



# Trinity Tidings NOVEMBER 2018

*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!  
Proverbs 3:9*

I received this email from our sister congregation in Tanzania a couple of weeks ago.

## WARM GREETINGS AND APPRECIATIONS

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord! We, the congregation of Kiwira Coal Mine, feel indebted to you for the way our God has been using you to bless us. Here we have put together some of the things to say 'Thank you'

### TREES

Represents our love for you as it flourishes and gives living fruits.

### THE WELL

Represents the abundance of our endless love and remembrance for your good work.

### THE PASTOR'S HOUSE

Represents the grace of God provided to us through your good work.



Finally Brethren, we really run out of words to say but we pray that God will continue to bless you and your family. We always remember you in prayer. We are looking forward to seeing this partnership last longer and longer. Amen.

It brought a tear to my heart when I read, *'we really run out of words to say.* Their indebtedness, the flourishing and abundance of endless love they have for us left *me* without words. How does one respond to such accolades? This is the time of year we emphasize our thanksgiving to God. Come November 22 families will gather around a table of plenty, and I wonder if we will have that same full blown *from-the-bottom-of-my-heart* kind of gratitude our Tanzanian sisters and brothers have. It is easy to forget just how rich we are. Thousands of miles from here, on a mountainous perch, Kiwira feeds and brings people to Christ every day. We are blessed through their work. The well we purchased made a huge impact in their community and continues to do so. Kiwira's faith is amazing. They trust God to give them everything they need. And so I pray that they continue to spread the seed of God's Word as we continue to support them. In the season of plenty, let us count our every blessing and be grateful even for struggles and sorrow. May we feel the same indebtedness to God. May our lives overflow with abundance and endless love so that others may flourish. And may our partnership with Kiwira Coal Mine congregation last longer and longer.

*"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" 2 Corinthians 9:11*

*Have a Blessed Thanksgiving! Pastor Cheri*



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Pastor Cheri will be on vacation Monday, November 19 through Sunday, November 25.  
Kate Warn will cover emergencies and can be reached at 201.914.0701.



## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY November 4

All Saints' Day is November 1 every year, but it is celebrated on the first Sunday in November.

In the Lutheran Church, we see all Christian believers as saints. We are made saints, or made 'holy', by what Jesus accomplished on the cross. So, we don't just celebrate people who have died in faith. We also use All Saints Day to remember all Christians, past and present, as holy in God's eyes.

We also take this day to remember friends and family. Individuals can come to the front of the sanctuary after the prelude to light candles and those candles stay lit throughout the service to remind us that we are in the presence of all saints, living and dead.

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE Wednesday, November 21 7:00 PM

Giving thanks is an inherent part of worship, and the Thanksgiving Eve worship service enables us to be especially deliberate and purposeful in expressing our thanks to our Heavenly Father, who has provided us with such abundance in our lives.



## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY November 25

Christ the King Sunday marks the final Sunday of the church year. It's the transition between the season of Pentecost and the beginning of the new church season – Advent. Before preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth as a humble child, we celebrate Christ's power and majesty as a king like no other.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
Sunday, December 9



Rick Fox & Shaina Kulp (Nov 1); Warren Gingrich (Nov 2);  
 Lilly Kimmel; Talon Speck & Martin Luther (Nov 10);  
 Daniel Hardy (Nov 12); Connie Kelly (Nov 13);  
 Audra Cuthie (Nov 18); Douglas Kimmel (Nov 20);  
 Cole Miller (Nov 21); Merin Grace Anderson (Nov 27)



Elwood & Terry Weaber (Nov 3)  
 Bradley & Beth Yeingst (Nov 7)

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Dick Bailey; Ruth Beane; Audrey Bissell; Sharron Blezard; Jim Brophy; Doris Bucks; Ben Chicoria; Jan Condran; Ella Coyn; Rob Craig; Carol Gingrich; Pauline Greiner; Diane Haney; Denny Martin; Markee McGee; Norma Phillips; Stephanie Rogers; Jim Shirato; Tiffany Speraw; Randy Sweitzer; Bob Wagner; Teresa Weidman; Robert Yeingst; Kristine; Jackson

Grieving – The Family of Ralph Clare; The Family of Millie Jones (Wendy Hammer’s mother)

Assisted and Skilled Care – Ellen Gepfer

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders – Brad Yeingst; Dylan Yeingst; Tim Yeingst

Military – Matthew Buchmoyer; Todd Campbell; Roger Daub; David Martin; Sawyer Mundorf; Townsend Mundorf; William Rimmler; David Walborn; Andrew Yeingst



To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend in need of our prayers, please contact:



1. Pastor Cheri at 717.606.8851 to begin the prayer chain.
2. If Pastor Cheri is not available, call Barbara Hardy.
3. If Barbara Hardy is not available, call any other person listed.

