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A Prayer of Thanksgiving Gratitude

Almighty God, our Creator, Redeemer and eternal Companion, we come before you overwhelmed by the boundless goodness you bestow upon us.

On this special day, we remember how you blessed those who came to this land seeking the freedom to worship without restraint or hindrance.

We are immeasurably grateful for our heritage. We pray that our faith may be as fervent as the faith of those who left everything familiar to journey to a strange land, where they themselves were strangers.

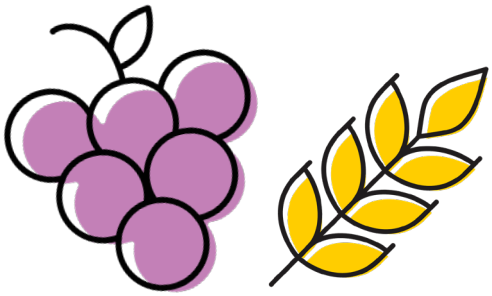
We gather as grateful beneficiaries of your faithful servants who paid a costly price to glorify you and serve you. Mindful of the first Thanksgiving meal shared by newcomers and Native peoples, we now gather around our own tables with family and friends.

We come before you with love and deep appreciation for your constant grace and abundant gifts. The beautiful food before us is a visible reminder of your generous provision.

Ever-giving and ever-loving God, we humbly thank you for all your blessings. We ask for one gift more: the honor of your presence. Be our Guest, so that we may enjoy fellowship with you and with one another.

We pray in the name of your greatest gift to us, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Church Council Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2026

Members present: Ken Bishop, Shiela Thomas, Roger Jungmeyer, Jennifer Dampf, Travis Koestner, Jerome Rockelman and Becky Hayden.
The meeting began at 5:30 pm. Ken Bishop opened the council meeting with a prayer.

The Council reviewed the September meeting minutes. Ken made the correction of changing the amount of candles needed for Christmas from 250 to 150. A motion was made to approve the corrected September minutes by Ken; second by Jerome, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the Special Council meeting minutes of October 1, 2026. Ken made a motion to approve the Special Council meeting minutes, second by Jennifer, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the September financial reports. Ken made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, second by Sheila, motion carried.

Budget and Finance- Jennifer Dampf

- Jennifer reported on the church's finances.
- Jennifer has inquired about placing the Pastor Salary Fund into a Money Market to earn a better rate. Ken made a motion to put the Pastor Salary Fund into a Money Market with Community Point Bank. Second by Jerome, motion carried.

Parish Education Committee- Jennifer Dampf

- The youth are always collecting food and toiletry items for the Blessing Box. If you are able to help with anything, please place the items in the back of the church. Thank you.
- During the month of November the kids will decorate a variety of cards to distribute throughout the year to Trinity Members.
- Sunday School is continuing to go well. Attendance averages at 12 kids and 8 adults. Thank you so much for all of your help and support to get the amazing program back up and running.
- Three students are participating in the on-line confirmation classes.
- The youth groups are planning a Hayride/Bonfire night in the near future.

Evangelism- Shiela Thomas

- Evangelism committee would like to host a Potluck Dinner after church November 8 to welcome Pastor Caroline. Jennifer made a motion to have the Potluck Dinner on November 8, second by Becky, motion carried.
- Evangelism would like to give a card and an apple pie from the Pie Fundraiser to each Pastor who has helped Trinity in 2026. Jennifer made a motion to give a card and a pie to each pastor. Second by Ken, motion carried.

Music and Worship- Ken Bishop

- Music and Worship will meet October 15, 2026 at 6:00pm

Property- Jerome Rockelman

- Installed new freezer in the hall kitchen.
- Replaced contactor switch in the artic air refrigerator.
- Dana F. and Jerome worked on church video system.
- Jeff Gordon and Jerome organized the hall kitchen utility room
- Replaced security light at the Pavilion
- God's Work Our Hands worked in the prayer garden and removed a dead tree and bush. They trimmed the north and west side church bushes, mulched the north side of the church and trimmed bushes on the northeast side of the parsonage.

