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FROM THE PASTOR

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God th Father through him." – Colossians 3:17

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

There's a famous poem by Annie Flint in which she writes, "God hath not promised skies always blue, Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through; God hath not promised sun without rain, Joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God hath promised strength for the day, Rest for the labor, light for the way, Grace for the trials, help from above, Unfailing sympathy, undying love."

What a tremendous blessing it is to be content. To be able to rejoice, to be able to pray, to be thankful regardless of the situations we find ourselves in. This month we celebrate a special holiday: Thanksgiving. And during Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the fact that God is with us always and that He is working for good in all things that happen to us.

When I was in seminary, I took a course in the Hebrew language and my professor talked often about the name of God in the Old Testament. It's called the Tetragrammaton. It's four Hebrew letters and we don't really know how to pronounce it since Hebrew doesn't have vowels. When we translate it, we just plug in vowels here and there to make it sound like something. And then we have to translate the Hebrew letters into English letters and so you'll get something like J-H-W-H or Y-H-W-H.

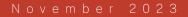
And then people will plug in random letters to get Jehovah or Yahweh. It depends on what letters you put in as to what you get, so nobody's 100% sure what the name of God is, even these very smart Old Testament scholars. But there are some people who have the theory that the name of God is the sound of God breathing. I really love the thought of that.

With every breath that we breathe, we are speaking the Word of God. The word, ruah, in Hebrew means breath, wind, spirit. It's all the same word. The Spirit of God is in breath. He breathes life into Adam.

So remember that this month as you gather with your families. Even if you aren't praying, every breath that you breathe is a gift of God and every breath that you breathe speaks His name. Breathe that prayer in every moment of your life, for we never know where life will take us.

In Christ,

Pr. Randy





FALL BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 4TH 8:30AM-12:00PM

CRAFTS- BAKED GOODS -YARD SALE ITEMS

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 531 CHURCH STREET LITTLE MOUNTAIN

Proceeds will go to the new flooring in the parish building.

UPCOMING EVENTS



HOMECOMING

Homecoming Sunday will be November 19th! We are happy to welcome Pastor John Pless as our guest preacher that day. Following worship we will enjoy delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

Please bring a covered dish and leave in the TLC before worship!

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: EXODUS

Wednesday mornings at 10:00a.m. in classroom next to the church office.

All are welcome!!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

SERVICE

The annual Little Mountain Thanksgiving

Service, sponsored by the

Little Mountain Ruritan Club, will be at Macedonia Lutheran Church,

Sunday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m..



EVENING BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION

Come join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month for a Bible study on Revelation October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor A study guide will be given and it will be a fun night of learning & fellowship.

Rev. 1:3 "Blessed is the one who reads about the words of this prophecy & blessed are those who hear it & take to heart what is written in it because the time is near."

We look forward to seeing you there!

THANKSGIVING DRESSING FOR THE HUB

The annual Little Mountain Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Little Mountain Ruritan Club, will be at Macedonia Lutheran Church, Sunday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m..





UPCOMING EVENTS



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SAMARITAN'S PURSE

The Circle of Joy is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry this year. We have a few boxes and labels available on the first pew for packaging gifts. However, any regular sized shoebox will work as well as purchased plastic shoeboxes.

The age groups for the shoeboxes are boy/girl: 2-4 years old 5-9 years old 10-14 years old

Please see your bulletin insert for shoebox gift ideas and items that are not allowed. Extra labels for shoeboxes are located on the table in the elevator hall.

Samaritan's Purse asks for a donation of \$10 per box to cover international shipping and other costs. Please attach cash or a check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with your shoebox. HTLC will collect the money and write one check to cover all the boxes.

Please return your shoebox to the front pew on or before Sunday, November 19.

We will pray for God's blessing of these shoeboxes and for the mission of Operation Christmas Child. All boxes will be taken to Redeemer Lutheran Church on Monday, November 20.



HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX GIFT

- 1. Shoebox: Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl.
- 2. "Wow" Item: Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.
- Other Gifts: Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. See shoebox gift ideas on the right.
- Pray: Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.
- 5. Donate \$10 Per Box: A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. To give online, follow the instructions on the front of this label.
- 6. Drop Off: Take your shoebox gift to a local dron-off location during National Collection Week, the third we∈ of November. Visit samaritanspurse.org/occ to find one neal you.

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

"Wow" Item: Soccer ball with pump, doll, stuffed animal, shoes Toys: Toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, musical instruments, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Personal Care Items: Toothbrushes, washcloths, combs, hairbrushes

School Supplies: Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, coloring and picture books, solar calculators

Accessories: Socks, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

DO NOT INCLUDE

Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SAMARITAN'S PURSE



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God Uses a Gift and a Letter to Change Lives

As a 7-year-old in Mongolia, Jargalmaa (pictured left) described one particular day as "unexpected." After school, her teacher invited her to a church where she received her very first gift! This Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift included, among other fun toys, stationery, and a set of hairclips. Inside, she also found a letter that said, "You are valuable and so loved by God." Jargalmaa cherished this message because her parents and grandparents had never told her that they loved her.

