LECTOR: Tami Kroll
C. ASSISTANTS: Dale Kroll
GREETERS: Paul & Becky Caswell
USHERS: Lynn & Nancy Heideman
O. COUNTERS: Steve & Tracy Licht

November 23, 2025

CHRIST THE KING

To prepare for worship, please read:
Malachi 3:13-18 Psalm 95:1-7a or 46
Colossians 1:13-20 Luke 23:27-43

SERVERS: Harper Nolte
LECTOR: De Linda Leu
C. ASSISTANTS: Lisa Leonard
GREETERS: Ron & Shelly McGuire
USHERS: Paul & Becky Caswell
O. COUNTERS: Steve Grell, Walter Mantler

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of ADVENT

To prepare for worship, please read:
Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122
Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

SERVERS: Nolan Kelley
LECTOR: Brian Behrends
C. ASSISTANTS: Molly Vander Linden
GREETERS: Dale & Tami Kroll
USHERS: Bob Bendlin, Leo Brownfield
O. COUNTERS: Lynn & Nancy Heideman

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
9:30 A.M.**

Give Thanks to the LORD

1Chron 16:34

Stewardship Report - September, 2025

Income to date:	\$ 193,119
Expenses to date:	\$ (195,033)
Difference:	\$ (1,914)

2026

STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS

Thank you to all those who returned their 2026 Faith Promise Cards and Time & Talent Sheets on Stewardship Commitment Sunday. If you have not returned these items yet, please return them to the church office as soon as possible so that we can continue to plan for the ministry of Jesus Christ in 2026! Extra copies are available in the office.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES / EMAILS

We would like the mailing address and email address of our college students, so that we can keep them updated on events at Trinity. If you have a college student in your family, please contact the office with their current college address and their e-mail address.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Ron Bauermeister recently celebrated his 90th birthday!

Ron wanted to share this milestone with his church family, so he furnished a cake for the coffee hour on October 26th.





PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

“Let Us Pray for One Another”



In our prayers during November let us remember the following persons and causes in our intercessions:

- + **Karen Kahley and family**, as they mourn the death of Karen’s brother, **Dan Breidinger**;
- + **Sue Bendlin**, as she deals with health issues;
- + **Ashley Ballou Bonnema**, cousin of Molly Vander Linden, as she lives with cancer;
- + **Carmen & Jim Howard**, sister of De Linda Leu, for health and healing as they deal with grief;
- + **Lisa Leonard**, as she deals with some health issues;
- + **Jeff Long**, as he deals with health issues;
- + **Clem McLaughlin**, father of Tami Kroll, as he deals with health challenges;
- + **Jim Smith**, as he undergoes medical testing;
- + **Stacie Smith**, friend of Pastor Renae, as she lives with terminal cancer;
- + The families of our parish: **Hultgren, Jespersen and Kahley**;
- + Staff and students of Trinity Preschool & Daycare;
- + Directors and staff of Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps;
- + Residents of our community’s long term care facilities for health and peace;
- + Caregivers and workers who go above and beyond for our aged and infirm;
- + Fertility of the earth, favorable weather and for all those who labor in the fields;
- + All members of our parish, that as we continue to rejoice in the mystery of the Resurrection, we may be empowered to live the new life given in Christ in our daily lives.

“ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ...” (1 Timothy 2:1)

PASTOR APPRECIATION

October was Pastor Appreciation month. The Parish Council hosted a special coffee hour on October 12, to honor Pastor Renae for the many blessings she has brought and shared with Trinity.

Preschool youth also wanted to show their love and appreciation by coloring a picture and presenting Pastor Renae with a special gift.

Thank you, Pastor Renae, for your ministry over Trinity!



RUTH CIRCLE PARTICIPATES IN 'OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD'

Our Ruth Circle prepared 10 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child at their October 16 meeting.

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world, together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For some children this may be their first gift ever!

If anyone is interested in filling an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, please contact Bonnie Anderson for a shoebox. Guidelines and a list of suggested gift items is available in the church office. The collection dates will be November 17-24 at First Congregational Church in Spencer. Samaritan's Purse likes to collect \$10 for each box to cover shipping. You may also send your boxes to: Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607-9956.