- Bob Ortbals and Roger Jungmeyer moved a parking curb to protect the parking lot light pole
- Roger oversaw the installation of 3 signs placed at the parking lot entrances.
- Dana and Lyle Jobe donated a washer and dryer to the church parsonage and they have been installed. Thank You!!
- Ken made a motion to purchase new blinds for the parsonage, second by Sheila, motion carried.

Vitality Committee- Travis Koestner

- No meeting

Old Business:

- Stewardship Sunday will be October 18, 2026
- Jennifer made a motion for November 22 to be the Women's Thankoffering Service, second by Sheila, motion carried.

New Business:

- The upcoming church meeting scheduled for October 11 was discussed.
- The Christmas program will be December 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm. A Christmas Deck the halls decoration time will be after church on December 6, 2026.
- There was much discussion and anticipation about the upcoming addition of a new pastor. Church dynamics were discussed and ideas were developed to hopefully make Trinity a good environment for all.

The next Council Meeting will be November 10, 2026. A motion was made by Ken to adjourn the meeting; second by Becky, motion carried.

The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

Respectively submitted: Becky Hayden

Secretary _____ President_____

Special Church Council Meeting

October 11, 2026

Meeting held after church October 11, 2026. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed garage renovation to build two offices for the church.

Pastor David Viles from St. Paul's Lutheran Church opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Roger Jungmeyer called the meeting to order.

Information was given to the congregation about the description and cost of the garage renovation and the purchase of a storage building. Roger thanked Dan Linhardt and Larry Bishop for their work and time on this project.

Roger spoke about the office project and gave the congregation an explanation of how the council developed the idea of renovating the garage and adding two office spaces and a restroom at the north end of the building.

There were many questions brought forward. The questions were:

- What other locations of church property were looked at as possible locations for the offices? Roger stated that the Parish Hall, both upstairs and downstairs, had been looked at but met with problems

of using a space that is much needed for youth and other church activities. He said that if the offices were placed in the Kid's Room, the cost to make 2 offices was estimated at $6,000.00.

- Do we need restrooms built in the office? How often will the offices be used? Can the church secretary work from home? It was discussed that restrooms would be nicer than walking to another building. The church administrative assistant would need to have an office to perform their job responsibilities. The offices would be used quite often for many church related jobs, not only the ones of the church administrative assistant.
- Can a visual of the proposed layout be described and explained? Roger explained the layout of the proposed offices.
- Has Council looked at applying for a grant through the food bank to help pay for the storage shed? Kathy Koestner said she had looked into a grant and does not believe this would work.
- Do we need to purchase a larger storage shed? Cost? Roger stated that Council would look into this suggestion and get information back to the congregation by next Sunday.
- How does the church propose to fund this project? The Church would use $20,000.00 from the undesignated memorial funds and take out a loan from Community Point Bank for $20,000.00. Envelopes will be placed in the back of the church for donations to the project.
- Could it be less expensive to build a storage building than buying one prefabricated? Council is looking into the best option for the storage shed.
- Many people asked about the old schoolhouse as an option. Roger explained the problems with the schoolhouse and the costs to make that building useable. There was other discussion and ideas from members of possible ways to have the offices at Trinity. Travis stated that the Council had looked at the options available and believed the garage was the best place for the offices.

Brenda Jungmeyer made a motion to vote on the proposed garage renovation project as presented with the option to change the size of the storage building by next Sunday. Jennifer Dampf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Forty people voted with 30 people voting yes and 10 voting no. The proposed project passed with 75% majority. The congregation will decide October 18, 2026 on the size of storage building to be purchased.

Travis Koestner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ken Bishop, motion carried.

Meeting minutes submitted by Becky Hayden

Special Church Council Meeting

October 18, 2026

Meeting held after church October 18, 2026. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the potential size and cost of a storage shed to be purchased with the garage office project.

Pastor Ralph Donald opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Roger Jungmeyer called the meeting to order.

