



Trinity Times

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Fall Stewardship Campaign

A good practice for all disciples is to pause and reflect on what we are thankful for and how we have responded in gratitude for God's gifts. It is one place to do a spiritual checkup and ask, "Am I as thankful and generous as God wants me to be?" Then listen to God and see how God helps you answer that question for yourself.

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

This year's campaign is a chance to do just that. We have mailed packets to our member households with materials to review and reflect on. We have a worksheet to help you look at things. There is a card to return to the church by Giving Sunday which is November 21st.

One thing that makes this process most meaningful is seeing where you actually are, and then praying about it. A simple question for God is, "Lord, help me to see what you want me to do and empower me to do it." Most of our growing as people happens when we are open to letting God stretch us. Many people have shared stories over the years of the kinds of things that have helped them stretch, risk and grow as followers of Jesus.

Holy Trinity is blessed to have faithful stewards – many of whom have been generous and grown in giving over their lifetimes. We celebrate this and give thanks for all of your faithful generosity that has made ministry through Holy Trinity possible. The year ahead has many exciting possibilities where we can serve as the feet, hands and voice of Jesus for one another, and the neighbors God has given us.

Please pray about your giving and plan to respond by Sunday, November 21st. Thanks for all you do to support Holy Trinity and help it be the special place it is.



Advent Bible Study

Wednesdays on Zoom at 7:00 pm

This year we will be using ELCA's World Hunger's 2021 Advent study guide. This study expands on the Advent readings for this year and includes information about ELCA World Hunger at work in the world, and is perfect for individual study or with a group.

Booklets are available in the narthex. If you need a booklet mailed, please contact Deaconess Andrea.

Advent resource for everyone!

It doesn't have chocolate 😞, however the ELCA World Hunger Advent calendars will be available in the narthex! The calendar has a reminder of the reason for the season with hymn, prayers, Bible verses and info about ELCA world hunger.

Advent begins November 28!

Update

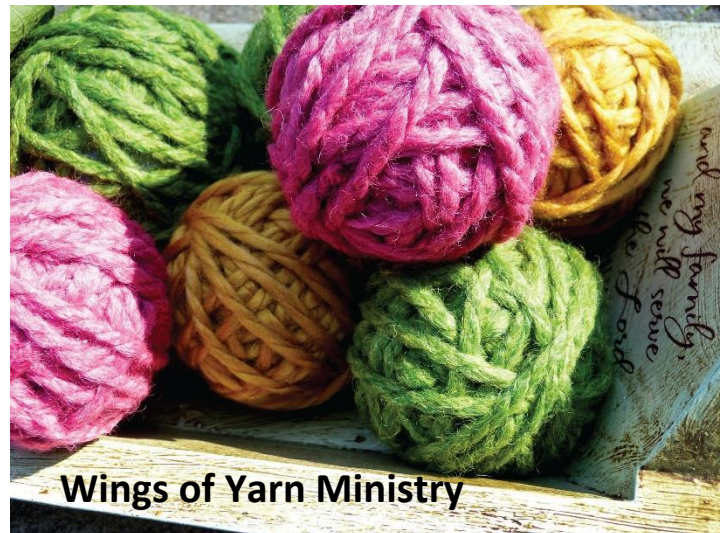
Deaconess Andrea educational & candidacy process...

10 weeks have already come and gone at seminary! 4 weeks left of the semester. It has been an enriching time of learning at Wartburg! Thank you to all for your prayers and for asking me about school! I have a candidacy interview 11/12 and will have more to share with you about the next steps on the Collaborative Learning program!

"For he will give his angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways." – Psalm 91:11

The **Wings of Yarn Ministry** is the umbrella term for all the yarn related items Holy Trinity makes. These include: prayer shawls, mittens, hats, and scarves. This ministry has become a source of comfort to others in need. The goal of this ministry is to create beautiful, useful items for those suffering from illness or loss, those celebrating joyful events and those in need of winter accessories. If you are interested in receiving something for a loved one or friend, or if you would like to join our ministry, please contact us.

There are also prepackaged yarn kits on the coat tree near the narthex.



Wings of Yarn Ministry

Fall & Winter Youth and Children Ministries

Nov 14 Sunday School 10:30 am
Outside games and cocoa at HT 4 – 6 pm

Nov 28 Sunday School 10:30 am

Dec 5 St. Nick after church



Dec 11 Advent Fair 10 am – Noon SATURDAY



What is this? A fun morning for children, youth, and adults to create Advent & Christmas ornaments and other crafts!

Dec 19 Sunday School 10:30 am

Jan 9 Sunday School 10:30 am

Jan 30 Sunday School 10:30 am





As we continue to be in prayer about the mission of Holy Trinity, a reminder about the guiding principles and priorities for ministries. We are on this journey together - grounded in our faith in Christ, building upon the work of generations before us, lifting the gifts that God has given us for the present, and discerning the future together.

