Trinity Tidings for November 2026

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Thankful for Daily Bread

Welcome to November! I truly do look forward to the coming holidays: Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and New Year. There isn't a year goes by that someone doesn't think to send me that old Thanksgiving TV clip from the 1978 sitcom, *WKRP in Cincinnati*. Of course, I love the punch line when the director of WKRP cries out, "As God as my witness, I thought turkeys could fly!" I truly am thankful that people think of me and remember that Cincinnati is my hometown.

Thinking of Cincinnati brings back many memories of Thanksgivings through the years and in the many other places I've lived: Metuchen, New Jersey; Strasburg, PA, and now here in Wernersville. Each Thanksgiving comes with memories of family coming together to celebrate and share in the traditional foods that "light up the holiday."

You never know how grateful you are for family and friends until that day comes and they aren't there. You know, adult married children spend Thanksgiving with the "other" family, or they live too far away, or maybe they're in the military. Some families are struggling with broken relationships and disharmony and so what should be a joyous holiday family meal becomes one of anguish and longing.

For some, a good Thanksgiving meal is only a wish for those who struggle with homelessness, and financial and food insecurity. Often we take a place to live, financial well-being, and a full table for granted. And so it is on this day of Thanksgiving that we remember to thank God for the very things that give us life.

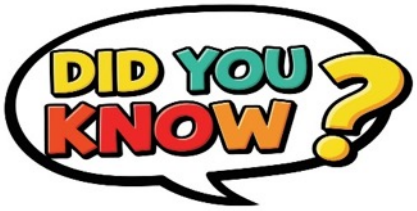
In truth, we thank God each and every day for giving us our "daily bread." Here's what Martin Luther says about "daily bread"—the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer:

> *What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.
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> *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

For me, one way that I thank God is to give to God what is God's—my time, my talent, and my treasure. It is through the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church that I know I can give back to my faith community, the greater community, and globally through the work of the church. I know my offering serves the people of God by providing worship experiences, learning opportunities to know God's word, and support for the many ministries of the church (i.e. outreach like the Spaghetti Dinner, Trunk or Treat, Opportunity House dinners, the new Music School, Mission Possible trips, and youth experiences in faith).

As we grow closer to the completion of 2026 and look ahead to 2027, remember those things for which we are thankful and how we can show that thankfulness through our gifts. Maybe turkeys *can* fly! That's something to be thankful for.

Blessings,
Pastor Julie



Did you know . . .

. . . the Adult Forum meets every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the library? Adult Forum is led by our Licensed Lay Minister in Training, Bob Bashore. Bob has led this group for over a decade and is very knowledgeable about the stories and history in the Bible. This group meets to talk about life, experiences, and the readings appointed for each Sunday. Conversation is casual and meaningful. So if you are looking to expand your knowledge of the Bible, while getting to know some new people, join the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the library. See you



Kids of the Kingdom will be offered to children ages preschool through 4th grade. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month in the library. Kids of the Kingdom will meet after the Sunday morning Children's Message. Our time will be filled with Bible stories and activities. On Sundays when we don't meet, children will receive an activity bag to enjoy during worship.

Music Ministry

We invite all children to come for Kids Music Time 10:00AM - 10:20AM the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (the same weeks as Faith Formation and Kids of the Kingdom). The children will be sharing a song during the Christmas concert on Sunday 12/20 at 11:00AM. Please come join us!

The outreach family music class program has started! The fall classes continue through the week of November 16th. The classes are for infants to children age 5. A parent or caregiver must participate in the classes with their child(ren). Classes are held Monday and Thursday mornings, 10:00AM - 10:30AM.

Our new afterschool music program will begin in January. This program is recommended for children in kindergarten through second grade and will be held the second Wednesday of the month (January - May) 4:15PM - 5:00PM. More information will be coming soon!

We welcome teens and adults who would like to sing with the chancel choir or ring with the bells or maybe do both to come and join us anytime! You do not need to know how to read music to sing and ring with us!

Blessings,
Carla

Music Schedule for November

Sunday 11/1 (All Saints)
Kids Music Time 10:00AM - 10:20AM
Chancel Choir and Joyful Rhythms combined anthem
Joybells and Carolbells ring Prelude together warm-up 10:30AM

Monday 11/2
Family Music Class 10:00AM

Wed. 11/4
Chancel Choir 2PM & 7:30PM
Carolbells 6:30PM
Joyful Rhythms 7:15PM then with Chancel Choir

Thursday 11/5
Family Music Class 10:00AM

Sunday 11/8
Joyful Rhythms and Chancel Choir combined anthem
Clarinets and Flute 10:30AM