Dan Linhardt spoke about a possible way to fund the garage office project. Dan suggested we use some of Tony Heidbreder's memorial funds to pay for a large portion of the garage office project. He would like to place a plaque on the offices in remembrance of Tony. Dan proposed envelopes be placed in the back of the church to be used for donations so the church would not need to obtain a loan from the bank. He stated that a member has already pledged a $1000.00 donation.

The congregation had many questions about the size and cost of potential storage buildings. After much discussion, Brenda Jungmeyer made a motion for council to provide written information next Sunday about the different building types, sizes and cost so the congregation could have a clear understanding and vote. Jennifer Dampf seconded this motion. Motion passed.

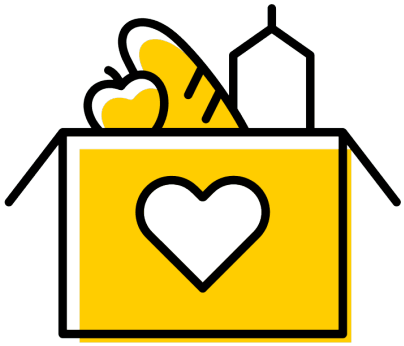
Lyle Jobe made a motion to amend Brenda Jungmeyer's previous motion. He made the motion to have another church meeting in 2 weeks time. The church council will provide printed information about the storage building options, including all types, sizes and cost.

The congregation will vote on Dan Linhardt's proposal of using Tony Heidbreder's memorial money to fund a large portion of the garage office/ storage shed project . Kathy Koestner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Anna Wise made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Dana Jobe, motion carried.

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Food Bank



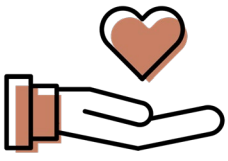
The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri was at Trinity's parking lot on Tuesday, October 13, for its monthly visit. During the visit, there were 87 families served totaling 214 persons. Twenty-four volunteers worked, with seven representing Trinity. It was a very warm October day. The distribution consisted of the following items: cherry tomatoes, assorted cookies, salad kits, coffee, citrus drinks, breads, hamburger, beyond burger, and milk. The Russellville United Methodist Church contributed peanut butter, canned chicken and snack packs for kids. The Rocky Mount Food Bank provided an assortment of fresh fruits and miscellaneous bakery items. The November Food Bank visit to Trinity is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 1:00-3:00 PM. Thank You to our faithful volunteers!

Thank You

God's Kids and LYO would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Chick-fil-A fundraiser at the end of September! Thanks to your support, we received $214.17 in proceeds, which will be split between our two youth ministry groups. We appreciate your support of our youth ministries!

Prayer Chain Requests

Do you have a spiritual, physical, or mental prayer request? Trinity's Prayer Chain is here to support you. To begin a prayer request or to be added to the prayer chain to receive text messages or phone calls, please contact Kathy Koestner (573-690-0956) or Connie Harrison (573-680-9465). We invite you to stay connected as we support one another through prayer.



November reminds us that gratitude grows when it is shared.
Through giving, serving and caring for neighbors in need, we can turn thanksgiving into faithful action. May God open our eyes to opportunities to bless others with willing hearts and open hands.

In Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the Rosie Strobel family and friends upon the death of Rosie on October 11. Caring for children for most of her life, she became a loving and caring role model mother to many children in the area. One can only imagine Rosie in her new home, sitting in a rocking chair with a little bundle in her arms. Rest eternal grant Rosie, O Lord.

Lake Area Orchestra Winter Concerts

With joyous rehearsal sounds filling the air, we know that the Winter Concerts for the Lake Area Community Orchestra are not far off. We are happy to announce an exciting six concert Winter Schedule for 2026, and we look forward to playing a concert in your area.



2026 Lake Area Community Orchestra Winter Schedule

Sunday, November 29 - Community Christian Church, Camdenton
Tuesday, December 1 - First Baptist Church, Eldon
Sunday, December 6 - Walk on the Water Faith Church, Osage Beach
Tuesday, December 8 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lohman
Sunday, December 13 - West Lake Christian Church, Laurie
Tuesday, December 15 - Lake Ozark Christian Church

All concerts begin at 7:00 pm. Concerts are free to the public.
Free Will donations are welcome.

