



# the Trinity Trumpet

November 2024

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The Parish Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church; Danville, Illinois

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When we hear the word "thanksgiving," we think of November, leafless trees and lifeless fields, first snows and falling temperatures, family gatherings and food-filled tables, conversations and confrontations. In the United States, the fourth Thursday of November has been declared A National Day of Thanksgiving.

But the Church has its own calendar. And while our congregation celebrates A National Day of Thanksgiving, the Church has its own Thanksgiving Days. In fact, almost every Sunday is Thanksgiving Day at Trinity.

Most Sundays our congregation gathers for the Eucharist—what we call the Lord's Supper. Eucharist is the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." Every Eucharist, every Lord's Supper, is a thanksgiving meal.

Just as Jesus gave thanks at the Last Supper which became the first Lord's Supper; so, every time we do what Jesus told us to do; every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper; every time we eat the bread and drink the cup; we give thanks.

It's all over The Services of the Sacrament in our hymnal. Listen for it! The Preface and the Proper Preface of each Divine Service setting begins with these words chanted by the pastor, "Let us **give thanks** to the Lord our God," and "It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places **give thanks** to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God..."

Divine Service, Settings One and Two, have a Prayer of Thanksgiving and provide the option of singing "Thank the Lord" as the Post-Communion Canticle.

Divine Service, Setting Three, includes a Thanksgiving after the distribution that quotes Psalm 136:1, "O **give thanks** unto the

LORD for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever."

The Prayer of Thanksgiving from Divine Service, Setting Four puts these words in our ears, "We **give You thanks** for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ."

All of the Divine Services give the option of praying the Post-Communion Collect that Luther penned for his German Mass, "We **give thanks** to You almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift..."

For the Church, for our congregation, for us as individual believers, giving thanks is not a once-a-year, every-now-and-then thing. It is an every-week, every-Lord's-Day, all-year-long thing. Every Sunday is Thanksgiving Day! Every Lord's Supper is a Thanksgiving meal!

Why? Because, Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Because, His steadfast love never ceases, His mercies never come to an end (Lamentation 3:22). Because, His redemption is a plentiful redemption (Psalm 130:6) and an eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:12).

You may not think you have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day. You're older. You're poorer. Your troubles have increased and your health has declined. Maybe there's an empty chair around the holiday table.

But Jesus, His redemption, His Spirit, His forgiveness, His means of grace, His presence now and His promised return—those are reasons to, as St. Paul writes in 2 Thessalonians 3:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Happy Thanksgiving—this November, all year long, and forevermore!

### **A VOICE FROM THE PAST**

In this prayer penned by Johann Gerhard in 1629, he gets lost in thanksgiving to God for all of His good gifts:

*How generous You are to the whole human race, O God! You once created all things for the use of men. You preserve all things yet today for the sake of men. Whatever You provide for creation, You provide for me, because for my sake You wonderfully formed, established and preserve all these things.*

### **IN THE WORD: BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY**

<b><i>Class</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Date/Time</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>
-Cafeteria Class	Cafeteria	Sundays, 8:30 a.m.	Gospel of Mark
-Thursday Morning Class	Cafeteria	Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.	Book of Romans

### **OFFICIAL ACTS FOR OCTOBER**

Baptisms: Jason Thomas Bowman, 10/6  
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Confirmations: Jason Thomas Bowman, 10/6  
Transfers In: Amy Jones, from Calvary, Indianapolis, 10/3  
Calls: 18 (3 HC) through 10/30

### **BULLETS FROM BOPE (Board of Parish Education)**

- Gladly hearing and learning God's Word includes Sunday school and Bible class for young and old. Join us every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. to hear the Lord's words of eternal life.

### **SCHOOL MUSINGS**

-Thank you to our members who ordered poinsettias for the church and/or their homes. Regardless, they will help us remember and rejoice in our Savior's birth at Christmas.  
-Tuesday, November 5, is the TLS Veterans Chili Supper and Concert. Chili and fixin's will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m., the concert follows. We want to thank our veterans for their service and all that they were willing to sacrifice and have sacrificed for us and for our country.  
-The Trinity Lutheran School children will sing at the 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 27—also Grandparents' Day at TLS. The congregation, as always, is invited to join our students, and their grandparents, for that service.

### **THANKSGIVING SERVICES**

Thanksgiving services will be conducted on Wednesday, November 27, at 10:30 a.m. (including the Trinity Lutheran School students), and at 6:30 p.m. (the same service minus the TLS students). Please spend time over the Thanksgiving holiday in the

Lord's house giving thanks and praise to Him for all that He does only out of fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us.

