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Giving Thanks for All of It

The month of November is the season of Thanksgiving. But giving thanks is so much more than a day sharing turkey and pumpkin pie with family and friends. We can “set the *spiritual table*” for Thanksgiving by reflecting on God’s generosity.



It’s an occasion to give thanks for all of God’s gifts in the creation, fertile soil producing the bounty of the fields, clean water and clear air. I have been admiring the trees that turn such beautiful colors in this season. As I am driving, every time I see the brilliant red of the trees I give thanks to God for the “wow.” One thing that makes it so precious is the knowledge that it is time-limited. If the trees were bright red all year, we would not appreciate them so deeply.

I give thanks for music as a way to connect with God. We can give thanks for the years of faithful work of so many in making possible the new pipe organ, and for all the gifted musicians in the congregation who contribute to making this a strength of your life together.

One favorite hymn of mine, *For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)* reminds me to give thanks for meaningful work that cares for our neighbors and provides for our families, because this is *God’s* work of caring for us and for the earth. But I particularly appreciate the last part of the final verse:

*For the wonders that astound us
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

God works through human creativity and the wonder of learning new things; this verse reminds us to thank God for the “wow” of the “wonders that astound us.” But it also encourages us to thank God, and look for God’s help, in the process of continuing to contemplate “the truths that still confound us.” In all of it, God can be at work through us, each one in our own way.

The last line is the best, because it celebrates the grace of love that finds us, God’s love that we encounter through the faithful people around us. So, the month of November starts with remembering and giving thanks for “All the Saints” who have sustained us, inspired us, taught us, cared for us. Gifts in memory of those Saints have underwritten a significant part of the cost of the new organ.

I give thanks for all the faithful saints who share their time and many talents. A special “thank you for serving” goes out to those are completing their Council terms: Adam Pomfret and John Neuenschwander. To those who will be elected to the Council, thanks for your willingness to serve. For all of it, thanks be to God.



Why **CHANGE?** **OR** Change... **WHY?**



If you look closely at the picture you will see that **our** communion set lid is engraved "**Unity Lutheran Church**".

When I first started helping with communion clean up—I wondered why the name wasn't Trinity? When I asked, I was told Unity was the original name of our community of faith. The underside of the lid is engraved: "**Presented by Mrs. Laughner's Sunday School Class 9-16-24**". So...our communion set is over 99 years old!

Just as the **name** of our community has changed, so our important mission and guiding principles have been revised several times over the years. These statements direct and inspire us as we live out the Gospel.

Most of our elected and appointed church leaders gathered at the church on Saturday **September 9th**. Our Church Council and E-connect team members were guided by Pastor Nancy Nyland, Indiana Kentucky ELCA Synod Director for Evangelical Mission. Our purpose was to craft new guiding statements by reflecting on our neighbors, the needs around us and the assets God has given.

Beginning with Bible study and prayer, we worked in small groups first, then through several versions in group discussion to final consensus.

It is with gratitude for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we present the **new Trinity Lutheran Church Purpose** statement:

Growing in grace, sharing Christ's love!

Our **Guiding Principles** are:

Rooted in the Grace of Christ

Listen, trust, and move with the Holy Spirit

Generously share God's gifts

Love our neighbors

Accept and welcome all

Please prayerfully consider what **your part** will be to implement this framework for Trinity Lutheran Church ministries locally and globally!



THANK YOU TO THE OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Recording/sound engineers: Adam & Jody Pomfret;
Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller.
Lay assistants: Sue Gosse, Gordon Afdahl, Carol Hawn, Tom Weir, Gayle Bland
Ushers: Tina Teeters, Adam Pomfret, Pete & Donna Gustafson, Gordon & Linda Afdahl, Maranda Schoffstall, Marvin & Barb Mericle
Altar Care: Suzi Bloomer, Jody Pomfret, Denise Taylor, Donna Gustafson
Communion Bread: Jody Pomfret, Donna Gustafson, Carol Hawn, Sandy Teeters, Denise Taylor

REMINDER! Please check the church calendar in the office before scheduling an activity at the church. Thanks for your help!

