



THE BEACON

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

First Communion Coming Up!

First Communion training will be held on Sunday, November 4th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Trinity. This training is primarily for 5th graders who do not yet receive Holy Communion, but can also be a great refresher for anyone who wants to sit in and learn more about this sacrament. The meaning of this sacrament is so deep and multi-faceted that we will never be able to plumb the depths of its significance. The Sacred Meal can reveal a new aspect of meaning each time we slow down long enough to look at it anew.

The children who take the training on November 4th will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, November 25th, which is Christ the King Sunday.

We are now officially into our fundraising for the three projects approved last summer—the boiler installation, the generator project, and the worship improvements project. Three projects, One Goal. That goal is \$25,000. Three projects that maintain or enhance our ability to “do ministry” here at 4809 South Newstead Road. Some early initial commitments have been received and are extremely encouraging!



Soon you will receive a mailing that will ask for your financial support of these.

“Three Projects - One Goal.”

Included will be information on how to respond. Please understand that is NOT to take the place of your regular envelope giving. In fact, if giving to these projects means taking away from your envelope giving commitment, DON'T DO IT! That regular commitment is your primary way of giving financially to God and the ministry of this congregation. These projects are over and above that. God has blessed this congregation and its people in so many ways, and I am sure God will provide what is needed now. What one person cannot do, another will be able to, and so God provides for the Church.

This fundraising effort will not be a long, drawn-out affair. We plan on wrapping it up by the end of the calendar year, and be able to celebrate at our Annual Meeting in January. Please take some time to ask the Lord for guidance in your giving, and respond generously when the mailing arrives.

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 4th

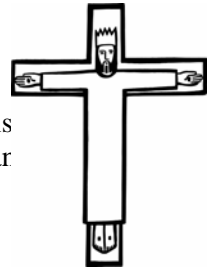


“With all the choirs of angels, with all the faithful of every time and every place, we praise your name and join their unending hymn,” proclaims the presiding minister in the great thanksgiving. On the festival of All Saints we remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith. They are the sign of our hope and an image of the glory we shall inherit. Even more, they are worshipers with us this day as we sing the praises of the God who brings life out of death.

CHRIST the KING SUNDAY

November 25th

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FIRST COMMUNION

November 25th



At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. Join us as we celebrate the first communion of several of our young people!

Also in November:

Two baptisms are planned.

Thank Offering Service on the 18th.

Community Thanksgiving Service on the 18th at 7pm at St. John's... Pastor Terry is preaching.

Memorial Service for Anthony Jurewicz (Mark's father) on Saturday, November 24th at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Terry

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER 2007

by Erik Polkowski

“86,400”

It's a game of odds. They are usually not in your favor but the hope that somehow, someday, you will beat them is the allure. And if you do, the windfall is huge. We see it from the lottery to the casinos. For a price, you can roll the dice and press your luck. The only stipulation is that you ante up. So it is left to you to decide what you are willing to pay to play. And the rewards are directly tied to the bet you are willing to make. The more you invest, the more you receive in return. How do you gamble?

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Mathew 6:19-21

Recently, our family was touched by a tragedy. The father of a friend of my son was killed in an accident. He was only 36 years old. It is times like this in which we question our own mortality. We are led to question our choices, our values and our lives. It makes you think of what you are doing today, because you do not know what the future holds. You look at what consumes you today being nothing more than a speck in the overall scheme of your life. Last year, during the October storm, we were forced to reflect upon what we take for granted daily as it was forcefully omitted and our daily lives reshaped, but if only temporarily. The significance of things changed. Look at the country today. In the west, there are fires threatening thousands of homes. In the south, there is drought. People are fighting over water rights and usage. Water, something you wouldn't think about needing to find, the simplest of commodities.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear... Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ... O you of little faith? So do not worry... your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” – Mathew 6:25-34

We all have that friend that won playing the odds. I find it funny because, on a recent excursion, one friend won \$125 on a quarter slot machine. But at the same token, another lost \$130. So did you really win? You hear of people who pass away at 30 or 40 years of age. They lived a simple life, no drinking or smoking. Then you hear of another who passed at 110 years of age, smoked and drank like a fiend. There are things that may affect the odds, but the game is the same. One day, Jesus will call you home. You do not know the how or the when. Only that it will happen.

“Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.” – James 4:14-15

How would you spend 86,400?

