



# Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

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## A message from Pastor Debra:

There are two major dates that we in the Lutheran church lift-up, during the month of October. The first is Thanksgiving. We recognize this special day on the second Sunday of October. The second major date is Reformation. On this day, the last Sunday of October, we remember and give thanks for the life and ministry of Martin Luther.

Traditionally, 'Thanksgiving Sunday' has been that time in the year when we give thanks to God for the harvest. In this area of the prairie, where we rely on the produce from farms to not only feed the local market, but people in the rest of our country and around the world. 'Thanksgiving' is doubly important.

Reformation Sunday is especially important to Lutherans. Among other things, this Sunday reminds us that we ought, always to be a church that is re-forming and re-ordering itself in the present time. We are not meant to stand still. While our traditions are important to us because they remind us who we are, *and whose we are*, we are cautioned not to mistake tradition for traditionalism. The two words have been defined in this way, '*Tradition is the living faith of the dead, where traditionalism is the dead faith of the living*'. Traditionalism then, can be defined as an attitude that states, '*we have to do something a certain way because that is how it has always been done. Even though the practice has lost its meaning and relevance.*' This understanding of traditionalism, is what often, has given tradition such a bad name.

With this said, our traditions are important. They are foundational. They are what help us to move and grow as we look to them as our life blood from the past. The ways our ancestors made decisions on how to work together for the good of all, that have stood the test of time. The way they have prayed together and worshipped, looking to God for direction and support. These are just a couple of relevant examples for a way we might be in our present time, so that we have the courage and perseverance we need, to make good growth decisions for the present, into the future.

As Christian Lutherans, we offer our thanks to God both at Thanksgiving and on Reformation Sunday. We remember that God has given us all that we have. All that we have is God's gift to us. We also remember that we have a responsibility to one another, as well as to God, for how we use these gifts. In truth, how we use the God-gifts that we are given, and the attitudes with which we use these gifts, is our gift back to God. We strive not to take anything for granted. Neither the food that is on our table and the access we have to this food. Nor the privilege we have, as we are able to gather, as congregational families, for worship. Even if that gathering has to be on ZOOM or online, or in our church buildings, wearing masks.

This has been a trying and uncertain year for many. It has been a year of loss and questioning 'why'. In the midst of our own struggle, we can forget that our Creator God is still with us. Caring for us. Jesus is our example of the true nature of God. God's desire for us is not to hurt or punish us. God always wants the best for us, showing us that in Christ even the dead can be raised to new life. The seemingly dying and dead things *in us* can have, and will have, new life again. If it happens to be their time to die, then their dying can still be a gift, as that death makes way for the new thing within us, the new thing from God, that is waiting to spring forth.

During this month as we give thanks to God for all we have, may we also remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us. The way for them was not easy. It was fraught with pain, uncertainty, and unanswerable questions. Yet amid all this, they persevered. In many instances, they forged a path for us which continues to give us strength to hope for better times, even in this present time. May we, as a community of faith, in our trust in God, through actions that speak louder than our words, be examples of hope and thanksgiving for those around us, and the generations yet to come. I wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving.

**A message from the Editor:**

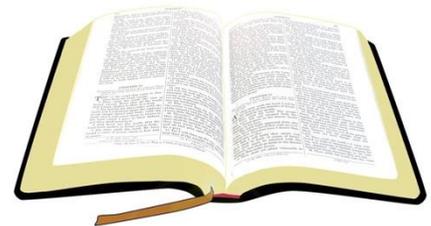
If you ever have any announcements or other content that you would like included in the newsletter, please email me at [briannahoude@gmail.com](mailto:briannahoude@gmail.com) by the last week of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter.

Thank you!

-Brianna

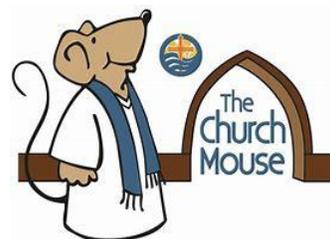
## Sunday Morning Readings for the Month of October 2020:

<b>October 4, 2020</b>	<b>Pentecost 18</b>
<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 19
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians 3:4b-14
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 21:33-46
<b>October 11, 2020</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>First Reading</b>	Deuteronomy 8:7-18
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 65
<b>Second Reading</b>	2 Corinthians 9:6-15
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 17: 11-19
<b>October 18, 2020</b>	<b>Pentecost 20</b>
<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 45:1-7
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 99
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 22:15-22
<b>October 25, 2020</b>	<b>Reformation</b>
<b>First Reading</b>	Jeremiah 31:31-34
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 46
<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 3:19-28
<b>Gospel</b>	John 8:31-36



## Worship Readers Needed

Once again, we need individuals or families to Read the Old Testament, New Testament and Psalms on Sunday mornings. We are resuming our online sign up sheet that you may find on the web page. If you are interested in reading please sign up on the Web or contact Pastor Debra at (204) 735-2503.