Please Note:

Council Items Due - Thu. 11/2 @ 9:30a
Finance Meeting - Sun. 11/5 before service
Special Council Meeting - Mon. 11/6 @ 7p
Council Meeting - Thu. 11/9 @ 7p
Congregational Meeting - Sun. 11/12 after service
Newsletter Items Due - Mon. 11/20 @ 9:30a



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 11/3 Isadora Rodenberger | 11/17 Tom Weir | 12/4 Kayla Goldsworthy | 12/12 Molly Essig |
| 11/5 Donna Glazier | 11/22 Linda Afdahl | 12/5 Ben Stallings | 12/18 James Pendergast Jr |
| 11/13 Mia Speer | 11/26 Michele Goldsworthy | 12/7 Jackie Mathis | 12/21 Andrew Eichmiller |
| 11/15 Greg Essig | 11/27 Susie Newhouse | 12/7 Erica Yeagley | 12/25 John Butler |
| 11/16 Polly Sumansky | 11/29 Joe Kuzmission | 12/7 Lily Yeagley | 12/29 Sherry Tacker |
| | | 12/11 Gary Erickson | 12/30 Gabriella Greene |
| | | 12/11 Karol Martindale | 12/30 Theresa Spallone |

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/6 John & Pat McIntyre
11/14 Bill & Jane Strecker
11/20 Joe & Beth Faust
11/28 Tom & Kathy Weir



- 12/5 Donald & Theresa Spallone 12/31 Rev Dana & Susie Newhouse
12/28 Gordon & Linda Afdahl

VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER



Counters for November: Ray & Suzi Bloomer

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Lay Assistant</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
11/5/23	John Neuenschwander	Ray & Suzi Bloomer	Jody Pomfret (set up/clean up) Sandy Teeters (bread)
11/12/23	Eli Moffett	Marvin & Barb Mericle	Denise Taylor (set up/clean up) Denise Taylor (bread)
11/19/23	Sue Gosse	Tina Teeters & Aiden Pomfret	Suzi Bloomer (set up/clean up) Barb Mericle (bread)
11/26/23	Linda Afdahl	Pete & Donna Gustafson	Jody Pomfret (set up/clean up) Carol Hawn (bread)



Thank you to the many donors in our congregation for your pledged generosity and the memorial contributions that have made the new organ possible. Your patience during the sanctuary updates and delays in the organ building process has been greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Larry Hawn for making the little crosses and plaque (made from the old organ); Linda Afdahl for the beautiful poem and the bookmarks; Marvin Mericle for the new large cross; to the demolition crew that dismantled the old organ; Sara for her efforts in mastering the new organ so quickly for the dedication; John McIntyre for his musical compositions; and Suzi Bloomer and Jenna McFarland for

creating the dedication brochure. Many thanks to the organ committee members, Gordon Afdahl, Sara Johnson, John McIntyre, and Sandra Teeters for their time and dedication to the organ project. Sincere appreciation to Michael Rathke, the organ builder for his skill in creating the Opus 13 organ for Trinity.

Gratitude and Blessings to all!

Did you know?

An "RMD" is a *Required Minimum Distribution* from your Traditional IRA. RMD is required beginning with tax year after you become 72 years old. RMDs remitted *directly* to a Qualified Charity (such as Trinity Lutheran Church), are *not included* in your taxable income. Consequently, the income taxes you pay are less.

RMDs sent by the IRA administrator directly to a charity are "Qualified Charitable Distributions" (QCDs) and are not included in your taxable income subject to Federal or state income tax. QCDs are not deductible as an itemized deduction.

If you are required to have Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA accounts, speak to your Financial Advisor about QCDs. After consulting with your financial advisor, let your IRA custodian know you wish to make a QCD. Be sure to provide them with the information they request. Do not ask the IRA custodian to send the QCD to you. They must send the QCD directly to the charity.



Taxes from RMDs



QUILTING

The quilting group will meet on Saturday, November 11th in the Fellowship Hall.



Bring a pair of scissors and be ready to tie knots!

FIRST FRIDAY CARDS:

You missed a great time at cards on the first Friday of October. No spooky things, we didn't have a costume contest, and we didn't eat pumpkin stuff (although that might have been tasty). Instead we played the friendly game. Some did well, some didn't, just like any other game. We had good food but not nearly enough chocolate, but when have you attended a Lutheran event where you had bad food? Sometimes the dealer dealt the correct amount of cards and sometimes the players had the correct amount of cards. Someone won. Maybe it was the scorekeeper, maybe not. We got frustrated, we pounded the table, we shook our heads, we laughed, we talked (sometimes when we needed to be quiet) and we had a really good evening. Join us on November 3 at 6PM for the next opportunity to play the friendly game. Maybe you will do one or more of the above! You will have a good time.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Cackleberries on Tuesday 11/14 & 11/28 @ 8:30am.



