

Trinity WMC November Newsletter

Hello, Fall! May your days be filled with the magic of harvest and home

Contents

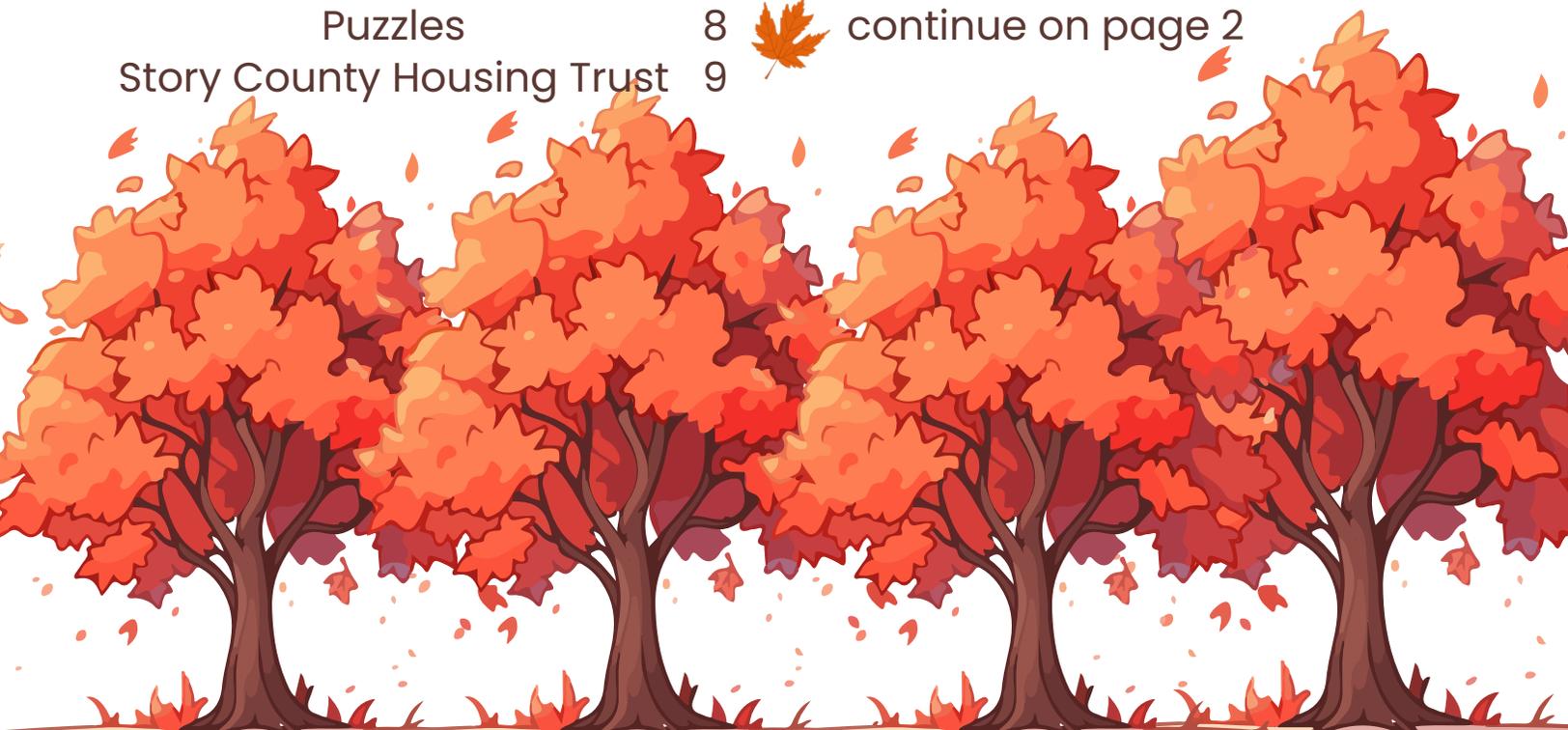
From the Pastor	1
NOW Committee	3
Mission Projects	4
Church Council Notes	5
Five Kernels of Corn	5
Lefsa, Kringla and Krumkaka	6
Daylight Savings Time	6
All Saints' Day	6
Vendor and Craft Fair	7
Street Sign	8
Puzzles	8
Story County Housing Trust	9

From Pastor Bobb

HOW ABOUT 'SAINT BOBB'?