ST. LUKE AUXILIARY NEWS...

THANK YOU!!!



On October 5 our Ruth Circle hosted a special coffee hour. \$203.00 was raised to help support the work of the St. Luke Auxiliary. A big thank you to all those who contributed to this special offering.

2026 CALENDARS NEEDED

St. Luke would like calendars for 2026 to place in all the resident's rooms. If you have extra calendars and would like to donate them, you may give them to Bonnie Anderson or drop them off at St. Luke.



Parish Council Meeting

August 17, 2025

"To Know, Love and Share Christ"

Pastor Renae's Cell: 712-209-3771

August Parish Council Meeting called to order by President Dale Kroll at 10:20 am.

Present: President Dale Kroll, VP Grant Leu, Secretary Lisa Leonard, Steve Grell, Jane Long, Molly Vander Linden.

Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. Motion by Lisa L. to accept the July Minutes. Second by Grant L. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Dale K. gave a briefing on the report. Was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Steve G. to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Jane L. Motion carried unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Lisa L. to accept Pastor's Report. Second by Grant L. Motion carried unanimously.

Parish Committees were reviewed and discussed.

Social and Health - Molly V. gave an update on Upper Des Moines food donations.

Property - Grant L. gave update regarding plumbing and altar window leakage.

Worship and Music - Molly V. gave update.

Memorial - Reviewed and discussed.

Preschool Board Reports - Dale K. gave update.

Motion by Steve G. to accept the Parish Committee Reports. Second by Lisa L. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Communion Assistant Schedule was reviewed, changes made and accepted.

Church Sign - Capital Campaign / Fundraiser: Tabled

Flood Recovery / Carpet in Jody's office: Tabled

Pump in one year-old classroom: Discussed

Indoor / Outdoor Cleaning (sign-up continues) Discussed

New Treasurer (Andy Anderson is retiring in 2026) Discussed

New Business:

Benevolence:

1. \$5,000 was sent to St. Mark's Lutheran Church - Lutheran Disaster Assistance (LDA) Fund on August 4, 2025.

2. \$1729.56 was sent to LCMC - Texas District (Flood Recovery) on August 12, 2025.

LCMC Annual Gathering and Convention: Will be held October 5-8, 2025 at Hosanna Church in Lakeville, MN. Brochures are in the narthex. Registration needs to be completed by September 15, 2025.

Pastor Appreciation: Will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2025 after services.

September Council Meeting: There will be no September Council Meeting in September due to the fair.

Motion to adjourn by Steve G. Second by Lisa L. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned with prayer at 11:00 am.

Minutes by Secretary,
Lisa Leonard

Trinity Preschool & Daycare

Trinity Preschool & Daycare News...

Youngsters Get Moving!

Trinity Preschool & Daycare is filling its fall activities focused on health and wellness, and safety. Youngsters got moving in Iowa's Healthiest State Walk, held annually October 1st.

Director Jody Kleve says the walk raises the importance of physical activity to promote physical and mental health. Walking boosts your mood and relieves stress!



Preschoolers Learn the Importance of Fire Safety



Spencer firefighters, along with fire departments across the country, conduct educational demonstrations among preschool/daycares and schools each year in October. Fire Prevention Week has occurred annually in October since 1922, commemorating the Great Chicago Fire in October 1871.

Iowa's 2025 Fire Safety Awareness Focus is on lithium-ion batteries: proper charging of devices and disposal of batteries.

Members of the Spencer Fire Department shared the importance of having a fire safety plan with Trinity Preschoolers. The youth also got to climb into a firetruck for a close-up look at fire equipment and gear.

TRINITY TIDINGS is published monthly by Trinity Lutheran Church
9th & 11th Avenue West, Spencer, Iowa 51301-0396;

712-262-1287

Pastor Renae Behrends

Email: trinchurch@outlook.com; Website: www.trinitylutheranchurchspencer.com

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER "TIDINGS" - NOVEMBER 20



Let the Vineyards be
fruitful Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the
seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the
bread of Life!