Monday 11/9
Family Music Class 10:00AM

Wed. 11/11
Chancel Choir 2PM & 7:30PM
Carolbells 6:30PM
Joyful Rhythms 7:15PM

Thursday 11/12
Family Music Class 10:00AM
Sunday 11/15
Kids Music Time 10:00AM - 10:20AM
Joyful Rhythms drums with Prelude
Joybells 12PM

Monday 11/16
Family Music Class 10:00AM

Wed. 11/18
Chancel Choir 2PM & 7:30PM
Joybells 6:30PM
Bell Trio for Advent 7:15PM then with Chancel Choir 7:30PM

Thursday 11/19
Family Music Class 10:00AM

Sunday 11/22
Baritone and Trombone duet 10:30AM

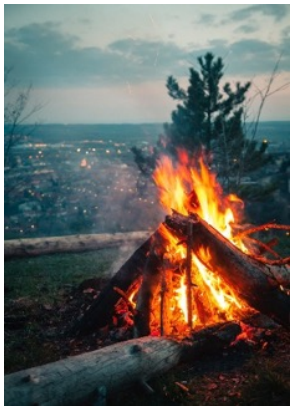
Wed. 11/25 - No rehearsals - Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday 11/29 (Advent 1)
Chancel Choir and Bell Trio

Council Highlights for October

- Council approved the 2027 General Budget Fund. It will be presented for the Congregations approval at the December 6, 2026 congregational meeting.
- We will be accepting Maggie Diaz into membership on November 15, 2026.
- Nominating committee is being put together to find replacements for two 3-year Council terms and one 2- year Council term.
- Music class to start October 26, 2026.
- Our missionaries, the Friberg's, retired and we will be supporting the Oyebade's in Nigeria in their place.
- On November 15, 2026 there will be a baked potato dinner fundraiser after worship to raise money for the Youth Gathering trip to Minneapolis.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6
6PM
Campfire!
At Pastor Julie's House!



How are We Doing?
Trinity's Financial Summary through October
Year to Date Income: $129,228.00
Year to Date Expenses: $151,250.00

Thank you for participating in the mission of Jesus Christ through your gifts to Trinity. How gifts may be received:

***Online giving via Trinity's website:** www.trinitywernersville.org

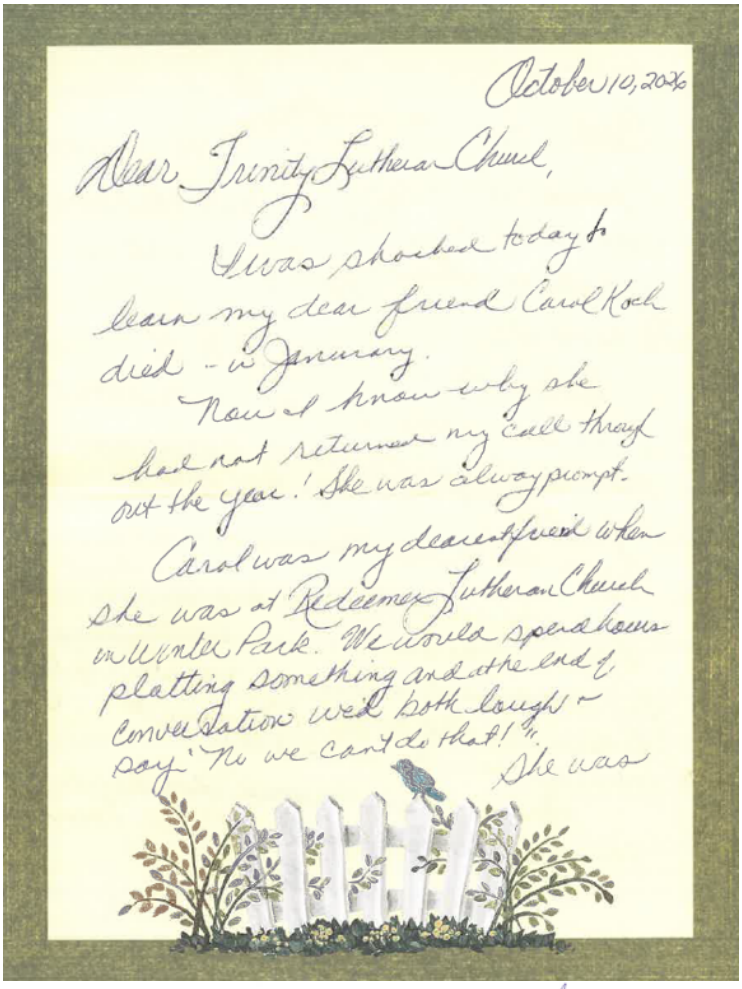
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*Regular mail: 130 S. Walnut St., Wernersville 19565
*Vanco Mobile App. using debit or credit.
*To make changes to automatic withdrawal use invite code hpfk34.