TRINITY WOMEN:

Trinity Women will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 8 at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. Carol Hawn will be the hostess and Kenna Hittle will present the Bible Study from Matthew 13.

TRINITY RINGERS

continue rehearsals on Wednesday at 5:15 pm. Bring your rested and relaxed hands and wrists, your sharp eyes, and be ready to laugh and play some music.



Questions, see Suzi Bloomer (812-877-4273).

BE PRAYING FOR...

Joyce Bailey
Jamie Felling
Mark Fouts
Brenda Hamand
P. K. Johnson
Don Johnson



Larry Johnson
Cheryl Johnson
Janie McCracken
John McIntyre
Amber McNamara
Sherry Tacker



Congregational Meeting

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 12th following the worship service. Please join us!

Ruth Circle is gathering on Wed, 11/15 at 10am in the library.



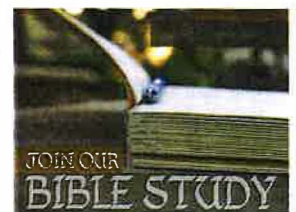
TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 11:30-12:30 COME AS YOU ARE!

Topical Bible study using the book, *102 Fascinating Bible Studies*, written by a Baptist pastor, Preston A. Taylor. The unusual thing about this study is that each of the 102 chapters stand alone. There are 102 topics arranged in alphabetical order. Each chapter contains ten Bible passages with questions related to the topic.

We read the Bible passages and discuss the questions. We usually spend two meetings on each chapter. Talk to Johnny Neuenschwander who sets up the Zoom meetings. He will send you a link and reminder. Everyone is welcome to participate.

If viewing the pdf while you are online, you can click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9142075889?pwd=VkU5R3BydFMzMzZ0ZzgyS3kvdjFzdz09>





FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

We extend our gratitude to those who have helped to provide music for our 10 am worship services in October. The Trinity Choir provided offertory music on October 1st, 15th and 29th; the Trinity Ringers provided prelude and offertory music on October 8th; and Elizabeth Eichmiller graced us with a beautiful solo on the 22nd. Elizabeth also shared her guitar playing skills as she helped lead the Hymn of the Day.

We also thank our corps of cantors: Charles Parks, Patricia McIntyre, John McIntyre, Bill Strecker, Elizabeth Eichmiller, and John Neuenschwander for their faithful service throughout the year.

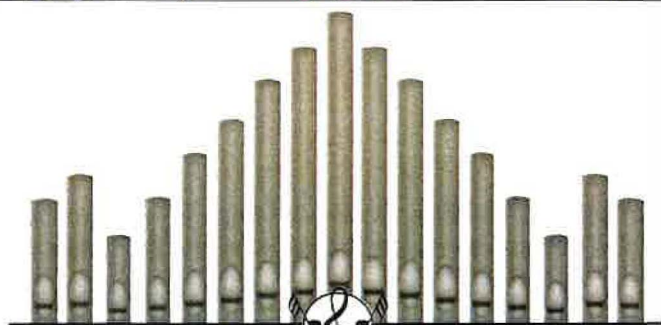
A big round of applause for Jenna McFarland, our Parish Administrator. She has settled quickly into her new position. Thanks for providing all our printed and online worship materials, keeping us informed of our schedule of activities and performing many unseen but necessary tasks. It is great to have you on the Trinity Staff.

And last, but certainly not least, our gratitude is extended to Pastor Karen for her leadership of our worship on Sunday mornings, her guidance of our congregation, her meaningful messages and her pastoral care. We are blessed to have her leadership of Trinity.

Trinity is blessed to have all of you sharing your talents in service to Christ during our worship services. Thank you all!

THE ONE WHO SINGS PRAYS TWICE! JOIN THE CHOIR!

It is said that the one who sings prays twice. There is no better way to accomplish that than to join the choir. New voices are always welcome. We will soon be working on Advent and Christmas music and that is always a joyful time to sing. We rehearse on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm**. If you have any questions please speak with our music director Sara Johnson or any choir member. You can speak with Sara following worship on Sunday mornings, reach her by phone at (812)360-0897 or email at sarajohnson72@yahoo.com. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**



ORGAN DEDICATION

Sunday, November 5th

Music begins at 9:45am - please come early!

SPECIAL music and
Celebration!

Bottle Cap Collection

We are collecting bottle caps for Reach Services in Terre Haute. Info on what is accepted is located in the Narthex. We look forward to collecting caps and lids & building more benches! For more information, contact Elizabeth Eichmiller @ 812-698-3365 or ebrochin95gmail.com

Pastor's Discretionary Fund assists with individuals in need of assistance, primarily utility needs by working with the Salvation Army. Any help replenishing this fund is greatly appreciated. *Mark your offering envelope.*

Calling all adults! Come join in on
 Adult Sunday School held
 every Sunday
 before service at 9am!