“For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Continue your love to those who know you” – Psalm 36:7

There are 86,400 seconds in a day. Each one is precious. Spend it wisely. Play it well. Gamble as you see fit. And remember, the return is only on what you invest.

MDA NEWS ROCK-A-THON Nov. 10, 9AM-11PM

Lots of "Rocking Fun" will be going on Saturday Nov. 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church!

This brand new MDA fund raising event will be hosted by the confirmation students of Trinity South Newstead, Trinity Wolcottsville and St. John's Akron.

Plans are set for non-stop rocking of 20 or more rocking chairs during the 14 hour day. There also will be various activities including games,

entertainment, prize give-aways and food.

Local artists have agreed to decorate the sponsored chairs, and at the conclusion of the event, will be auctioned.

There are many ways you can support this much anticipated event. You can join our rockers and collect pledges, you can sponsor a rocking participant, How about stopping in and checking out all the activities? All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Checks can be made out to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, 4809 S. Newstead, Akron , NY 14001.

If you would like to help with any part of the event please call the church office at 542-9828. To take a turn rocking, a registration form is included in this Beacon.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to Muscular Dystrophy Research.



TRINITY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Trinity's youngsters are always eager to share the activities their families have shared in over the past week as we gather at 9:15am for a brief time of prayer, devotion, receiving of the offering, and recognition of the children's birthdays. The youngsters also seem to enjoy working on a craft following their Sunday School Class time. They have made

boats to remember Christopher Columbus and his fleet's faith to reach the new land, as we have faith in God to see us through times of doubt; and they have made ghosts to remind them that God is always with them and they have nothing to fear; and Noah's Ark to bring to life the promise that God made that he would never again destroy the

earth. Sometimes the younger children are just excited about making a craft, but you, as parents, are invited to talk to your children about the craft they made. Of course, you are also encouraged to talk to them about their Sunday School lesson.

We can learn a lot from talking to children and hearing their interpretation of the scriptures.

Remember- Children are a

gift from God.

With the onset of Advent, we are currently working on a program where the children will be invited to bring in a gift for the those less fortunate, (might be coins, toys, books, etc.) At this time, it is still in the planning stages. You will receive notice as the time grows nearer.

NEW, For the Visually Impaired!

We are going to try something new for those who have difficulty reading our Sunday Bulletins! Pick up one of the new LARGE PRINT BULLETINS on Sunday Morning.

THANK YOU...From a letter received October 20:

Dear Trinity , There are dozens of examples throughout the Bible of God's commandments to treat each other with the love, respect and compassion that we would hope for ourselves. And you, dear friend, are fulfilling God's directives every time you give of your means to help Buffalo City Mission bring the message of God's love and hope for new beginnings to the people who come through our doors.

Thank you, again, for answering God's call to care. May He bless you today and always.

With warm thanks for the tremendous gift,

Thomas J. McLaughlin ; Executive Director, Buffalo City Mission

FREE PUBLICITY FOR YOUR EVENT!

The PR Committee is requesting that any person who will be hosting a public event complete and submit an "Advertisement Request Form",

AT LEAST 8 WEEKS prior to the event. The forms are located in the church office above the copy machine.

Please plan ahead so we can properly advertise your event. Any questions, please contact PR Committee members :Chuck -Lowder at 585-547-9862 or lowder@rochester.rr.com, Ethel Kogut at 716-937-6021 or Paula Kropelin at 716-542-3004

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—NOVEMBER 2007

November 4, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am- Donna Kumpf	10:45 am- Flo Goeske
Scripture Reader 8:00 am- Ethel Kogut	10:45 am- Dottie Mekeel
Communion Asst. 8:00 am- Lisa Kaminski	10:45 am- Erik Polkowski
Greeter	10:45 am- Betty Sugg
Nursery	10:45 am- Gretchen Bruning

November 11, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am- Donna Kumpf	10:45 am- Diane McMullen
Scripture Reader 8:00 am- Sharon Waff	10:45 am- Candy Kruschke
Communion Asst. 8:00 am- Paula Kropelin	10:45am- Shirley Schoenwetter
Greeter	10:45 am- Donna Kumpf
Nursery	10:45 am- Tammy Johannes

