

Trinity Tidings for November, 2021

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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42 NRS)

I love the book of Acts because it is what it says it is—acts—a book of action. This book, written by Luke the Physician who also wrote the Gospel of Luke, tells us the stories of the Apostle Paul and the early church. We hear of their struggles to be a unified body of Christ working to understand the teachings of Jesus Christ, worshiping together, and living together in community and fellowship.

That “fellowship thing” has always been a key identifier for the community of followers of Jesus Christ. Unlike today, the people of the early church lived together, ate together, worshipped together, and broke bread together. The church wasn't just a Sunday morning thing, it was a way of life. In fact, it was called The Way. People lived as family worshipping in each other's homes.

It wasn't easy trying to adhere to a faith that was considered inappropriate and resulted in arrests and executions. It was dangerous. To be a believer meant the possibility of giving your life for the sake of it just as Christ did.

In truth, we have no understanding of what it was like to live like they did—risking all as they lived in fellowship sharing all things in common—resources and money. Today we come together in fellowship as we share in the Lord's Supper. We meet at the table of grace in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is in the bread and cup that we celebrate the presence of the risen Christ in, with, and under our lives.

But coming together in fellowship can also mean living in good relationship with one another. Engaging in a time of fellowship can mean spending time in the presence of each other—sometimes over a good cup of Lutheran coffee and some home-baked goodies as we laugh and share the events of the past week—or month—with one another.

And this is exactly what we are doing the third Wednesday of each month—gathering at 10:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship both as friends sharing a good cup of coffee and goodies and in fellowship as we share in the Lord's Supper.

To facilitate our fellowship we have purchased a Keurig that can serve individual cups of coffee but can also make a carafe of drip coffee as well. Our October gathering was our first time to use our Keurig, and we were able to serve up numerous cups of java. The good news is that the Keurig is not just for Wednesdays. It is for anyone, anytime. The coffee maker currently sits in the Narthex tucked away under the coat rack. Will it remain there? Hard to say. But for now it seems to be the handiest place for it to be—especially for our Wednesday folks for whom mobility can be challenging.

Taking time for visiting and fellowship with each other has always been a strength and gift of the people of Trinity. We care about each other. And we put a great deal of time into the relationships we have with those we care about both at worship and outside of worship. That is what church family is all about. And so we come together in fellowship both at the table where the love and grace of Jesus Christ is found and at the table of coffee and goodies.

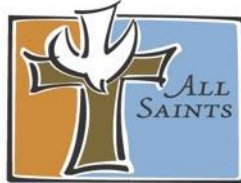
It is what we do in this place where we freely devote our time to teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers. We are the body of Christ. A body made to be in relationship with each other. Made for fellowship.

Blessings,
Pastor Julie

Council Highlights

- Hired Roy Klein as sexton with a start date of January 1, 2022.
- Real Estate discussion continues on the 108/110 S. Walnut St. property.
- Reminder that all budgets must be in to finance committee (Scott Franzen, Chair) by Sunday, 11/7 so that budget can be approved at council meeting on Tuesday, 11/16.
- Annual congregational meeting to approve budget and elect council members will be held following worship on Sunday, 12/19.
- Next council meeting is Tuesday, 11/17 @ 7:30 PM.

All Saints



On November 7th we will remember the following persons who entered the Church Triumphant since the last All Saint's Sunday.

Dick Hummell	11/2/20
Clarence Schein	11/18/20
Patricia Paine	1/8/21
Barbara Pennypacker	1/24/21
Kurt Binkley	5/7/21



On December 5th we will have our annual Advent Fun Shop following worship. We will begin with a light lunch and then proceed to the craft tables to make Christmas items. This is a family event.

Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex shortly. If you would be willing to donate food, sign up in the narthex by 11/28. We are also asking you to sign up on if you plan to attend so that we have a general idea of how much food to provide.

At this point we have 8 craft tables and have a few more people on our contact list.

If you would like to do a craft table and we haven't gotten to you yet, talk to Kathy Bashore or Carol Koch.

Remember they have to be easy enough for our kids to do with a little adult help.

Other Information

- Poinsettia, Christmas tree, and Wreath sponsorship will begin shortly. Watch for the sign-up table in the narthex. We will also put a reminder in the bulletin and send out an e-mail with dates and prices. We have decided to only use one tree this year.
- The 2022 Flower and Bulletin charts are now available in the Narthex. They are under the current charts.