Jargalmaa went on to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program where she especially appreciated the lessons about God as Creator. Later in 10th grade, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Through her testimony, five of her family members and two close friends also made this life-changing decision.

Now 15 years after receiving her shoebox gift, Jargalmaa, her husband, and two young children (pictured above) have recently moved to a new community where they are ministering to youth in hopes of starting a church.

"I would like to challenge people who are preparing shoebox gifts to also write a letter showing God's love," Jargalmaa said. "What's written there may be very simple, but those simple words could completely change somebody's life."



SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



PERSONAL

CARE ITEMS

Toothbrushes

Washcloths

- **"WOW" ITEM** Soccer ball
- with pump - Doll
- Stuffed animal Shoes

TOYS Toy cars

- Jump ropes Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise
- (with extra batteries)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- · Pens, pencils, sharpeners,
- crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators
- Combs Hairbrushes Small water bottles

ACCESSORIES

- . Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches - Flashlights (with extra batteries)



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ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS!

If you would like to order Poinsettias this year, the cost is \$12.50 (with foil wrap) per plant. Deadline for ordering is November 26th and payment must accompany order. Please print the information requested below, so we can insure accuracy in the bulletin.

YOUR NAME	 	 	
HOW MANY			
IN HONOR OF	 	 	
IN MEMORY OF	 	 	
OTHER	 	 	

TOTAL PRICE \$_____



HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS

Twelve Happy Mountaineers attended the annual "Four Churches Meeting" at St. Jacob on August 10, 2023. Chapin Chirpers provided entertainment and we enjoyed visiting with folks from Mt. Tabor, Macedonia and St. Jacob. A covered dish meal was enjoyed with St Jacob furnishing the main dish meats of fried chicken and BBQ. Mt. Tabor issued an invitation for 2024 which we'll look forward to. Our August meetings are always to attend the annual meeting.

Happy Mountaineers met Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, 10 AM, in TLC.Eighteen Happy Mountaineers were present along with Charles & Kaye Shealy and Pastor Drafts. Janet Fulmer welcomed everyone and Lib Boland had devotions centered around "friendship". Minutes of July & August meetings were read. Though they were absent we sang "Happy Birthday" in honor of Andy & Bobbie Bickley and Patsy Frick. Updates and Concerns for Happy Mountaineers and others were shared.Many of our members are dealing with various health issues and we pray for them all. Cards were available to be signed and mailed expressing our love and concern.

Judy Bedenbaugh lead our Bible Game titled "Dog Days of Summer".We worked as teams at each table to complete 10 Bible verses ALL of which contained the word "dog" What fun AND we learned a thing or two!!

Charles Shealy presented our program which started with viewing the video about Little Mountain which was enjoyed BUT the real enjoyment came from seeing a video of the 1988 Womanless Wedding!! Bride Bo Bowers, wearing a wedding dress fashioned by Ann Sanders, was just one of the highlights. A solo by then Holy Trinity Pastor Eddie Pless who was beautifully outfitted for the occasion was also a highlight. It brought tears to many eyes as there were many, many souls in the video who are no longer with us. Laughter thru tears is not a bad emotion. We certainly thank Charles for sharing with us!! A BBQ chicken meal with slaw, rice & hash and dessert was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Janet for coordinating our meal.

November and December meetings are all that remain for 2023 and we have activities planned for all 3 along with good food. Join us, please!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2	Edward Page
November 3	Kim Crumpton, James F. Shealy, Gracen Shealy,
	Megan Shealy
November 4	Crystal Crouch
November 5	Janet Kibler, Dustin Winn, Susan Epting
November 6	Angie Willis
November 7	Daniel Boland, Guy Dana, Harrison Sheely
November 8	Ashlynne Waters, Karsyn Crumpton,
	Karter Crumpton
November 9	Charles Frick, Audrey Caldwell, Elizabeth Frick
November 10	Becky Chapman, Erin Bush Gabriel,
	Emily Haltiwanger
November 11	Amanda Chapman Metts
November 12	Connie Frick
November 13	Brenda Bodie, Marty Frick, Rebecca Farr
November 14	Jackie Riddle, Susan Abrams, Kristi Chapman,
	Rod Steffy, Trent Crawford, John Ralph Williams
November 15	Shirby Chapman, Hayden Haltiwanger
November 16	Pastor Randy Drafts
November 17	Earle Weathersbee
November 18	Steve Bush
November 19	Morgan Lee Shealy
November 22	Nick Huffstetler
November 23	Brian Stiver, Phillip Allison, Amber Lambert
November 24	Dial Long, Rachel Shealy
November 26	Gray Corley, Addison Leigh Koon
November 27	Micah Drafts, Brandon Metts
November 28	Charlotte Sheely
November 29	Braxton Rodgers, David Rodgers

Happy Birthday!