To the Saints at Huxley, grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

We will celebrate All Saints Day November 9th and receive Holy Communion that day as well as I will be in Michigan for a wedding the previous weekend. continue on page 2



 **From the Pastor** continued,

On the 9th we will remember those saints from our church and families who have entered Heaven in the last year.

Most people would never think of themselves as a saint because that is seemingly reserved for the "REALLY GOOD" people. We might think that we are a good person but a saint---that's another whole category in our mind. The Apostle Paul frequently opens the letters that we have in the New Testament with

"to those Sanctified" 1 Corinthians

"all the saints throughout Achaia" 2 Corinthians

"to the saints" Ephesians

"to all the saints" Philippians

"to the "holy and faithful" Colossians

"loved by God and called to be saints" Romans.

Paul is writing to the people of the churches in these towns/cities, and he is offering them instruction and sometimes correction in how to live out their faith in Jesus. These are saints who need encouragement and sometimes rebuke, so what is a saint if it isn't someone who "has it all together" faith-wise?

The American Heritage Dictionary gives several definitions of "saint":

1a. a person officially recognized esp. by canonization as being entitled to public veneration and capable of interceding for people on earth.

1b. a person who has died and gone to heaven

1c. a member of any of a various religious group esp. Latter-Day Saints

2. an extremely virtuous person

Biblically a saint is something else. A saint--even you and me--is someone who believes that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead. A saint is someone who by faith receives forgiveness of sins because of Jesus' redeeming death on the Cross. A saint is someone who, enabled by the Holy Spirit, claims that Jesus Christ is Lord. A saint is someone who, not by their own efforts or goodness, recognizes that they need God each and every day. A saint--even you and me--is someone who puts their whole trust for life now, salvation, and eternal life in God's gracious love.





From the Pastor continued,



People who live wholly dependent upon God--are saints. Do we make mistakes? Yes. Are we even close to perfect? No. Do we sin? Yes. Does God still love us? YES! Being a saint is being honest with our God about everything. It's not about how holy we can be but about how God adopted us into His family through Christ Jesus and how our "sanctification" our "walking in holiness" is dependent upon the Holy Spirit, who by God's grace lives within us.



Our "sainthood" is not about what we do, but about what God has done for, in and through us. He has things for His saints to do and we need to cooperate with Him, but we do not earn our sainthood--we are saints by His grace.



So, claim your "sainthood" and remember it's not about you or your works--it's about your love for the one who has called you into His Kingdom of Light and Life.



I, Bobb, a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, type this with my own computer.



Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only Wise God; be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



NOW Committee Notes



- THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH THE CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR.
- Our Noisy Offering and Brown Bag collections will not be held in November so we can contribute to the Thanksgiving meal boxes being put together. More information to come.
- Our Mission Focus for November will be the Thanksgiving meal boxes. Thank you to all who made up the Personal Dignity Kits.
- Social Dinners will be put on hold until January due to the upcoming holidays. Let us know if there is a place you would suggest.
- November 30th is the next Did You Know Sunday.
- On-going projects: Pop tab collection for Ronald McDonald House, plastic bag collection for sleeping mats, stuffed animals, school supplies, and paper tubes (toilet paper/paper towels) for the Trinity Kids Mission Project. We will continue to collect
- personal hygiene items for the Clothes Pantry.





NOW Committee Notes continued



- Thank you to everyone who has helped bag the cans and bottles. The amount received for September's collection was \$395.00.
 - November 9th, our Annual Thanks Breakfast, please see the sign-up sheet.
 - November 23rd Trinity will host the Community Thanksgiving Service. Soup supper prior to service. Please add to your calendars.
 - November 30th will be our Hanging of the Greens and a soup lunch. Plan to help decorate the church for Christmas after worship service that day.
 - We will plan to help with the Clothes Pantry Mitten Tree Project in December. Mittens and information will be forthcoming after Thanksgiving.
- 
- 
- 

Many thanks to everyone for your continued support of the NOW Committee projects and events. We could not do them without you and we welcome your comments and suggestions!



Mission Projects



Thanksgiving Baskets As in years past we are once again gathering items to make Thanksgiving meal baskets. Kathy Parmenter is in charge of getting the baskets together. If you are interested in helping, or you would like to make a donation of food or funds please contact her.