November 18, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am- Helen Smith	10:45 am- Tammy Johannes
Scripture Reader 8:00 am- Paula Kropelin	10:45 am- Becky Fix
Communion Asst. 8:00 am- Lisa Kaminski	10:45 am- Gretchen Bruning
Greeter	10:45 am- Pat/Chuck Lowder
Nursery	10:45 am- Wendy Schadt/ Andrew Seguin

November 25, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am- Helen Smith	10:45 am- Diane McMullen
Scripture Reader 8:00 am- Ruth Knerr	10:45 am- Christian McMullen
Communion Asst. 8:00 am- Mel Knerr	10:45 am- Diane Vogt
Greeter	10:45 am- Helen Smith
Nursery	10:45 am- Lisa/Katie Kaminski

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

1st- John Bruning
Heather Coleman
Alisha Skorupski
3rd- Tony Cinotti
Shirley Domon
4th- Sandra Schoenthal
Ryan Yaeger
7th- Margaret Baker
8th- Adam Skorupski
9th- Madison Kaczmarek
14th- Katie Sweeney
15th- Helen Bluman
17th- William Drier
20th- Ruth Knerr
22nd- David McMullen
Whitey Kumpf
23rd- Jim Goeseke
26th- Bill Lawrie



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

2nd- Dale & Nina Freas
8th- John/Kathy Aylsworth
25th- Barry /Laura Pingitore



Blessing of Thanksgiving Dinner

*Gracious God, Lord of the harvest,
in love you give us this meal
to be our joy and delight.*

*We thank you for the goodness
of the people of our country
and for the spirit of justice
that sometimes shakes our nation.*

*We thank you for the beauty and
bounty of the land
and the challenge of the cities.
We thank you for our work
and our rest,
for one another, and for our home.*

*For all we have spoken,
and all that we keep in our hearts,
accept our Thanksgiving Day.
We make this prayer in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Many Thanks....

Thank you to Mrs. Teri White for painting the Sunday School room.

Thank you to Dale and Loise Kruschke for having our trees trimmed.

A very special thanks to Jason Fix for the great job of lawn mowing and branch cleanup that he did this summer.



We are very lucky to have such dedicated workers in our congregation!

The Ladies of Trinity

are looking forward to having any women of Trinity join them on Tuesday, November 13th at 10:00 am for a Bible Study followed by a brief business meeting, a brown bag lunch, and LOTS of Fellowship!



FOND MEMORIES

Dear Chuck and Church Members,

Thank you so very much for the CD's of the church documents. While many of them were before our time, it was so good to review them and get a sense of history.

Our family treasured the years we spent at Trinity, South Newstead. Those experiences we had made a lasting impression, and contributed significantly to our growth and faith.

We will always hold you close in our hearts as did our parents. They missed the church when they left and never forgot you.

With Peace and Love,

Pat Winters Goodyear

(Family of Rev. Winters)



Thanksgiving Gratitude to God

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude to God,
whose love is with us forever.

Thanksgiving is a time of changing seasons,
when leaves turn golden
and apples are crisp
in the chill breezes of fall.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on changes
remembering that we too,
have grown and changed
from one season of life to another.

Let us remember the true meaning
of Thanksgiving.

In the beauty of autumn, let us acknowledge
the many blessings which are ours...

Think of our families and friends...

Share a meal with someone who is hungry...

Call someone who is alone...

Call someone who is ill...

Pray for our troops and their families
and do give thanks to God from our hearts.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving,
and those you love, God's best!



Dates to note:

November 4
All Saints Sunday

November 10
Rock-A-Thon

November 18
Thankoffering

November 22
Thanksgiving

November 25
Christ the King

December 5
Mid Week Worship

December 12
Mid Week Worship

December 19
Mid Week Worship

I Don't Want To Go!

Thanksgiving day was approaching and the family had received a Thanksgiving card with a painting of a pilgrim family on their way to church. Grandma showed the card to her small grandchildren observing: "The Pilgrim children liked to go to church with their mothers and fathers." "Oh yeah?" her grandson replied, "so why is their dad carrying that rifle?"

LADIES OF TRINITY

The Ladies thank all those who supported their recent Home & Garden Party. This was a fund raiser designed to raise money for the choir as well as the ministry of the Women of Trinity.

The Ladies donated the raised funds (approx. \$300) from their recent Country Kitchen held during Trinity's Annual Chowder Sale, to the Furnace Fund. Many thanks to those who helped with this activity also.