How are We Doing?
Trinity's Financial Summary for September

Average Weekly Giving in September, 2021: **\$3,130.75**
Average in September, 2020: **\$3,372.00**
Total income to date in 2021: **\$138,751.00**
Total income to date in 2020: **\$135,062.73**
Total expenses to date in 2021: **\$141,000.53**
Total expenses to date in 2020: **\$132,627.96**
Total income in September: **\$12,523.00**
Total expenses in September: **\$16,312.12**

Percentage of Mission Support for 2021: to Synod: **75%**, to Mission District: **75%** **Thank you for your generosity.**

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Mary De Long, Cheri Giangiacomo, Karen Houck, Sandra Miller, and April Schwartz.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Eleanor Brossman, Joan Kava, Diane Klinger, Rosie Putt, Betty Reber, Pat Sickles, and Kay Weatherholtz.

The Military: Rena Butcavage, Natalie Ketner, and Justin Klinger.

Family and Friends: Wanda Barnett, Carolyn Bryant, Fred DeLong, Marge Dietrich, Peggy Guido, Glenn Helbert, Betty Kauffman, Shirley Kerchner, Tom Koerner, Hannah Kramer, Jake Powers, Clairre Putt, Tom Reppert, David Smith, Jerry Zachousk, and Ann Zimmerman.

Special Ministries: Our missionary in Tanzania-Stephen Friberg and his Family.

Please let us know when our prayers are answered so we can keep our prayer list current.