Mitten Tree The clothing Pantry will have a mitten tree again this year that the church will be participating in. There will be more information coming out with dates and specific items needed for the tree, so watch for that in your bulletins.



We are
Thankful for
YOU!



Happy
Thanksgiving

COUNCIL NOTES

10/9/25 MEETING COUNCIL NOTES FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Trustees are working on keeping our church in good shape. Please check out the new toilets, vent fans, and grab bars in the Fellowship Hall bathrooms.

Also notice memorial projects of LED lights above the kitchen sinks and our new sign by the highway.

November events include the Thanks breakfast, Thanksgiving meal baskets, and the Community Thanksgiving Service. Please volunteer and see the calendar for more opportunities and events.

Pastor has been making a big effort to connect with our community. Maybe you saw him at a football game and Fields of Faith celebration. Confirmation class has started. Communion and All Saints Day will be November 9.

Financial Report:

Year-to-date, we have taken in \$1700 more than we have spent.

Account balances as of 10/9/2025 are: checking--\$4761.23;

Trustees--\$3,431.59; Memorial-- \$18,219.02,

and Heifer project--\$132.96.

Balances change as expenses are paid. Expenses before month's end include Quarterly taxes, building projects, and an apportionment payment are yet to be paid. We have met about 50% of our 2025 apportionments.

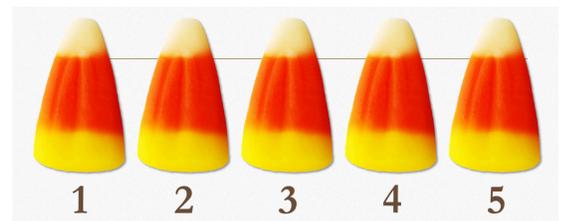
Five Kernels of Corn

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.





Lefsa and Kringla



Nazareth Lutheran Church is making Lefsa, Kringla and Krumkaka to sell as a church fundraiser. Prices for Kringla and Krumkaka will be \$6.00 for half-dozen, \$10 per baker's 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 22nd or it can be delivered. Call the church at 515-383-4328 or email nazareth_lutheranchurch@yahoo.com to order.



Daylight Savings Time

Remember daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 2. Be sure to set your clocks back on hour.



All Saints Sunday

All Saints' Day, celebrated on November 1, honors all saints of the Christian Church, both known and unknown.

It is a day set aside to honor all who have lived righteous and holy lives in accordance with Christian teachings. All Saints' Day is part of a broader tradition that includes All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) on October 31st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd.



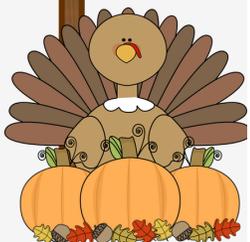
The origin of All Saints' Day can be traced back to the early Christian Church when it was established as a day to remember and celebrate the martyrs and other saints who had died for their faith. Over time, the scope of the holiday expanded to include martyrs and all faithful Christians who had lived pious and virtuous lives. It is a day to recognize the saints' collective witness and express gratitude for their example.

Pastor Bobb will be celebrating All Saints' Day on November 9th since he will be out of town for a wedding on the 2nd. If you have someone you would like to be remembered, please email the church office at huxleytunc@gmail.com by Thursday November 6th.

We will also be celebrating communion on that day. We hope to see you there.



We are
Thankful for
YOU!





Vendor and Craft Fair

October 25th we hosted the Craft and Vendor Fair here at Trinity. It was a great success.



Street Sign

You may remember the Huxley city sign on the corner of the Main and Highway 69. A few years ago, the sign was removed and the Church Council decided we needed to put up a sign for the church. After much discussion and plans and rough drafts the sign has been installed.