The Ladies will be presenting their Thankoffering Service on Sunday,

Nov. 18th at both worship services. It is their hope to have as many of the ladies of Trinity be involved in these services as possible. There will be offering envelopes placed in the pew racks for your gifts to the Women of the ELCA's Mission Projects as set down by the ELCA. We live in a community of plenty—both tangible and intangible for which many times we forget that it is God who is sending these blessings our way. You are encouraged to stop and think for a few moments of the many blessings- good health, food on your table, children/grandchildren, a job, etc.—and thank God both in

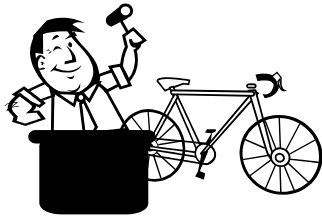
prayer as well as a gift to the WELCA.

The Ladies are seeking a few women who might be willing to plan a Post-Holiday Party in January. Eugene Hofmeier has already graciously agreed to talk on trains, and the meal can easily be pot-luck, but there are still those few things that need planning. If you would be willing to work on the planning of this great gathering, please contact Helen Smith, Betty Sugg or Donna Kumpf.

TRINITY'S TALENT AUCTION

What is your special talent?

Time to start thinking about how you can share that talent at our March Talent Auction!



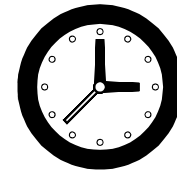
A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

For budgeting and expense purposes, anyone who needs to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in 2007, you must turn in your receipts prior to December 31, 2007.

Your help is most appreciated!
Lisa Kaminski



Fall Back



Remember to turn your clocks *back* one hour when you go to bed Saturday, November 3.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Ken Mekeel, Owen Pieber, Carol Gorniak, Helen Smith, Fred Gregg, June Hoffman, Dale Freas, Don Weber, Joanne Morrison, Alan Kumpf, Anita Dudas, Laura Morgan, Maxine Schrise,

And the families of: Betty Bruning, Darren Harris, Lorin Darst's Grandfather

We remember our homebound:

Daisy Graff, Margaret Baker, Bill Nehrboss and Joshua Schmidt.



Thanks from the Food Pantry to all who made donations to the Harvest Festival.



Seasons of Wonders

Community Cantata

Saturday, December 15, 2007

at St. John's Lutheran Church

168 Main St., Akron, NY

Any interested singers, instrumentalists or supporters contact Coty Graff

585-590-7614

BAND AID II

A Service of Praise and

Thanksgiving

Celebrating Lutheran Charities

Sun., Nov. 11, 2007, 6:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Church

9535 Clarence Center

Clarence Center, NY

Music by Worship Bands of the
Niagara Frontier Conference
Churches.

Mission Fair featuring 12
agencies of Lutheran Charities
before and after worship.

Free Will Offering to Benefit
Lutheran Charities.

Sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial
for Lutherans

The Best Prayer I've Heard In A Long Time...

Heavenly Father, Help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

If you send this , then you have a chance to touch people.

Working for God on earth doesn't pay much.....but His retirement plan is out of this world

Eric Arnold Memorial Concert Series

Randall Memorial Baptist Church
6301 Main Street, Williamsville, NY

Presents Season 3

**This concert series is a tribute to long time Music Minister
Eric Arnold.**

November 4, 2007 6:00 pm Kotoe Shimojo, Organist

December 16, 2007 10:55 am King's Brass in conjunction with
Randall's King Choir

January 20, 2008 6:00 pm Houghton College Choir

February 10, 2008 6:00 pm Amelia Piano Trio—Violin, Cello,
Piano

May 4, 2008 6:00 pm 50th Annual Spring Concert,
"A Homecoming"

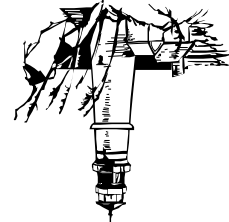
For more information 716-634-9800

Email: EAMCS@randallchurch.org

http://www.randallchurch.org

November 2007

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SEEKING AND REFLECTING THE
LIGHT OF THE LORD”



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Charles Lowder, Webservant (585) 547-9862
David Hofmeier/Candy Kruschke, Pianists
David McMullen, Choir Director

Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 am and 10:45 am
Sunday School (ages 3-adult): 9:15 am
Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.TRINITY-LUTHERAN-CHURCH.ORG