### THANKSGIVING PLACEMATS

Again this year, placemats for your Thanksgiving table are available at no cost to you. Each placemat contains a reading from the Bible, a hymn stanza, a prayer, and artwork appropriate for the day. The placemats help strike the right note for Thanksgiving and keep the focus where it belongs—on our gracious and giving God. You can pick yours up at one of the sanctuary exits on Sundays, November 10, 17, and 24.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER & QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

You are invited to join your fellow members from Trinity for a Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 24. The meal will be served after the Matins service at around 11:30 a.m. Please sign up on the sheet displayed on the parish hallway bulletin board and indicate if you are bringing a side dish or dessert to share. After the meal, the quarterly voters meeting will be held. In addition to reports, the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 will be discussed and voted upon. Join us for Matins, for the meal, and for the meeting!

### SAVE THE DATES—ADVENT!

While Advent does not begin in November this year, it does begin on Sunday, December 1! Set your mind to attend church throughout the Advent season—not only the Sundays, but the Advent midweek services on Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18 (Trinity Lutheran Children's Service of Lessons & Carols). Wednesday services begin at 6:30 p.m. and are preceded by supper served at 5:00 p.m. Together, this Advent, we will worship Jesus, our Savior, who came, who comes, and who will come again.



**TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT:** The purpose of Trinity Lutheran Church is to proclaim Jesus Christ to our members, our community, our world, and to the next generation.

**THE VALUES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE:** Strong Biblical preaching and teaching; our Lutheran heritage; fellowship in faith and love toward one another; bringing Christ's mercy in Word and deed to the community; and our Lutheran day school.

**TUNE INTO THE RADIO BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY** on WITY, 980 AM or 99.5 FM and listen to The Lutheran Hour at 10:00 a.m. and Trinity's church service at 10:30 a.m. You may also listen to Trinity's service again at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

**WORSHIP ANEW** celebrates the new life all believers have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through weekly Scripture readings, favorite hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. View every program at [www.WorshipAnew.org](http://www.WorshipAnew.org) or tune in Sunday mornings on channel 49 WCIX Springfield at 7:30 a.m., channel 50 CW at 8:00 a.m., or channel 2 WTWO Terre Haute at 8:00 a.m. Eastern time.

**PRAY FOR THESE TRINITY MEMBERS:** Loretta Cunningham; Debra Dale; Nicholas Dale; Craig & Nancy Davidson; Carolyn Dearth; Jeremy Dearth; Ron & Marla Diel; Lindsey Dougherty & children, Lakin, Legend, & Laith; Hannah Dunbar & sons, Oliver & Declan; Janet Eakin; Charles & Joyce Eicken; John & Barbara Eicken; Heather Eller & children, Emilee & Cole; Jonathon Engelmann & sons, Evan & Dyllan; Suzan Engelman; Bill & Phyllis Engle; Bill Ervin & daughters, Alexis, Erin, & Amelia; Kyle Ervin & children, Lillian & Nathan; Paula Everett; Sara Fauser; Lori Flessner & son, Ryan; Todd & Cassie Flessner & children, Makenzie & Ben; Mark & Robin Fluno & children, David & Caitlyn; Linda Ford; Mark & Wendy Ford & children, Lukas, Erik, & Rebecca; Janet Gale; Mark & Brenda Gale; Jayne Galyen

**BETHANY BARKS** By now, most of you have seen the easel in the parish hallway with pictures of some of the many Bethany visits we have made in the last year. The pictures are in celebration of **7 Years of Comfort**. Over those years we have made many friends, not just at just Trinity, or just Danville, or just Vermilion County, but many other locations near and far. Team Bethany looks forward to the future and making new friends and bringing the of peace and comfort that can only come from knowing Jesus as Savior.

**THE DEADLINE** for submissions for the December newsletter is Friday, November 22, 3:30 p.m.

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN NOVEMBER:**

**Altar Guild:** Dona Westfall and Crisi Walls

**Sound Schedule:**

November 3 - Laura Hutchison  
November 10 - Dave Tobeck  
November 17 - Teresa Parish  
November 24 - Chris Kienast

**Usher Captains:**

November 3 - Jerry Jochim  
November 10 - Dave Tobeck/Doug Hubner  
November 17 - Cliff Peak/Terry Mourer  
November 24 - Mike Klepp (Brian Parke)

**Communion Assistants**

November 3 - Brian Park and Cliff Peak  
November 10 - Mark Hamm and Sam Sanders  
November 17 - Mark Gale and Brad Pollert  
November 24 - Matins

**LWML-EUNICE NEWS** (information for ALL women in the congregation)

**ALL LADIES** of the congregation are cordially invited to the November Eunice Society luncheon. Please join us Thursday, November 14, at 12:30 in the cafeteria. Members are reminded to bring a dish to share. Also save the date for the Eunice Society Christmas party Thursday, December 12, at 12:30 in the cafeteria.