November 2023

HAPPYBIRTHDA

SERVING ASSISTANTS

The the	Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors	Communion
	05	Kaylee Hentz	TBA	David Rodgers	Ava Boland	Ted Arnold Phillip Allison
	12	Landon Frick	Troy Hentz	Eli Kednocker	Lin Lake	
	19	Landon Frick	Troy Hentz	Braxton Rodgers	Christie Allison	
	26	Natalie Winn	TBA	Kaylee Hentz	Helen Koon	Bobby Chapman Becky Chapman



Altar & Wanda Havird Parament Holly Havird

Sunday	FLowers	Greeters	Nursery	
05	Ann Sanders	Jeremy, Jessica, Keaton, & Knowlton Lindler	Julie Haltiwanger Glenda Hentz	
12	Spyros & Mavy Lezimis	Dana Dorroh & Janet Fulmer	Jenna Lake Emily Haltiwanger	
19	Lee & Tina Attaway	Mike & Jackie Riddle	Lauren Armstrong Anna & Ava Kate Weaver	
26	Will & Catherine Attaway	Judy Shealy & Glenda Hentz	Brittany Frick Paula Frick	

Usher Chair	James Wieters		
Sunday	Usher *Elevator		
05, 12	Danny Newton David Bush Steve Bush*		
19, 26	Mike Riddle Ray Cumalander Tyler Shell*		







NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Bible Study -10 am Choir Practice-7pm	2	3	4 Fall Bazaar 8:30am-12pm
5 All Saints Sunday 9am-Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am- Worship/Holy Communion 2:30pm-Youth Reformation Party	6 Prayer Shawl -9am Mom's Life Group- 6:30pm	7 Sisters in Faith 2pm	8 Bible Study -10 am Choir Practice-7pm	9 Bible Study -7pm	10	11
12 Pentecost 24 7:30am- Council Meeting 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 3:00pm- SLED Safety Program (TLC)	13 Prayer Shawl -9am	14	15 Bible Study -10 am Choir Practice-7pm	16	17	18
19 Pentecost 25 9am-Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday Schoo 10:30am-Worship/ Homecoming Shoebox Deadline 6pm Community Thanksgiving at Macedonia	20 Prayer Shawl -9am Mom's Life Group- 6:30pm	21	22 Bible Study -10 am Choir Practice-7pm	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24	25
26 Christ the King 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship / Holy Communion	27 Prayer Shawl -9am	28	29 Bible Study -10 am Choir Practice-7pm	30		





MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

⁽¹⁾ <u>Building Fund</u>

In Memory of Myrtie Wessinger given Virginia Haltiwanger In Memory of Jacob Salaurin given by Ashley Ballentine. In Memory of Lena Gillespie given by Ashley Ballentine. In Honor of Ralph Gillespie on his 95th Birthday given by Ashley & Blake Ballentine. In Memory of Charles Boland on his 70th Birthday given by C.D. Shealy. In Honor of Kadence Derrick on her First Communion by Rodger & Karen Winn. In Memory of Mary Nell Bowers given by Brenda Bodie, Betty Ann Shealy, Ritchie & Helen Koon, Marilyn Plampin, John & Connie Frick, Danny & Ann Newton, Keith & Janet Fulmer, Charles & Cindy Frick, Parlor Sunday School Class, Edwin & Wanda Havird, Boyd & Dianne Fulmer, Gray, Shannon, Christopher, & Benjamin Corley, Walt & Julie McLeod. In Memory of my Friend, Mary Nell Bowers given by Christopher Corley. I Memory of Myrtie Wessinger given by Judy Shealy.

Prayer Shawl

In Memory of Mary Nell Bowers given by Curtis & Diane Hardy.



Thank you!

Your many acts of love and kindness have meant so much to us this week. Please remember us in your prayers during this very sad time in our lives. Ann, Audrey, & Family

Thank you!

Food Group 7,

Thanks so much for the delicious meal you all prepared for our family before our mother's funeral.

Ann, Audrey, & Family



HOLY TRINITY PRAYER CONCERNS



Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

Family of Mary Nell Bowers, Kyle Page, Randy Stockman (Father of Amber Koon), Robert Wicker, Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, C.B. Mathis (brother in law of Patsy Frick), Junior Alewine, Patsy Frick, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald Shealy, Amy Wicker (sister-in-law of Kevin E. Shealy), Marilyn Plampin, Nancy Webb (Mother of Terecia Wilson), Bob Whitlatch. Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.