Guiding Principles...

- **Growing spiritually** as followers of Jesus
- **Caring for one another** with the love of Christ
- **Giving generously** to do the ministry God calls us to
- **Actively engaging the community** to which God sends us
- **Building relationships** with the neighbors God has given us
- **Serving joyfully** to show God's love to others
- **Inviting and welcoming** new people into our midst

Priorities for future ministries...

1. **Deepen the spiritual lives of people** as disciples of Jesus, with particular attention to the faith formation of adults while also building a stronger base for youth and children.
2. **Build strong connections within the congregation** as a community of faith to support and encourage people within the life of the church.
3. **Strengthen leadership** within the ministry of the church to empower more people to lead and increased engagement in shared ministry.
4. **Develop new relationships** with people in the community and equip people to share faith, invite others and accompany new and more diverse people into the life of the church.
5. **Improve the use of technology** in the work of the church and equip people to use it and participate in ways that expand involvement within the church and with people outside the church as well.

Financial Snapshot

(as of 10/31/2021)

Total Income: \$ 201,133.17

Total Expenses: \$ 172,940.77

Imagine: \$ 16,106.14

Line of Credit: \$ 36,718.22

Leadership & Staff

Bob Langlois	(term expires Jan 2022 - 2 nd term)
Brian Janz	(term expires Jan 2023 - 1 st term)
Candace Grzadziel	(term expires Jan 2022 - 1 st term)
Scott Kolakowski	(term expires Jan 2023 - 2 nd term)
Ursula Digman	(term expires Jan 2022 - 1 st term)
Bruce Cook	(term expires Jan 2022 - 1 st term)
Jackie Kutina	(term expires Jan 2022/2 nd term)

Interim Pastor Dave Daubert
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WELL DONE,
—GOOD—
AND
faithful
SERVANT.

Kathryn "Joyce" Burton passed into life eternal on Friday, Oct. 29, 2021, in her own home, surrounded by her family.

She was born April 25, 1929, in Mount Carroll, the sixth child of Hazel and Earl Neuschwanger.

Joyce graduated with honors from Mount Carroll High School in 1947 where she was voted Class President and Homecoming Queen.

Later that year, she moved to Elgin to work at the Elgin Watch Factory where she met her beloved husband, Howard G. Burton. They were married in 1950 and were blessed with 53 years of marriage until Howard died in 2003.

Along with her husband, Joyce was preceded in death by twin infant daughters, Lori and

Linda; her parents; three brothers, Bill (Christian), Bob and Tom (Earl); two sisters, Virginia Tuite and Jeanne Mader; and many beloved family members and friends.

She is survived by two children, Janice (Claude) Quisenberry of Elgin and John (Kim) Burton of Green Bay, Wis. She was known as "Nanny" to three granddaughters, Connie Quisenberry, Kate (Joe) Cuchiara and Tiffany Burton; five great-grandchildren, Amanda, Julian, Zachary, Neo and Ragnar; and two great-great-granddaughters, Charleigh and Evelyn. She is also survived by one sister, Patricia (Jim) Hartman of Mount Carroll as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Joyce was a long-time member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin where she taught Sunday School for many years. She participated in the Prayer Ministry there right up until the time of her death.

When her children were younger, Joyce was very active in the PTA, serving as a room mother and a Girl Scout Leader. Later in life she was proud to serve as an election judge.

She loved music, reading, gardening, going for walks, watching the birds, picking flowers, gazing at the moon, and especially dancing and playing with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One of her last acts of kindness was rescuing a kitten that had been born in her garage.

Joyce was love personified! She was a loving, selfless daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend. Both her door and her heart were always open, wrapping everyone she knew in a caring embrace. She made the world a better, happier, kinder, brighter, more beautiful place and she will be dearly missed!

There are no plans in place at this time for a memorial service. Donations in her honor may be made to PBS, NPR, the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Elgin Radio Ministry or the charity of your choice.

The Coalition of Elgin Religious Leaders
Invites you to:
Elgin's Annual Community Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 21st at 4:00 PM Central Time

This year's theme is: "Giving Thanks in a Time of Anxiety"



The online event will feature music, readings and more from a variety of faith traditions including Jewish, Buddhist, Christian, Muslim and more. This interfaith event is an annual treat and a valued part of the Elgin Thanksgiving landscape.

Join Zoom Meeting AT 4:00 PM Central Time on November 21st

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7406120911?pwd=and6ZzRUKzFWaWJiMXpmVzVtazlxZz09>

Meeting ID: 740 612 0911

Passcode: 5600048

Audio only at 312-626-6799