The October rummage sale, bake sale and chili supper has come to an end. A hearty "thank you" to our congregation for their help. Your donations filled the gym and numerous bake sale tables. Several people helped accept items, set up, bake, shop, make and sell chili, pray, and clean up. We gave each customer an inspirational Bible verse with an invitation to worship with us. In addition to shopping, our customers donated \$430 to North Carolina Flood victims. Eunice Society added \$570 to the donations to send victims \$1,000. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.

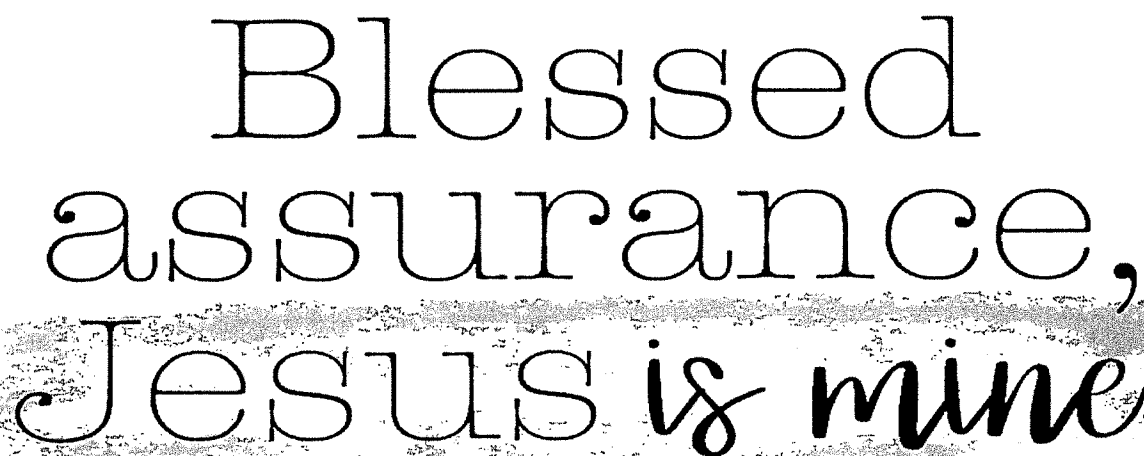
**Mites -**

The November Prayer Calendar is included in this mailing. Mites are collected the first Sunday of each month at either entrance, then sent to LWML-Central Illinois District for distribution to the various mission grants, both for our District LWML as well as for National LWML. For more information, view these websites – [www.lwml-cid.org](http://www.lwml-cid.org) or [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

**EVANGELISM NEWS** The Evangelism committee would like to thank the Eunice Society cashiers for giving rummage sale shoppers an inspirational Bible verse and an invitation to join us in worship. An Evangelism Committee member prayed with a rummage sale shopper who had recently been diagnosed with cancer.

All Evangelism Committee members, two other congregational members, a school parent and two children helped with Danville's trunk or treat event. We gave out 456 goody bags which included Trinity Lutheran School information, an invitation to join us in worship, candy, a cross and a sticker. Supplies were paid for with a Thrivent Action Team. Thank you to all who helped spread God's Word at these events.

**THE TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM** wishes to thank those who donated concession items for our home games. It has been a huge savings. If you haven't offered a donation, you can still help us by checking the display board and detaching and ordering one of the posted items. Cash donations are also welcome if you feel more comfortable giving that way. Thank you again for your kind support.