2023 PENNY POWER OFFERING

On the last Sunday of each month, our pennies are donated to Lutheran World Hunger in order to buy milk for children in a developing country.

January	71.68
February	36.45
March	55.93
April	71.20
May	41.23
June	89.26
July	60.30
August	66.43
September	30.04
October	62.32
November	
December	



2023 Total: \$584.84

Equals 58,484 cups of milk for needy children!!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Operating Budget Summary at September 30, 2023



	2023			2022		
	Actual	% of Budget	Budget	YTD Actual	% of Budget	Year End Actual
Giving/revenues received for budget	\$111,135.93	77.8%	\$ 142,869.00	\$105,327.98	76.0%	\$ 138,622.11
Expenses for budgeted items	\$114,077.03	70.5%	\$ 161,824.00	\$105,184.00	74.6%	\$ 140,952.90
Revenues over/(under) expenses	<u>(\$2,941.10)</u>		<u>\$ (18,955.00)</u>	<u>\$143.98</u>		<u>(\$2,330.79)</u>

At September 30, 2023, unified giving and other revenues were \$5,807.95 higher than the previous year, and were \$3,984.18 higher than budget for the year. Expenses were \$7,290.97 lower than budget for the year, but much higher than the previous year. Year to date expenses exceeded revenues by \$2,941.10. Please note there is a budgeted deficit of \$18,955 for the whole year.



Trinity Lutheran Church, 2620 Ohio Blvd.

Invites YOU to a special All Saints Sunday service

November 5!

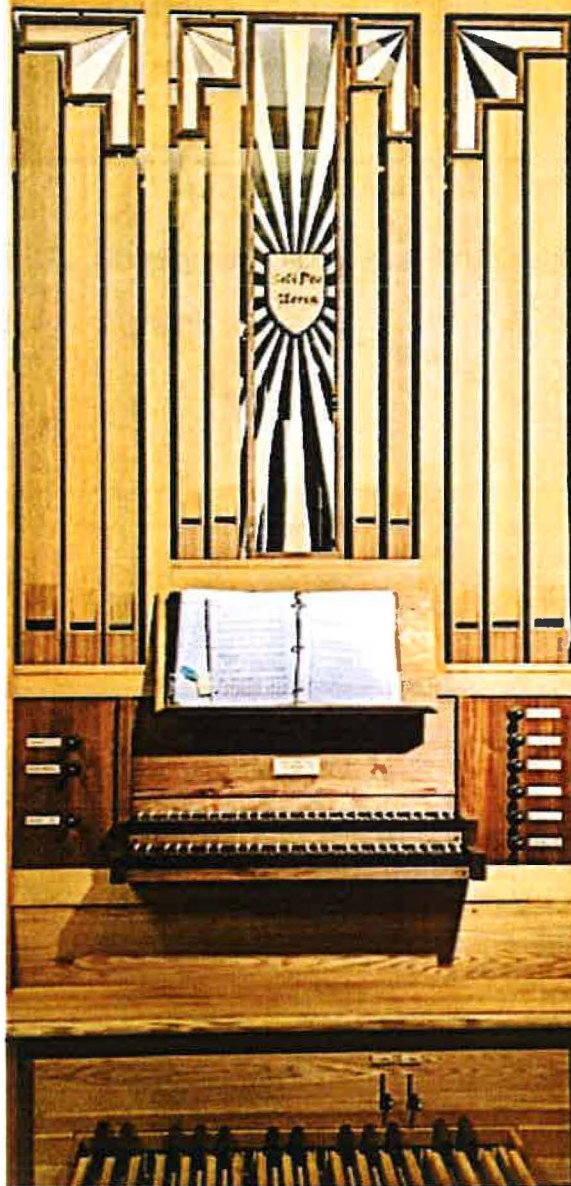
Service begins at 9:45 AM Eastern Standard Time (Fall Back Sunday)

Our new pipe organ will be dedicated.

*Special music by church organist and music director Sara Johnson
featuring cellist Lori Honer and the Trinity Choir!*

Cake reception after the service.

Call the church if questions 812 232 7628



Join us for
our organ
dedication!