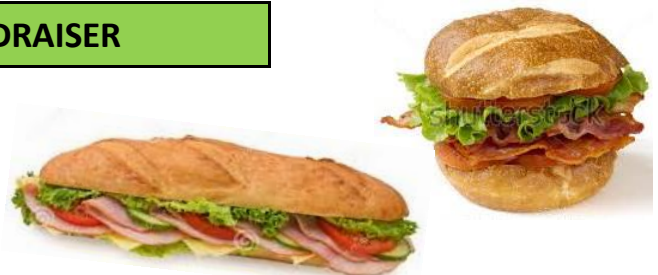
Margaret Daub	717.964.3342	Helen Row	717.626.6076
Barbara Hardy	717.867.1286	June Tschudy	717.964.3291
Lillian Minney	717.964.5032	Connie Weirich	717.665.6448

### LEBANON LUTHERAN MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

**R & K Subs & Pretzel Sandwiches**  
**Sale Runs Sunday, November 11 thru**  
**Sunday, November 25**

Pick-Up will be on Thursday, December 6, at Trinity Colebrook

Additional Details Will Be Announced





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is that time of year when we get to reach out to children around the world, make them a gift of fun, and share the love of Jesus Christ.

Check out the display in the Narthex! Pick the size of box that works for you – we even have some plastic boxes this year – and fill them up. Pick up a pamphlet with directions, take along a paper with buying ideas and have some fun!

PLEASE NOTE – Each box needs \$9.00 placed inside to cover the cost of shipping. Place in the envelope and put it on top of your goodies so it is easily seen. If doing multiple boxes, **place a sticker** on the box that contains the envelope with payment. Stickers will be at the display.



**Filled boxes need to be back to church by Sunday, November 11.**

Please check with Wendy Hammer if you have any questions.  
Thank you for making this outreach possible!

## IT'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING TIME!!

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Christmas Stocking Project was initiated in 1951 by the Department of Church Women of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. Today these remembrances are actually a token evidence of the continuing concerns of the Christian churches in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for nursing residents. All the health facilities are located in Lebanon County, except Wernersville and Hamburg. Approximately 1,400 stockings are needed.

Pick up an empty stocking and fill it with items listed. Please only take a stocking if you are able to fill it. Include at least 5 items in each stocking.

★ Consider small sizes in order that at least 5 items can be put in each stocking ★ Items should be for men or women ★ Please include just items listed, so stockings will be more uniform

- Toothpaste ● Toothbrush ● Comb ● Deodorant ● Chap Stick ● Hand or Body Lotion
- Individual Kleenex Packages ● Emory Boards (NO Nail Clippers)
- NO Mouthwash, Glass Containers or Body Wash



**Stockings Need to be at Church by Sunday, November 25**



**Thank You for Your Support of This Project!!**



### FLEECE BLANKETS PROJECT

The Social Outreach Committee is extremely thankful for everyone who purchased kits, gave funds/Thrivent card, cut and tied blankets at Trinity and home and transported blankets to the Lebanon shelter. You're awesome!

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP TEAMS



*Thank you for serving as a team member at Trinity Lutheran Church!  
Worship is enhanced with everyone's participation.*

*Volunteers are reminded to sign up on the monthly assignment sheets. If there is a certain month you would prefer to serve, please let Barb Buchmoyer know.*

	Sunday November 4	Sunday, November 11	Sunday, November 18	Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, November 21	Sunday, November 25
<b>Music Leader</b>	Shirley Keener	Shirley Keener	Joe Buchmoyer	Joe Buchmoyer	Praise Ensemble
<b>Head Usher</b>	Brad Yeingst	Bill Calhoon	Barb Buchmoyer		Mel Kulp
<b>Head Usher</b>	Tim Yeingst	Glenn Hoy	Mary Stager		Greg Kulp
<b>Acolyte</b>	Katelyn Brooks		Victoria Brooks		
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Greg Kulp	Brad Yeingst	Jeff Keener	Sandy Walborn	Helen Row
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dan Hardy	Dan Hardy	Dan Hardy	Dan Hardy	Dan Hardy
<b>Altar Care</b>	Barb Witmer	Marie Martin	Barb Witmer	Barb Witmer	Barb Witmer
<b>Altar Care</b>	Wayne DeFelice	Janet Hoy	Wayne DeFelice	Wayne DeFelice	Wayne DeFelice
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Jeff Keener	Jeff Keener	Jeff Keener	Jeff Keener	Jeff Keener
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Bob Yeingst	Bob Yeingst	Bob Yeingst	Bob Yeingst	Bob Yeingst
<b>Readers</b>	The Lessons will be available in the Narthex. Feel free to pick a Lesson up as the Spirit moves you to be a reader.				