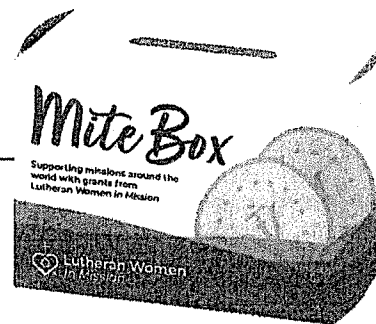


Blessed  
assurance,  
Jesus is mine

# NOVEMBER

*This is a monthly prayer guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. As you lift up the countries and mission grants listed, pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings.*

*Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from Lutheran Women in Mission at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!*



1. For thanksgiving for all the saints who have gone before us.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #26.
3. For the day of activity and the night of rest.
4. For The Sudan, one of the 83 countries supported by an LWML grant.
5. For those in elected offices.
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission Treasurer.
7. For the country of Taiwan.
8. For the LWML Iowa West District.
9. For thanksgiving of God's goodness and love.
10. For the country of Tanzania.
11. For those who have served in the Armed Forces.
12. For the opportunity to give thanks through song.
13. For medical researchers.
14. For church camps.
15. For the country of Thailand.
16. For the LWML Iowa East District.
17. For school students.
18. For the country of Pakistan.
19. For the peace that only God can provide.
20. For teachers and those studying to be teachers.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #27.
22. For those who provide transportation for others.
23. For the country of Togo.
24. For those mourning a loss.
25. For the opportunity to profess God's name.
26. For the country of Turkey.
27. For those who might not have a bountiful Thanksgiving meal.
28. For the blessings given by the Lord.
29. For the North Wisconsin District.
30. For the country of Uganda.

# Trinity Lutheran Church Time and Talent Survey

James 1:17A "Every good and perfect gift is from above."

**Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God, and in turn we are grateful and generous with those gifts. God reveals His perfect love for us most visibly in His Son, Jesus Christ. A Christian steward makes Gods love visible by imitating Jesus.**

Please consider your gifts of time and talent. Check those on the list below and the next page that you might do in returning your praise and thanks to the Lord.

Name	Email	Cell Phone
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## Spiritual Life

- ☐ Worship on Sunday
- ☐ Attend Bible Class on Sunday
- ☐ Attend Bible Study on Thursday
- ☐ Attend Sunday School
- ☐ Read Portals of Prayer devotion daily
- ☐ Participate in a prayer group

## Sunday Morning

- ☐ Serve on the altar guild
- ☐ Sing in the choir
- ☐ Play the chimes or handbells
- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Greeter
- ☐ Communion Assistant
- ☐ Acolyte
- ☐ Usherette
- ☐ Count money
- ☐ Donate to coffee hour
- ☐ Caretake Bibles and hymnals after Bible Class
- ☐ Operate Sound system during worship
- ☐ Upload worship service onto website

## Human Care

- ☐ Blood Donor A+ A- O+ O- B+ B- AB+ AB-
- ☐ Transport members to medical providers
- ☐ Create care packages
- ☐ Visit a shut in or nursing home resident
- ☐ Prepare meals for those in crisis
- ☐ Prepare foods for funeral luncheon
- ☐ Rake yards for those in need
- ☐ Mow the lawn for those in need
- ☐ Coordinate food pantry donations
- ☐ House cleaning
- ☐ Military care coordinator
- ☐ College care coordinator

☐ Reach out to inactive members

## Christian Education

- ☐ Sunday School teacher
- ☐ Bible class assistant
- ☐ Vacation Bible School
- ☐ Youth teacher
- ☐ Church librarian

## Trinity Lutheran School

- ☐ Classroom aide as teacher directed
- ☐ One on one student aide
- ☐ Collect and bag up recycled paper
- ☐ Transport recycled paper to Illini Recycle
- ☐ Read aloud to a classroom of students
- ☐ Participate in Grandparents' Day
- ☐ Serve as a surrogate grandparent to a student
- ☐ Serve as a reading buddy to a student
- ☐ Sort books and manage school library
- ☐ Run off copies for a teacher
- ☐ Troubleshoot technology breakdowns
- ☐ Field trip driver
- ☐ Photograph school events
- ☐ Assist with school yearbook
- ☐ Upload photos to school website
- ☐ Upload photos to facebook page

## Office Help

- ☐ Stuff church mailboxes
- ☐ Help assemble newsletters
- ☐ Make copies
- ☐ Manage and lay out offering envelopes
- ☐ Answer the phone

More on the backside →

### Maintenance

- ☐ Clean the church sanctuary
  - ☐ Straighten pew hymnals for worship
  - ☐ Keep attendance pad filled with sheets
  - ☐ Make minor electrical repairs
  - ☐ Make minor plumbing repairs
  - ☐ Landscaping, trimming, planting
  - ☐ Playground upkeep
  - ☐ Apply mulch to playground
  - ☐ Touch up paint
  - ☐ Maintain storage areas
  - ☐ Mow church lawn
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### Committees and Boards