Sunday
November 5
9:45 AM EST



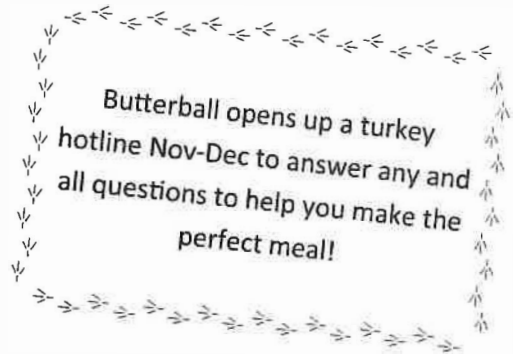
Parking
available in the
Meadows Center
lot if needed



Thanksgiving Fun Facts!!



GIVE THANKS



Do you enjoy the occasional frozen dinner? You can thank Thanksgiving for that! In 1953 during the holiday, a Swanson employee accidentally ordered 260 tons of turkey! So it would not go to waste, the solution was simple - introduce the world to frozen dinners!

The first NFL football game played on Thanksgiving was in 1934. It was between the Detroit Lions and the Chicago Bears. The Lions have played in every Thanksgiving Day game since then, other than during WWII. The Dallas Cowboys joined the tradition in 1966 and have played yearly since.

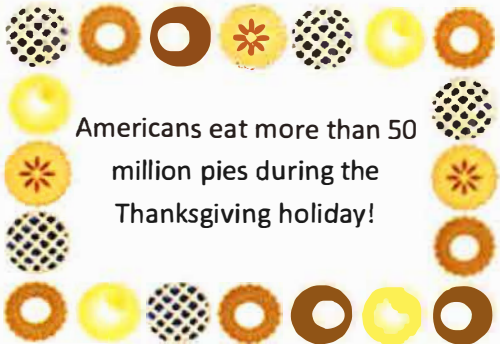


Thanksgiving is the biggest travel day of the year!