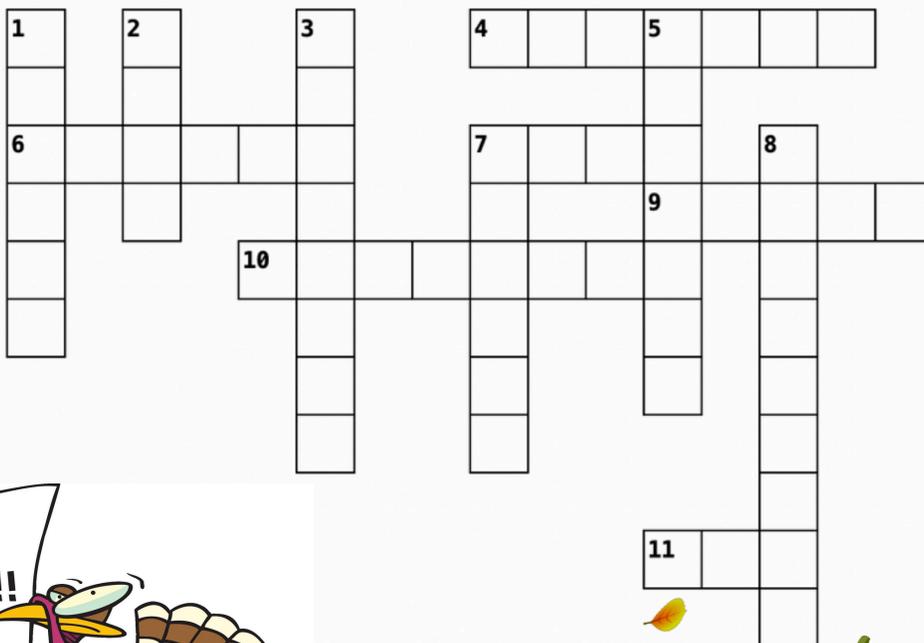
Come by and take a look!



Puzzle



THANKSGIVING CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Down

- 1 A vegetable that can be mashed or baked.
- 2 A yellow plant with edible grain. Another name for it is maize.
- 3 The place where the pilgrims landed.
- 5 A person who goes on a religious journey.
- 7 People you are related too.
- 8 The ship that brought the pilgrims to North America.

Across

- 4 A large orange squash with edible flesh and lots of seeds.
- 6 A bird that is eaten on Thanksgiving.
- 7 The season that includes November.
- 9 A sauce made from the juices of meat used for some Thanksgiving meals.
- 10 The 11th month of the year.
- 11 A baked dish made with dough. Filled with ingredients like apples.



Story County Housing Trust



Story County Housing Trust

Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report

Story County Housing Trust
939 Office Park Rd, Suite 306
West Des Moines, IA 50265

storycountyht.org

Lucas Young, Program Administrator
lyoung@mid-iowaplanning.org
515.304.3524

About the Story County Housing Trust

The Story County Housing Trust (SCHT) is an independent 501(c)(3) organization, designated as a local housing trust fund by the Iowa Finance Authority. Established in 2017, the SCHT's mission is to support opportunities to provide safe and affordable housing in Story County.

The organization is governed by a 12-member board of directors and staffed by the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development (MIPA).

The SCHT partners with a range of community organizations to provide housing assistance to low- and moderate-income households. In Fiscal Year 2025, SCHT awarded funding to support a variety of housing programs and projects implemented by the organizations listed below:

- 🏠 YSS
- 🏠 ACCESS
- 🏠 Home Allies
- 🏠 City of Collins
- 🏠 City of Nevada
- 🏠 City of Roland
- 🏠 The Bridge Home
- 🏠 The Salvation Army
- 🏠 Story County Environmental Health
- 🏠 Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance
- 🏠 Trinity United Methodist – Hands Serving Others

Funds awarded are used to implement affordable housing programs or to develop housing units. All funds are targeted to support households with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). In FY25, this threshold equates to a household of four earning up to \$113,988.

Fiscal Year 2025 Highlights

The Iowa Finance Authority awarded \$343,867 in housing funds in FY25, marking the largest single-year allocation in the SCHT's history. When combined with local contributions, a total of \$439,386 was dedicated to affordable housing initiatives in Story County.

