

# Trinity United Methodist

## November 2022

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### I Am Thankful...

A lawn that needs raking  
leaves, windows that need  
cleaning and gutters that  
need fixing because it  
means I have a home

The piles of laundry and  
ironing because it means  
my loved ones are nearby

The alarm that goes off in  
the morning hours because  
it means I am alive

All the complaining I hear  
about our government  
because it means we have  
freedom of speech

Give thanks to God for all  
this and more.

# From the Clothing Pantry:

The generosity the community has shown to help get the clothing pantry back up and running is astounding!!

You may not know that after the Ballard Creek building was sold the new owners let Jeriann know that she had to be out of the building with only two weeks' notice.

Yikes!! there was a lot to do to make that happen! Where to take the current items they had, find a new location, figure out how to pay for rent and utilities at a new location, notify all the people who use the pantry and those who donate, and not once was the thought ever to close it down.

Thankfully the Ballard community stepped up to help! Special thanks to Bruno and Alissa Zugay for their generosity and giving the pantry a new home! Then the work started to get the building switched over from an office to a Clothing pantry. Walls were torn down and new walls went up. kitchen was taken out and shelves and clothing racks were built and donated.

The pantry reopened and things are back to normal in their new location. The address is 602 n Main, Suite 105. Pantry hours are Wednesday 4-6, Saturday 10-12, and Sunday 1-3.

The Clothing Pantry's is hosting a finance class for women on Wednesdays 5:30-8 beginning next Wednesday, Nov 2nd.

The Pantry will be doing thanksgiving meals for families in our district. That sign up ends Nov 5th at the pantry.

This year's Wishing Tree Project to help families with Christmas Gifts will begin on November 16 and end on December 3rd. Ballard parents can come into the clothing and food pantry during open hours and fill out a wish list for their children and community members are asked to come adopt families at those times as well.

For more information contact Jeriann Mclaughlin at 515-291-3543 or deanmac1954@gmail.com





Honor the spiritual life of children—their natural sense of awe, wonder, imagination, and curiosity—and help shape their growing faith with Celebrate Wonder. Leaders will guide children through engaging experiences, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection, giving them a safe space to ask big questions and helping them claim their spiritual identity as children of God.

Questions?  
Contact Tracy Weber  
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Sundays 9:30-10:30  
Preschool - Fifth grade  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
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## Five Kernels of Corn

During the winter of 1620 and 1621 the pilgrims' supplies were so scarce that Governor William Bradford had to ration food. For more than a month only five kernels of corn per day were issued to each person in the colony. Later, people placed five kernels of corn at their table each Thanksgiving Day to remind them of how much they had for which to be grateful. You may want to follow this custom at your Thanksgiving table. Ask each person to think of at least five things of the past year for which to thank God. Then have each person share one of things for which he or she is thankful.

## Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, November 6. The sacrament ministers the grace of God to us. Come Sunday to partake of the sacrament.



## **Worship**

We witness the transforming power of Christ through our regular presence in worship. Invite a friend or a neighbor to come with you to worship.

## **Time Change**

Remember daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 6. Be sure to set your clocks back on hour.

## **Thanksgiving Community Service and Reception**

Sunday, November 20th at 6:30pm in Trinity Methodist, Huxley.

Worship will be at 6:30pm followed by a pie and ice cream fellowship time after the service. Offerings will go to the local food pantries who truly need it especially this year.

## **Lefsa and Kringla**

Nazareth Lutheran Church is making Lefsa and Kringla to sell as a church fundraiser. Prices for kringla will be \$6.00 for half-dozen, \$10 per dozen. Lefsa will be sold for \$10 for 6 lefsa and \$15 for a dozen lefsa. It will be available at the Cambridge Extravaganza Vendor Fair which will be at the City Center on Nov 19th. Call the church at 515-383-4328 or email [nazareth\\_lutheranchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:nazareth_lutheranchurch@yahoo.com) to order.



## Adventure in Prayer

I invite to participate in an experiment for the next thirty days. During this time you may become more aware of God at a depth you have never known before. You may look at other people with new insight and feeling, you may become a new person. The result of this experiment will add meaning to your life, help you know God better, make you at home with yourself.

In short time you may discover that you are growing in your awareness of God's presence during your prayer time, and you will begin to listen more effectively and become sensitive to other persons. Here are some guidelines for your prayer experiment.