We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:

White Oak of Newberry Junior Alewine

Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness? Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?

Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.

Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.

Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them.





CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Congregational Council Minutes September 10, 2023



The Holy Trinity Congregational Council met in regular session on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 7:30am. Phillip Allison chaired the meeting and Carter Lake opened with devotions. Maxton King will have devotions at the October meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the regular Congregational Council Minutes for August 13, 2023.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Drafts will be out of the office Oct. 9-15 and Dec. 25-Jan. 1. On Oct. 15, Lutheran Men will lead worship and Kyle Page will be preaching. Kyle will also supply on Jan. 1. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the request of James, Gail, and Elizabeth Sligh to move their membership to HTLC from Colony Lutheran Church. We congratulate Blake Ballentine who has completed his confirmation requirements and is ready to be confirmed. The Church Constitution has been updated and just needs the necessary signatures on the front page. Pastor Drafts presented an update on the 2024 CMR Convocation Team and Regional Council meeting. To identify team members, Pastor wanted to have a church shirt that can be used for the Little Mountain Reunion parade and other events to advertise our congregation. It was decided that the church will provide shirts for members and anyone can contribute donations toward the shirts if they would like. It has been difficult working with Xerox about the old copier. For everyone's safety, it is important to keep the door codes to only HTLC church members. It was noted that people outside the church have been getting ice from the kitchen in the TLC. A note will be put on the door that ice is for members only. Steve and Leslie Layton and Quay and Charlotte Rosemand will be joining HTLC during the worship service today. Lian Carson Riddle will be baptized after the worship service today. We celebrated the baptism of Cache Chapman. First Communion Classes are coming up and First Communion will take place on Oct. 1. The first life group for moms will meet on Oct. 2. Confirmation classes will resume on Oct. 22. St. Peter, Lexington will be hosting the CMR Reformation Party on Nov. 5. Pastor shared a letter from Pr. David Nuottila from St. Jacob's, Chapin that explained how they are converting their bus shed into a disaster response warehouse and may need volunteers to help unload supplies when disaster strikes. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Pastor's Report.



CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

Council Approved Open Items

 \mathbf{f} . Charles Everette Frick has met with a lawyer who thinks she can do something with the deed to move the cemetery property from the middle of the road to the edge of the road.

Unfinished Business

1. Bus committee has not had any luck finding bus drivers. Daniel Curtis provided some information about different types of buses and vans and required licenses. He will look into options for selling the bus.

2. In January, we will start paying the unemployment tax so that we are in compliance with the tax laws. It will be higher the first two years, then decrease drastically. The preschool would incur approximately 2/3 of those expenses. Council agreed to pay the entire unemployment tax for the first two years, then we can reassess when the price decreases. In addition, preschool must make sure they have a process in place if they let an employee go with documentation, steps that have been taken, and signed by all parties involved.

3. We will have a work day on Oct. 28 to clean up and purge areas of the church that are storing unused items.

New Business

A. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to replace the water fountain with a new "high and low" unit from Hamm Hardware for \$954.

B. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to replace the carpet on the front steps due to it being torn and becoming a safety hazard. The property committee will look into using a non-skid paint as an alternative to carpet.

C. Homecoming will be held Nov. 19. We will invite Pastor Pless to be the Homecoming pastor.

Committee Reports

Stewardship/Finance – The committee wants to create a back up plan for all the church financial needs including check writing, QuickBooks, financial secretary, office support, and payroll. They are asking all committees to have their budget requests in by the end of the month and it can be emailed to Danny Newton, Tony Shell, or James Wieters. If any committees know of extra expenses, it's best to go ahead and make it known to get it approved at the Congregational meeting. If there are any bigger projects known, they want to go ahead and allot a certain amount for those items. Also, the committee wants to identify some people who Lee Attaway could train to be available if the computer or security system goes down. Their next meeting is planned for Oct. 17.

Preschool – Classes started last Tuesday. The committee members came and helped show the children their rooms. Mother's morning out meets 2 times a week. There's one 2 year old class, two 3 year old classes, and one 4 year old class with approximately 60 children enrolled.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Phillip Allison, President Julie Haltiwanger, Secretary





HOLY TRINITY STAFF

Disciples of Christ Pastor Parish Office Administrator Director of Music Ministries Organists People of Holy Trinity Rev. Randy Drafts Mrs. Marie Shealy Mrs. Terecia Wilson Mrs. Lib Boland Mrs. Donna Fulmer Mr. Brett Lindler Mr. Ted Arnold

Sexton

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Worship

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