

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2024

From the Pastor

Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Day, across our nation, men, women, and children will sit down together for a Thanksgiving meal. There they will bow their heads and give thanks to God for the many blessings which they have received. There will be allusion to the pilgrims and their dependence on God to get them through that first harsh winter at Plymouth Plantation. Some will attend worship services at which songs of harvest will be sung, though the harvest has long since passed. Underneath it all will be the note of gratitude and thanksgiving.

When Jesus healed the ten lepers. I suspect that he was not surprised by the lack of gratitude on the part of the lepers.

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Upcoming Events

- All Saint's day Nov 1
- Blessings/Thanks Service Nov 10
- Cambridge Extravaganza Nov 23
- Thanksgiving Nov 28
- First Sunday of Advent Dec 1

Thanksgiving Continued

So his question, "Where are the other nine?" The tenth man, who fell at his feet, praising God and thanking Jesus, was different. Somehow he had developed a genuine sense of gratitude.

To be a grateful person one must realize one's need or condition. In the story of the lepers, the lepers knew that they needed help. They cried out, "Have mercy upon us." We cannot be grateful unless we realize that we need God's grace and mercy each day of our lives. We need to think about all the blessings and acknowledge God as the giver, then, we will have an attitude of gratitude. It is only then we begin to develop an inner attitude of gratitude.

Let us rejoice remembering that God's goodness and God's faithfulness are to be celebrated each day of our lives. Let us be thankful to God on Thanksgiving Day and all days of our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving!!! Pastor Dass

I Am Thankful for...

- My shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine...
- A lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home...
- The spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking...
- All the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech...
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- The lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means I can hear...
- 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 that I'm alive...
- Weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive...
- The taxes I pay because it means I'm employed...

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This Thanksgiving, I hope you pause to give God thanks for all of this and more.

Craft and Vendor Fair

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Thanksgiving Baskets

We are again going to be creating Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in the area. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy Parmenter. More information regarding needed donations will be coming.



Hanging of the Greens

The needles of pine and fir trees do not die each season like the leaves of most trees, the ancient saw them as symbols of things that last forever. In Isaiah 9:2,6,9 tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah, so we hang a wreath of evergreens shaped in a circle, which itself has no end, signifying the eternal kingdom of Jesus, the Christ. The day and time to decorate will be announced later.

Poinsettias

We need poinsettia for decorating our sanctuary. If you want to donate a plant in memory or honor of someone, please email the church office. The cost per plant will be \$12.00.

I would like to order _____ poinsettia

at \$12.00 each in memory of _____

Or Recognition of _____

Given by _____

Check Payable: Trinity UMC, Huxley

Poinsettias will be ordered on December 1 so we can guarantee we get all we need.



Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 9:30 AM Communion Sunday Daylight Savings Ends	4	5 6:30 Tae Kwondo class	6	7 6:30 Tae Kwondo class	8	9
10 Worship 9:30 AM Blessing Breakfast Did you Know Sunday	11	12 6:30 Tae Kwondo class	13	14 6:30 Tae Kwondo class	15	16
17 Worship 9:30 AM Noisy Offering Brown Bag Sunday	18	19 6:30 Tae Kwondo class	20	21 6:30 Tae Kwondo class	22	23
24 Worship 9:30 AM Community Soup Supper at 6PM and Blessing Service at 7 PM	25	26 6:30 Tae Kwondo class	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

NOW Committee information

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- Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Fall Craft Show and Vendor Fair October 26th. It was a fun day and great fund raiser for the church.
- Did You Know Sunday – November 10th Recap of all NOW Projects/Events.
- The NOW Committee and Church Council will be hosting our Blessings Breakfast/ First Responder Recognition on Sunday, November 10th. Food sign-up at church, if questions please reach out to Loa, or Jeannie.
- Noisy Offering to Benefit Heifer Project – Sunday, November 17th Goal was met to purchase a pig. Our new Project is “Sending a Girl to School” – Goal \$275.00 This year we have so far supported Heifer International with a Dream Basket, Bee Hive/Earth Basket, and a Pig. Thank you for your support!
- Our Mission Focus in November is the Thanksgiving Baskets Kathy is organizing. Watch for more info regarding her needs.
- Watch for information/needs regarding the Angel Tree project coming late November/early December.
- We plan to do some baskets for folks in December containing fruit, cookies, and other misc personal items they can use. More to come on items needed.
- On-going projects: Pop tab collection for Ronald McDonald House, plastic bag collection for sleeping mats, Teddy Bears/Stuffed Animals for Huxley PD, yarn.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the NOW Committee projects and events. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Worship Services

We are witness to the transforming power of Christ through our regular presence in worship. Invite a friend or a neighbor to come with you to worship services. “God has poured out his love into our hearts.” Romans 5:5

BLC Banqueting Meals

Bethlehem Lutheran in Slater is extending an invitation for folks to join us for their monthly Banqueting Table. These complimentary home cooked meals are available to anyone who wants to attend. Below is a complete listing of the upcoming meals.