- ☐ Serve on the School Board
  - ☐ Serve on the Board of Parish Education
  - ☐ Serve on the Board of Fellowship
  - ☐ Serve on the Board of Evangelism
  - ☐ Serve on the Board of Stewardship
  - ☐ Serve on the Board of Elders
  - ☐ Serve on the Board of Trustees
  - ☐ Serve on security committee
  - ☐ Serve as Treasurer of the congregation
  - ☐ Serve as President of the congregation
  - ☐ Attend Eunice Society
  - ☐ Attend Men's morning breakfast and devotion
  - ☐ Organize or participate in a Fellowship Club
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### Special Services

- ☐ Serve at the Patriot Day breakfast
  - ☐ Manage and update tract racks
  - ☐ Sponsor an advent or lent supper
  - ☐ Hang the banners in sanctuary
  - ☐ Create posters or signs
  - ☐ Create or update bulletin board
  - ☐ Decorate for Christmas
  - ☐ Knit or crochet
  - ☐ Comfort Dog ministry
  - ☐ Sew
  - ☐ Kitchen help
  - ☐ Scheduler for usherettes and acolytes
  - ☐ Serve as mentor for new members
  - ☐ Transport elderly or those in need to worship
  - ☐ Memorial organizer
  - ☐ Archivist
  - ☐ Assist with Rummage sales
  - ☐ Make desserts or baked items for rummage sale
  - ☐ Maintain cemetery
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### Athletics

- ☐ Serve on the athletic committee
- ☐ Coach volleyball
- ☐ Assist coach volleyball
- ☐ Coach basketball
- ☐ Assist coach basketball
- ☐ Serve as scorekeeper

- ☐ Run the scoreboard
  - ☐ Coach cheerleading
  - ☐ Assist coach cheerleading
  - ☐ Coach or assist archery
  - ☐ Coach or assist with chess
  - ☐ Help with Trinity Field Day
  - ☐ Collect money at the gate
  - ☐ Serve at the concession stand
  - ☐ Monitor parish entrance for security need
  - ☐ Monitor gym proper for security need
  - ☐ Clean up after athletic events
  - ☐ Manage the popcorn popper
  - ☐ Deliver and pick up pizzas at sporting event
  - ☐ Dust mop gym floor at tournaments
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### Professional Services

*Consider your vocation and its potential service to others*

- ☐ Social worker
  - ☐ Web designer
  - ☐ Bookkeeper
  - ☐ Nurse
  - ☐ Medical provider
  - ☐ Legal counselor
  - ☐ Tax preparation or advisor
  - ☐ Teacher
  - ☐ Counselor
  - ☐ Carpenter
  - ☐ Plumber
  - ☐ Electrician
  - ☐ Mechanic
  - ☐ Technology
  - ☐ Hair dresser
  - ☐ General handyman(woman)
  - ☐ Sign language
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### Hobbies

*Consider your hobbies and its potential service to others*

- ☐ Photography
  - ☐ Arts and crafts
  - ☐ Woodworking
  - ☐ Electronics
  - ☐ Cooking
  - ☐ Hiking
  - ☐ Fishing
  - ☐ Camping
  - ☐ Day trips
  - ☐ Golf
  - ☐ Reading
  - ☐ Athletics
  - ☐ Yoga
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# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>Pentecost 24</i> 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE 11:00 Jr Confirmation	4	5 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 5:00 TLS Veteran's Day Chili Supper & Program	6 8:30 Chapel 6:30 DIVINE SERVICE	7 9:30 Bible Class 5:15 Yoga	8	9
10 <i>Pentecost 25</i> 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE 11:00 Jr Confirmation	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> TLS No School	12 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 6:00 Choir 6:15 Adult Instruction	13 8:30 Chapel 4:45 Evangelism Board 6:00 Stewardship Board	14 9:30 Bible Class 12:30 Eunice 5:15 Yoga 6:00 Elders	15	16
17 <i>Pentecost 26</i> 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE 11:00 Jr Confirmation	18	19 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 5:00 TLS Board 6:00 Choir	20 8:30 Chapel 6:00 Council	21 9:30 Bible Class 4:30 BOPE 5:15 Yoga	22	23
24 <i>Pentecost 27</i> 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 MATINS 11:00 Thanksgiving Dinner/Voters' meeting	25	26 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 6:00 Choir	27 TLS Grandparents Day 10:30 Thanksgiving Service 12:00 TLS Dismissal 6:30 Thanksgiving Service	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> TLS No School	29 TLS No School	30