When you cannot put your prayer  
into words, God hears your heart!



Happy Thanksgiving



## Trinity Lutheran Church Web Page:

We encourage you to look at our Trinity web page.

([www.tlcstarbuck.com](http://www.tlcstarbuck.com))

The web page is updated regularly. Please check it out.

## A note from our treasurer:

Our donation income appears to be stabilizing, we are only down 8% to budget (and ahead of this month last year). Overall while total income is down 12% to budget, we are still underspending on expenses by a little bit more by 13% so the net effect is that we are still ahead of budget this month.

	Jan - Aug 20	YTD Budget
Total Income	\$84,294	\$95,468
Total Expense	\$84,319	\$97,298
Net Income	-\$25	-\$1,830

## Zoom Services:



Please join us on Sunday mornings during the COVID 19 Pandemic for 10:00 Worship via ZOOM. We give thanks to God for the technology that allows us to continue to meet for Worship even when we cannot be together in person

## Living our Faith - Bible Book Club



Please join us on Wednesday mornings both in person and through ZOOM for our weekly bible study. This year we will be following Bishop Susan's, **Living our Faith - Bible Book Club**. We will be meeting in the Parish hall beginning at 10:00 am. Please bring your own refreshment.

## Handbell Choir:

The handbell choir has begun practicing on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30



## A Prayer for the Season:



Dear God,  
As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;  
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.  
(Clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;  
(Cut the eyes out in heart shapes)

I'm so sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me.  
(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so your word I will hear.  
(Cut the ears shaped like the Bible)-we did rectangles

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near  
(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.  
(Place a candle inside and light it)



## Martin Luther:



Here is how Luther himself explained the meaning of the Luther Rose:

*First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17).*

*The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12).*

*This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed.*

*Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.*

**(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530.)**

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## Canadian Food Grains Bank:

Communities Offering Others Life

This year's COOL field was Harvested in August. The crop planted was Canada Western Spring Wheat.

On 80 acres it yielded 60 bushels to the acre with a net amount of bushels of 4515, sold at a price of \$6.06 per bushel. The net gain was \$27,351.07. This will be matched by the federal government times four, making the donation to the Canada Food Grains Bank from our COOL field, \$109,404.28.

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## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

-Bradley Rene Earl Manaigre  
-Cara Ann Zinn



**Bradley Rene Earl Manaigre** was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Starbuck on September 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Bradley is the youngest son of Vincent Thornson and Val-Linda Manaigre and baby brother to Emily, Kennady, Mackenzey and Bentley. His proud grandparents are Kris and Estelle Thornson.

**Cara Ann Zinn** will be baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Starbuck on October 18, 2020 at 3:00 pm Cara is the baby daughter of Benjamin Zinn and Laura Zinn (nee Dowbenko) Her proud grandparents are Heinrich and Monika Zinn of Springstein and her God parents are Thomas and Leanne Zinn.

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## Rest in Peace:

We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us and are at peace with God.

We continue to pray for those who are left to mourn. We pray for the families of Monika and Heinrich Zinn and Johannes and Monika Zinn and the family of Janice Shirliffe



**Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord.**

Gertraud Kuentzle	December 2, 1934	+	April 2, 2020
Verne Patrick Shirliffe	March 17, 1954	+	April 27, 2020
Emmy Zinn	December 9, 1929	+	September 7, 2020
James Dennis Shirliffe	November 23, 1939	+	September 10, 2020

**And Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them!**

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CLWR:



## Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Canadian Lutheran World Relief's (CLWR) Board of Directors, leadership team and denominational leaders, recently gathered for their CLWR annual September meeting. As they came together – completely online for the first time in their history – they agreed that they were working in a new reality. One that is marked by change and new circumstances.

At this meeting, they made the decision to begin transitioning We Care, CLWR's long-standing commodity shipment program, with the intent that the shipping component of the program will be fully closed by the end of 2021. In a letter that was written to congregations, they stated that:

***“While many of us feel a deep, personal connection to this aspect of We Care, the decision was made with the unanimous support of everyone involved. Despite some sadness in making this change, we are united in confidence that this decision affirms CLWR's most deeply-held values, including responsible stewardship, shared learning and honouring the voices of those we are called to serve.”***

***In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need experienced by our global partners has never been greater, and they are urgently calling on Lutherans in Canada to respond as generously as possible. The decision to revise the We Care program comes both in response to those calls, and as part of our deeply held commitment to honour the kindness of our church communities, making sure to do as much good as possible.***

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### Thanksgiving food drive:

Although things may look a little different this year, and unfortunately, we are unable to put on our annual Trinity Thanksgiving Food Drive; there is still a way for you to help! You may purchase drive by \$5- and \$10-dollar food bags that the grocery stores have available for those who are in need. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Debra!