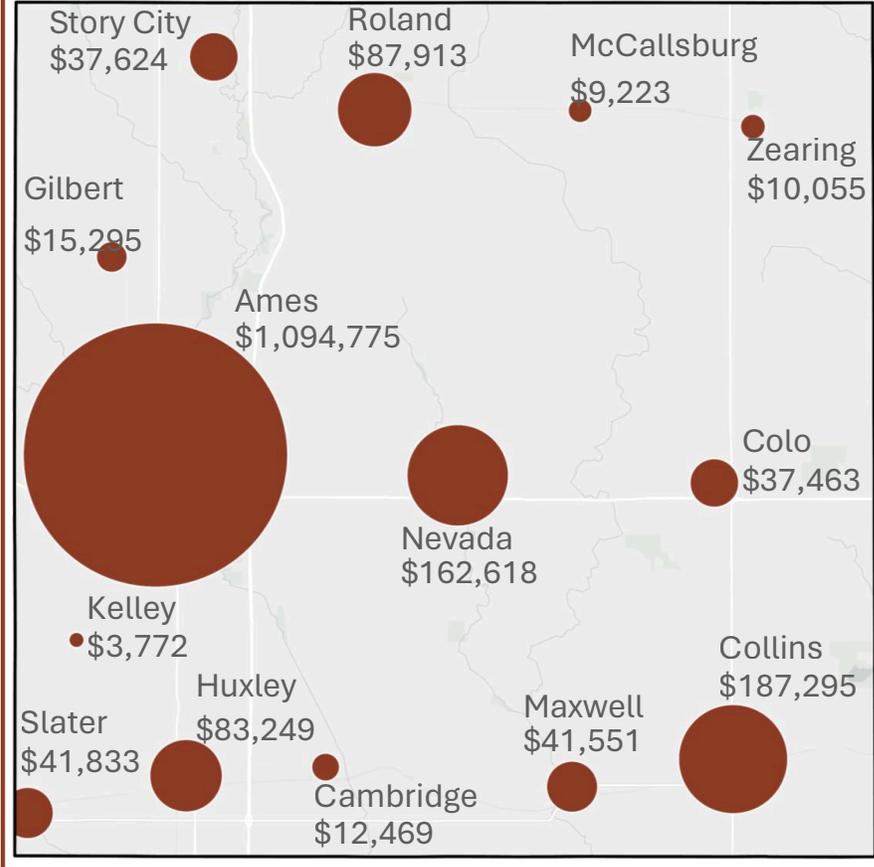
Construction was completed on two new single-family homes located in McCallsburg and Nevada. These homes were made possible through funding from the Story County Board of Supervisors and ARPA. Built by Homes for Iowa in Newton, the Story County Housing Trust (SCHT) added garages and completed site preparations to bring the homes to market.

In FY25, SCHT continued its highly successful First-Time Homebuyer Grant Program. The initiative provides \$5,000 grants to assist with down payments and closing costs for first-time buyers. Originally funded through ARPA, the program was sustained in FY25 with IFA funds, supporting 13 new homeowners in achieving their dream of homeownership.

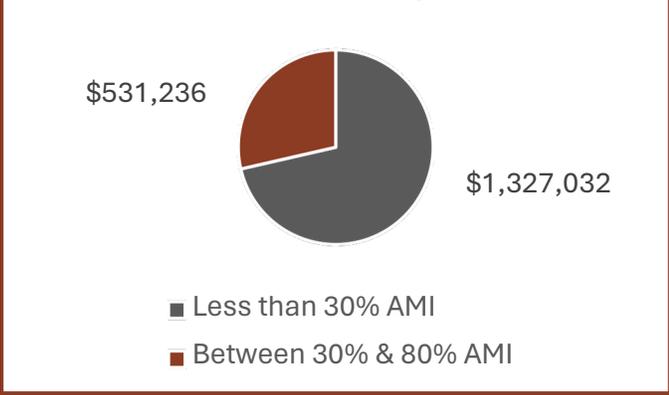


FY18-FY25 Investment in Story County

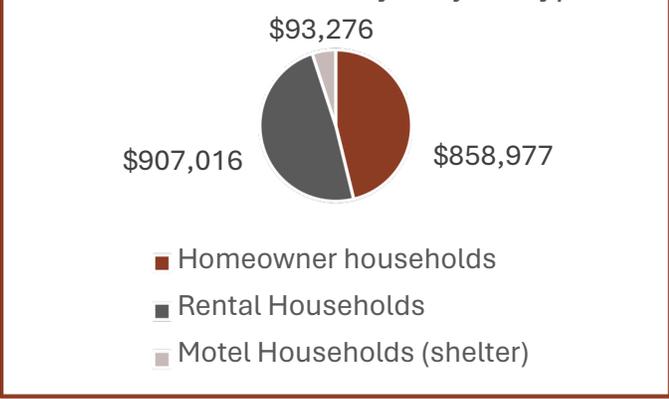
SCHT Investment by City



SCHT Investment by Income



SCHT Investment by Project Type



127 Homeowner Households Assisted	736 Rental Households Assisted	63 Motel Households Assisted	926 Total Households Assisted
--	---------------------------------------	-------------------------------------	--------------------------------------