Pease remember in your prayers:

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Daniel Hoppman, Joan Kava, Diane Klinger, Bob Kohler, Carolyn Kurtz, Janice Lamm, Ruth Rush, Pat Sickles, Bonnie & Margie Stine.
The Military: Cade Evans, John Kurtz.
Family and Friends: Justin Audet, Barb Cox, Arline G., Delores Hickernell, Karen Kline, Eileen Rhoad, Karen and Linda.
Special Ministries: Our missionaries in Nigeria-Bayo & Mary Beth Oyebade.

Please let us know when to remove people from the prayer list.

PRAYER CHAIN
For confidential prayers for yourself or other
Call Mary Young at 610-678-4470 to activate the prayer chain.



October 10, 20xx

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

I was shocked today to learn my dear friend Carol Koch died - in January.

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I loved Carol but know heaven was there with waiting arms for such a kind hearted & devoted lifelong Lutheran, devoted wife, kitty lover & musical ministry servant.

Please accept this small donation to the TLC Memorial Fund in Carol's honor.

In Christ,

Deb Corswell

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Baked Potato Dinner



November 15, 2026
after worship in the Social Hall

Donations will be accepted as our Youth raise money to attend *The ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis* next summer.

See you on the 15th!

Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is $50.00. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is $15.00. If you choose, *you* may decide how you want to sponsor flowers. There are any number of ways to do that: cut your own when appropriate, provide potted plants or flowers like mums, poinsettias, lilies, etc. . . . You are free to design your own arrangements. As always you may take your arrangements home with you after worship. You may also request we use our own artificial flowers and donate the $50 to the general fund. Or please feel free to purchase them the traditional way: simply sign up, put $50 in an envelope, and place it in the offering plate. **Most importantly, you must indicate on the flower sign up if you are going to provide flowers yourself so Barbara knows not to order them from Royer's.**

We need altar flower sponsors for 11/15, 11/22, and 11/29.
We need bulletin sponsors for 11/1, 11/15, and 11/22. Please sign up in the book in the narthex.

Altar Flower Sponsors for November: 11/1-Mary Young in memory of her mother, Grace Alderman and our dear friend, Deacon Carol Koch; 11/8—Cindy & Bob Schappell in memory of Heath's Angelversary, 11/10/04; 11/15-Available; 11/22-Available; 11/29-Available.

Bulletin Sponsors for November: 11/1-Available; 11/8-Cindy & Bob Schappell in memory of Heath's Angelversary, 11/10/04; 11/15-Available; 11/22-Available; 11/29-Leslie Pirl-Roth in honor of her and JR's 34th Wedding anniversary.

Helpers for November

Altar Guild: Sharon Black/Anne Marie Rinehimer

Communion Bread: 11/1-Barbara Debiec; 11/8-Beth Byler; 11/15 Available; 11/22-Available, 11/29-Available

Communion Assistant: 11/1-Kathy Lawry; 11/8-Kevin Kurtz; 11/15-Kay Stout; 11/22-Alexis Shoumlisky; 11/29-TBD

Acolytes: 11/1-Barbara Debiec; 11/8-Quentin Light; 11/15-Ariana Sitlinger; 11/22-Sam Shoumlisky; 11/29-Cheyenne Loring

Lay Readers: 11/1-Bob Bashore; 11/8-Kathy Lawry; 11/15-Stephanie Holmes; 11/22-Charlotte Moyer; 11/29-Kay Stout

Ushers: 11/1-Lawry; 11/8-Bashore; 11/15-Kurtz; 11/22-Loring; 11/29-Shoumlisky

Sound System: 11/1-Stephanie Kurtz; 11/8-Owen Wentzel; 11/15-Scott Franzen; 11/22-Stephanie Kurtz; 11/29-Wendell Byler

Counters: 11/1-Rapley/Pirl-Roth; 11/8-Debiec/Rinehimer; 11/15-Jarsocrak/Sutliff; 11/22-Franzen; 11/29-Hassler-Schappell

Snacks: 11/1-Kathy Bashore; 11/8-Cherie Giangiacomo; 11/15-Barbara Debiec; 11/22-Betty Lou Franzen; 11/29-Available

Bulletin Assemblers: 11/1-Barbara Debiec; 11/8-Mary Jane Evans; 11/15-Leslie Pirl-Roth; 11/22-Kathy Bashore; 11/29-Betty Schaeffer

Newsletter Assembly: Kathy Lawry

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Birthday Milestones in November

Michael Renzo will be 86. Geraldine Kramer will be 87. Connie Fritz will be 84. Diane Klinger will be 87.