Bethlehem Lutheran Banqueting Table Meals 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Meals are served in the fellowship hall (basement) of the Bethlehem Lutheran in Slater. All are welcome to enjoy good food and even better fellowship. Take outs are available too.

Meals are served the FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month and EVERY WEDNESDAY during Lent.

Banqueting Table menus – Fall 2024/Spring 2025

Nov. 6- Thanksgiving dinner, turkey, stuffing, potatoes, green beans, and pumpkin pie

Dec. 4- Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, salad, and Jello poke cake

Jan. 8- Roast, potatoes & gravy, cottage cheese, carrots, rolls, and pie

Feb. 5- Soup cookoff, cold meat slider sandwiches, veggies, dip, and bars.

Mar. 5 (Ash Wednesday) – Mac & Cheese, green beans, veggies, dip and cake

Mar. 12 – Tater tot casserole, lettuce salad, rolls, and cookies

Mar. 19 – Chicken Cordon Blue casserole, Jello salad, rolls & cake

Mar. 26 – Beef & Noodles, green beans, rolls, and bars

Apr. 2 – Spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic toast, and cheesecake dessert

Apr. 9 – Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and cookies

Apr. 17 (Maundy Thursday) – Ham balls, cheesy potatoes, lettuce salad, rolls, and ice cream treats

May 7- Beef Burgers. Jello salad, chips, and bars

Wishing Tree Program

I can't believe it is already time to be talking about Christmas, and Christmas Wishing Tree. The Wishing Tree is for Ballard Children from birth to 18 to fill out their wish for Christmas. Families are to fill out a wish list at Clothing Closet and Food Pantry. Then families take the wish list and buy the items and take them back to the Clothing pantry to be distributed.

More information will be coming about this event.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Community Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday, November 24th at 6:00 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church. There will be a soup supper followed by worship service at 7:00 pm.

Brown Bag Sundays

On the 3rd Sunday of the month, we have Brown Bag Sunday. These items collected go to the clothing pantry to help those in need.

You might be thinking why not get food from the food pantry? Did you know that they are only allowed a certain amount determined by the number of people in the house? They are only allowed to go to the food pantry once a week. The amount of food that they can get at the pantry is not enough to feed them for a week. Also, they may not have food that they can eat. So, the

Ballard clothing Pantry stocks some additional foods.

The shelves at the Clothing pantry have been empty for a while. they are in need of canned or fresh fruits and veggies, cereal, pantry staples and boxed meals. Basically, anything you can think of.

FYI - you don't have to wait for Brown Bag Sunday to Donate to the Clothing Pantry.





Story County Housing Trust

The Story County Housing Trust (SCHT) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is designated by the Iowa Finance Authority as the Local Housing Trust Fund for Story County. The goal of the SCHT is to improve affordable housing in Story County. Website: [Home - Story County Housing Trust \(storycountyht.org\)](http://Home-StoryCountyHousingTrust.org).

Formed in 2017, the SCHT accepts and funds applications from entities that improve affordable housing in Story County. Programs are through local municipalities or Grantees who administer the programs. Locally Trinity United Methodist Church (TUM Hands-Serving Others) covers Story County where SCHT has no local support.

Programs:

First-time Homebuyer Program

The Story County Housing Trust is now offering \$5,000 grants to first-time homebuyers.

OWNER-OCCUPIED REPAIR PROGRAMS (OOR)

Homeowner Story County Housing Trust does not provide direct assistance. SCHT works with organizations and Story count cities to provide funds for owner-occupied repair projects. Income Restricted storycountyht.org.

Rural Septic Systems

Homeowner Story County Story County Environmental Health Septic repair and replacement Low-interest loans through Onsite Wastewater Assistance Program. Income restricted forgivable loans

SHELTER OR RENTAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

TUM Hands- Serving Others is the Grantee
Trinity United Methodist Church, Huxley

We started managing projects as the first Grantee in Story County in 2018. Since then, we have administered > 40 projects throughout Story County. Dollars invested in these areas is well over \$200,000.00

At this time, we have three projects working and two applications in process.

We welcome all inquiries for our programs, please call or email with questions.

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Happy
Thanksgiving!