### **Morning Prayer**

Be Still. Find a quiet place. Get seated comfortably. Take a few deep breaths. Remind yourself, "I'm here to meet God. No other appointment competes in importance." Read a few verses of the Bible.

Adoration. Think on the greatness of God. How incredible it is that God knows you and desires to have fellowship with you. God is eager to meet you.

Thanksgiving. Name the things that God has given you for which you are grateful: family, friends, health, work, church, fun, food, etc. Picture these precious gifts and thank God for each one.

Dedication. Review the vows you have taken as a spouse, church member and as a Christian. Reaffirm these, focusing intently on this day. Offer your life to God for joyful service today.

Guidance. Foresee God in each task, each relationship, each opportunity, and each member of your family. Ask God for guidance in each aspect of your day.

Intercession. Make a list of names of persons who need a relationship with Jesus Christ. Resolve to pray for them daily. Call their names in God's presence, asking God to fulfill their needs. Picture each person in the transforming presence of God. Write a note to God expressing your concerns and hopes for each person.

Petition. Tell God what you most deeply desire in your life. Trust God to answer your prayers.

Wait. In silence wait to hear what God wishes to say to you. Read a scripture verse and reflect on it. Write it on a slip of paper and carry it with you throughout the day.

### **Evening Prayer**

Review the day. Identify the places God has been at work in your life and give thanks.

Confession. Note your feelings, actions, and choices which have been contrary to God's will in Christ. Be specific. Acknowledge those and accept God's forgiveness.

Commitment. Release yourself to God for the night. Pray that you sleep in the consciousness of God's loving presence.

I pray that you will accept the initiative to journey inward in your relation to God, and then journey outward toward other who journey with you. Using the following questions, keep a record in a journal of your reflections on the experiment. Write down your personal changes in your awareness of God will give you're the confidence to persist.

- Week 1. How have been aware of God this week? What struggles you are having in prayer?
- Week 2. What have been different in your prayer this week? How you are seeking to communicate with God and specific persons in your life?
- Week 3. Do you find yourself praying or thinking of God through the day? What resistance to God do you find in yourself?
- Week 4. What are the most important discoveries you have made in this experiment? In what ways you have been changed during this month? What decision will you make continuing the experiment in prayer?

I pray that God will be revealed to you, guiding you on a new path. May God's providence manifest itself in your life.



## **Golden Angels**

A heartfelt thanks to all who sang with the Golden Angels in October. Come and sing on Sunday, November 20. Golden Angels is a group of people who enjoy praising God through music.

## **Brown Bag Sunday**

There are people who have no means of feeding their families due to adverse circumstances or joblessness. Jesus said, "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Please donate non-perishable food items to help feed the hungry on Sunday.

## **Advent Season**

Advent is a Latin word meaning, "an arrival." For Christians, this season is a time of preparation for the coming of a Christ-centered Christmas, a time of renewal of our commitment to Christ whose birth we celebrate. Advent can and should be as much a time of spiritual renewal as any season of the year. For those who have never allowed Christ to be born anew in their hearts and minds and lives, this season can be opportunity to experience a personal Advent. The season of Advent begins November 27.

## **Meals From the Heartland Event Postponed**

The event has been postponed due to a conflict with other groups wanting to do packaging events. The event will still be held in Huxley Safe room at the 3C's, but it will be either the end of January or in February. More information will be sent as soon as we know more.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

We will again be giving the makings for a Thanksgiving meal for families in need in our community. The meals will include a turkey, potatoes (from Cole's garden), green beans, dinner rolls, and a brownie mix. We are in the process of soliciting donations from Sam's Club, Walmart, HyVee, and Sara Lee. The meals will be delivered to the Clothes Pantry on November 21st.



## Word search

AWAKE BETRAYER DEATH DISCIPLES DRINK FACE  
FATHER FOLLOWERS GETHSEMANE HEAVY HOUR JESUS  
PETER PRAYED SLEEPING SORROWFUL SPIRIT  
WATCH TROUBLED WEAK WILLING ZEBEDEE CUP  
STRENGTH SUFFERING TEMPTATION

## Church Calendar

Attached is the church calendar for November, or you can check out the calendar on our website [www.trinitymethodistinfluxley.org](http://www.trinitymethodistinfluxley.org)