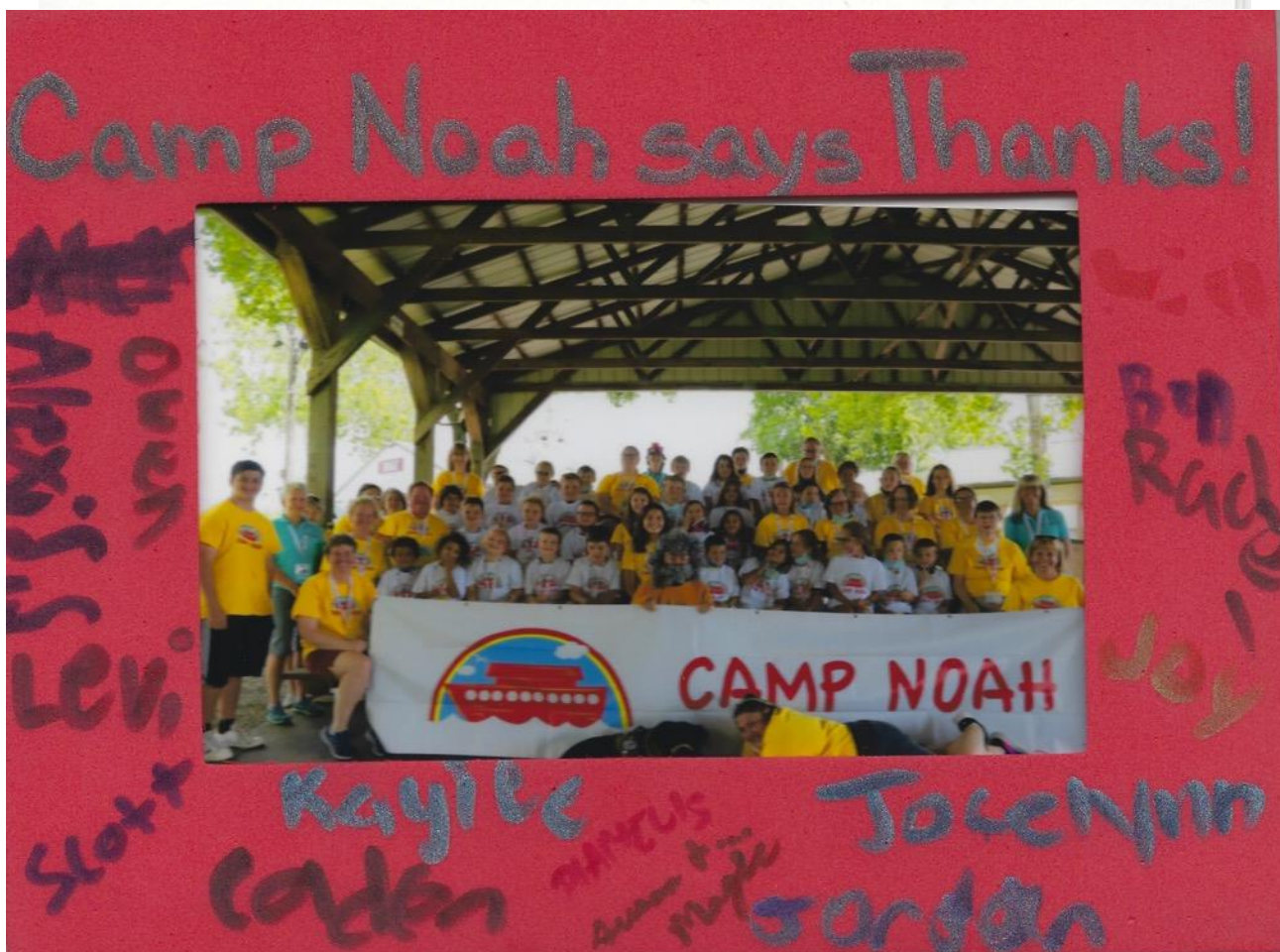


A sincere thank you to all who contributed to the meal for Opportunity House on Oct. 7th, especially our loyal cooks. This outreach means so much to so many.

Dear Pastor Julie & people of Trinity, Wernersville,
 Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thanks for your early support of Camp Noah in Berks Co. with financial support and Pastor Julie's time - through which we were able to meet our goal of offering this incredible experience of hope & resilience for free to campers/families. As you may have read in the Aug. 6 Reading Eagle - a camper described this ministry as a "blessing from God." ... In fact you know this camper well - so grateful she was part of this amazing group of kids & families and volunteers.

Thank you for everything!

Rev. Rebecca Knox & Camp Noah Oleg



Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is **\$38.00**. If you are sponsoring the flowers, please note that there are flower envelopes in the narthex beside the sign up list for altar flowers. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is **\$15.00**. We also want to remind you that the week you are an altar flower sponsor, please call the office, Nancy Moyer, or contact the altar guild person listed in the bulletin if you want to keep the flowers. Otherwise, the flowers will be given to the sick, shut-ins, or others in need. Thanks. **We need altar flower sponsors for 11/14 and 11/28 and bulletin sponsors for all Sundays in November. Please sign up on the appropriate chart in the narthex.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for November: 11/7-The children of Jerry and Lynda Jarsocrak in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, 10/14-available, 11/21-Diane Brown in memory of her parents, 11/28-available.

Bulletin Sponsors for November: All Sundays available.

Helpers for November

Altar Guild: Barbara Debiec

Communion Assistant: Kathy Lawry (11/7), Dawn Hickernell (11/21)

Council Devotion and Snacks: Pastor Julie

Acolytes: 11/7-Betty Lou Franzen, 11/14-Quentin Light 11/21-Jocelyn Enck, 11/28-Owen Wentzel, 12/5-Tacy Grippon

Lay Readers: 11/7-Anne Marie Rinehimer, 11/14-Kathy Lawry, 11/21-Kay Stout, 11/28-Jerry Jarsocrak, 12/5-Ed Evans.

Ushers: 11/7-Lawrys, 11/14-Bashores, 11/21-Kurtzes, 11/28-Givens, 12/5-Lawrys

Sound System: 11/7-Wendell Byler, 11/14-Scott Franzen, 11/21- Stephanie Kurtz, 11/28-Wendell Byler, 12/5-Stephanie Kurtz.

Children's Sunday School Teachers: 11/7-Harmony Wentzel, 11/14-Beth Byler, 11/21-Kerri Searfoss, 11/28-no Sunday School, 12/5-no Sunday School/Advent Fun Shop following church.

Counters: 11/7-Franzens, 11/14-Debiec/Rinehimer, 11/21-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 11/28-Hummel/Jarsocrak, 12/5- Debiec/Rinehimer.

Bulletin Assemblers: 11/3-Beverly James, 11/10-Helen Hummel, 11/17-Mary Young, 11/24-Mary Jane Evans, 12/1-June Rapley.

Newsletter Assembly: Kathy Lawry

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Carol Koch will be 80, Ron Rush will be 83, Betty Reber will be 97, Diane Klinger will be 82 and Kay Weatherholtz will be 83 in November. Charlotte Moyer will be 83 and James Klinger will be 80 in December. Happy Birthday to all of you.