## CARINGS AND SHARINGS

### Heaven Must Be Beautiful Right Now, Since They Got You

By Victoria Brooks in Memory of Her Grandfather, Tom Stager

It's gotten harder and harder  
since the day you went away  
but still people keep telling me  
everything will be okay

I know deep inside  
that it's better up there  
but we're not together  
which makes it unfair

Seems like yesterday  
that we were together  
then I opened my eyes  
to realize gone means forever

It hurts and it aches  
it's slicing my heart  
for the rest of my life  
we shall be apart

I'm waiting for the future  
hoping to see  
that when I die  
You'll open up those gates for me

Having a Pop-pop  
with a heart made of gold  
is my favorite treasure  
which will never grow old

Family reunions  
will never be the same  
cause you're not there with us  
to be stronger I aim

Your chair at the table  
is empty and cold  
you need to come home  
I need someone to hold

Now that you're gone  
I have no one to run to  
Am I doing this right  
please send me a clue

I don't understand  
the meaning of life  
I can't get this right  
Keep getting in strife

Do you know  
How much we all love you  
Do you realize  
How much I trust You

You're officially gone  
But forever in my heart  
You and me Pop-pop  
together, yet apart

(Shared by Craig Korte)

## **The Christian, Pagan, or Secular Influences on Halloween** **The Connections Between Religions and Halloween** by Catherine Beyer

Halloween is celebrated every October 31 by millions of people throughout the world. It's a fun holiday filled with costumes, candy, and parties, but many people would like to know its origin. Quite often, in the question of faith, the question is whether Halloween is secular, Christian, or Pagan.

The most straightforward answer is that Halloween is "secular." People who celebrate this day in a religious context generally do not call it Halloween. Also, the common practices associated with Halloween such as costuming and giving of treats are secular celebrations. Jack-o-lanterns themselves came to us through folklore.

### **Christian Origins: All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day**

The reason we celebrate Halloween on October 31 is that it evolved out of a Catholic holiday called All Hallows Eve. It was a night of feasting that occurred the day before All Saints Day, a general celebration of the saints which comes on November 1.

In turn, All Saints Day was originally celebrated on May 13. In the Orthodox Church, it continues to be celebrated in late spring on the first Sunday after Pentecost, which is seven weeks after Easter Sunday.

Pope Gregory III (731-741) is commonly credited with moving the holiday to November 1. The reasons for the move are debated. Yet, All Saints Day was not extended to the entire Church worldwide until the 9th century by decree of Pope Gregory IV (827-844). Prior to this, it was restricted to Rome.

### **Ancient Celtic Origins: Samhain**

One of the most common arguments is often posed by neo-pagans and Christians who are against Halloween celebrations. These claims say that All Saints Day was moved to November 1 to co-opt a Celtic Irish celebration called Samhain. Samhain involved dressing up as evil spirits and it was also meant as a celebration of the year's harvest. Hungry children in the Middle Ages added the twist of begging for food and money, which we know of today as trick-or-treating.

### **Did the Catholic Church Co-opt Samhain?**

There is no direct evidence to say that the Catholic Church intended to redirect the intention of the day away from Samhain. Gregory's reasons for moving it from May 13 to November 1 remain a mystery. A 12th-century writer suggested it was because Rome could support larger numbers of pilgrims in November than in May.

Moreover, Ireland is a long way from Rome, and Ireland had long been Christianized by the time of Gregory. So the logic of changing a feast day throughout Europe to co-opt a holiday originally celebrated in a small portion of it has some substantial weaknesses.

### **Halloween Around the World**

The Protestant church, too, has opposed Halloween celebrations in various areas around the world. However, even in countries with little to no Christian heritage, Halloween is steadily becoming more popular. It is riding not on any religious associations, but, quite simply, its powerful presence in North American pop culture.

Reflecting that global reach of pop culture, the costumes have also moved away from their religious and supernatural roots. Today, Halloween costumes embrace everything from cartoon characters, celebrities, and even social commentary. In a sense, we might conclude that even if Halloween began with a religious intention, it is completely secular today.

## **TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES**

### **December Tidings Deadline**

Sunday, November 25

Items can be put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox or emailed to [grannycalhoon@gmail.com](mailto:grannycalhoon@gmail.com).

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME WITH SUBMISSIONS**



# November



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Daylight Savings Ends Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 am Turn Clocks Back One Hour					1	2	3
					10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	11:00-12:30 pm Apple Dumping Pick Up	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px 0;">FOOD BANK SUNDAY</div> Apple Dumping Pick Up After Church  6:30 pm Church Council Mtg		Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px 0;">ELECTION DAY</div>	7:00 pm Choir Practice		10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px 0;">6:00 pm Dinner &amp; A Movie – The Greatest Showman</div>		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Need to be Returned  Mission Trip Sub Sale Begins  		Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	7:00 pm Choir Practice	6:00 pm Christian Education Committee Mtg	10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
1:00-3:00 pm Prayer Shawl & Quilt Ministry Mtg	Pastor Korte on Vacation	Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up  Pastor Korte on Vacation	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px 0;">7:00 pm THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE</div> Pastor Korte on Vacation	  Pastor Korte on Vacation	Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up  Pastor Korte on Vacation	Pastor Korte on Vacation	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
  Red Stockings Need to be Returned  Last Day to Order Mission Trip Subs  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px 0;">TIDINGS INFORMATION DEADLINE</div> Pastor Korte on Vacation		Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	7:00 pm Choir Practice	6:30 pm Social Outreach Committee Mtg			