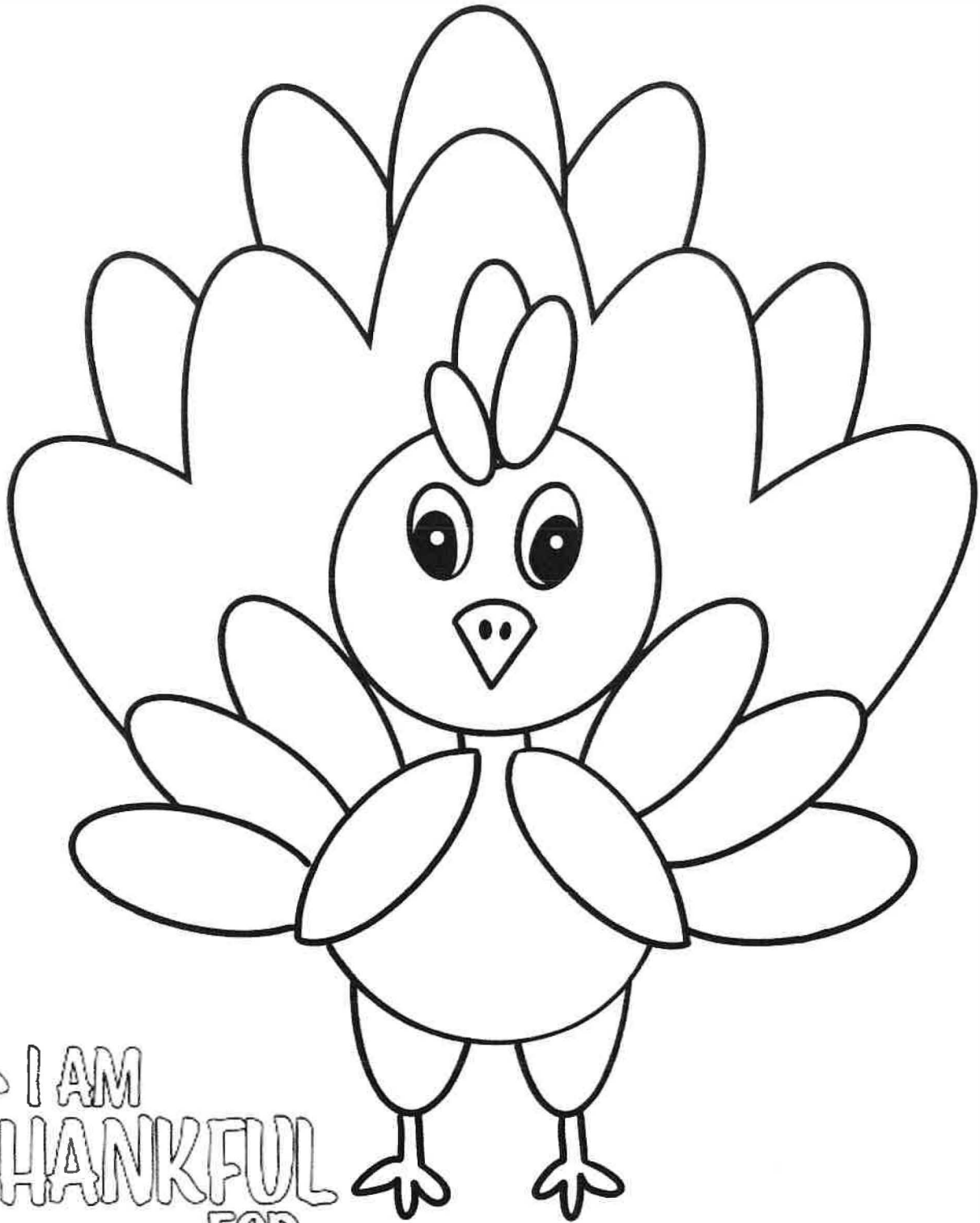


The day after Thanksgiving, or "Black Friday", is the busiest day of the year for plumbers!

Sarah Hale is most widely known as the author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb", but she is also the "Mother of Thanksgiving"! She spent 36 years campaigning for a national day of thanks before Abraham Lincoln declared it a holiday. Thanks, Sarah!!



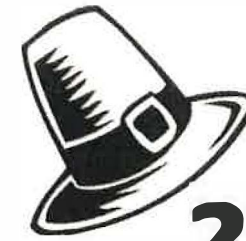
Americans eat more than 50 million pies during the Thanksgiving holiday!







I AM
THANKFUL
FOR...



HELLO november



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:15p Handbells 6:30p Choir	2 9:30a Council Items Due	3  6p First Friday Cards	4
5 9a Sunday School Finance Meeting 9:45a Organ Dedication 10a Worship <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	6 7:00p Special Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7 11:30a Zoom Bible Study 7p Growing Young Committee <i>Jenna 8:30-12:30</i>	8 5:15p Handbells 6:30p Choir 7p Trinity Women	9 7:00p Council Meeting (Online)	10	11 9a Quilting <i>Veteran's Day</i>
12 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Congregation Meeting	13 	14 8:30a Men's Breakfast 11:30a Zoom Bible Study	15 10a Ruth Circle 5:15p Handbells 6:30p Choir	16	17	18
19 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	20 9:30a Newsletter Items Due	21 11:30a Zoom Bible Study	22 5:15p Handbells 6:30p Choir	23  Office Closed	24	25
26 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	27	28 8:30a Men's Breakfast 11:30a Zoom Bible Study	29 5:15p Handbells 6:30p Choir	30	IMPORTANT NUMBERS Pastor: Karen Husby: 812-230-2628 President: Andrew Eichmiller: 812-797-2720 Vice President: Adam Pomfret: 812-236-0886 Financial Secretary: Greg Essig: 812-514-8055 Treasurer: Gordy Afdahl: 812-877-0903 Organist/Music Director: Sara Johnson: 812-360-0897 Administrative Assistant: Jenna McFarland: 812-240-3970	



MISSION STATEMENT:

Believing in Christ, we
GATHER, GROW and GO
with the good news of
His love, compassion and forgiveness.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

Phone: 812-232-7628

Pastor Husby: 812-230-2628

TLC email: Trinity2620@live.com

TLC website: <https://trinityterrehaute.org>

Office Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 9:30a-1:30p

Sunday Services

10a IN-PERSON &
ONLINE SERVICE



[https://www.youtube.com/
@trinitylutheranchurchterre4439](https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranchurchterre4439)

TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming family of believers in the triune God; we believe we are called to live out our faith by serving others and making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Accompanying Guiding Principles

- We are committed to a triune God who governs our lives: God the Father, Jesus Christ—his Son our Lord, and the Holy Spirit.
- We acknowledge our spiritual weaknesses and accept our forgiveness as sinners redeemed by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection; it is by God's grace that we are saved.
- We praise God, pray for his help in our lives and seek a strong sustaining relationship with Him.
- We pursue the expression of Jesus Christ's teaching in our lives, supporting each other, and inviting all to join with us.
- We strive to be a community of believers, helping and supporting, within the congregation and in the broader community; we believe that we should love our neighbor as ourselves.

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