Included in the program are a variety of Christmas and other selections, including Hallelujah, Italian Holiday, Christmas on Broadway, Gesu Bambino, Pat-A-Pan, and Cantique de Noel.

For further information, please contact our director, Dr. Nate Moe, 815-721-4527, or check our web site at www.lakeareacommunityorchestra.org.



Set Your Clocks Back

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before retiring for the evening on Saturday, October 31. Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1.

Veterans Day

Each year on Veterans Day, we pause to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice and devotion. Their willingness to defend freedom reminds us that service often comes with great cost.

As Christians, we are called to honor those who serve and to pray for veterans, active-duty military members and their families. We also remember that true peace comes from God, who is our refuge and strength.

May this day lead us to gratitude, prayer and renewed commitment to serve others with humility, courage and love.

November Baptismal Birthdays

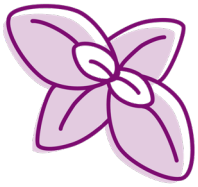
5–Maliek Heywood
8–Sherrie Wilbers
8–Jennifer Dampf
12–Monroe Paul Payne
13–Brandon VanHooser
16–Ryan Ortbals
17–Brenda King
20–Clayton Harrison
24–Gregory Ott
25–Denise Ortbals
27–Amy Edwards
28–Kayne Kirchner
30–Dale Strobel

November Birthdays

2 Howard Ellis
2–Eleanor Ortbals
3–Kameron Hogue
4–Carolyne Koestner
6–Patsy Theroff
7–David Marr
7–Dale Strobel
8–Ashley Huff
9–Meghan Ortbals
11–Denise Ortbals
12–Sonny Jungmeyer
14–Judy Crocker
17–Layna Korte
20–Kimberly Otto
21–Isaac Eberhart Morris
24–Linda Smith
25–Mary Gordon
25–George Sternberg
26–Jocie Mertens
27–William Schmoeger



For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7



Sunday School Helpers for November and December

Date	**2-4 year olds**	**K-4th grade**
November 1	Jess	Mollie
November 8	London	Kim
November 15	Jen	Meghan
November 22	Olivia	Brooke
November 29	Tami	Sydney
December 6	Mollie	Jess
December 13	Kim	London
December 20	Jen	Meghan

Worship Servers for November

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Council Member	Roger Jungmeyer	Travis Koestner	Ken Bishop	Shiela Thomas	Becky & Clay Hayden
Greeter	Garrett & Mikala Geiger Family	Cory & Beth Volkart Family	Mollie Keck Family	Kim & Andie Christine & Abel	Ryan & Meghan Ortbals Family
Acolyte	Volunteer	Brooklyn Wood	Jocie Mertens	Volunteer	Adalyn Wood
Lay Reader	Kim Otto	Gidget Koestner	Brooke Koestner	Mary Gordon	Anna Wise
Children's Sermon	Jennifer Dampf	Connie Harrison	Tami Kirchner	Becky Hayden	Jennifer Dampf
Offering Assistants	Garrett & Mikala Geiger Family	Cory & Beth Volkart Family	Mollie Keck Family	Kim & Andie Christine & Abel	Ryan & Meghan Ortbals Family
Communion Assistant	Kathi and Larry Bishop	Denise Ortbals	Jessica Keeran	Tami Kirchner	Anna Wise
Video	Lyle and Dana Jobe	Dana Frisby	Kathy Koestner & Denise Ortbals	Jack Hayden	Jack Hayden
Piano	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Judy Crocker	Becky Hayden

The Journey of the Church Year

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, in 2026. In many Christian traditions, Advent also marks the beginning of the church year. Rather than starting with a new calendar, the church begins by preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent leads to Christmas, followed by Epiphany, traditionally observed on January 6, 2027, to remember the revelation of Christ to the nations and the visit of the wise men. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, and guides believers toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday, March 28.

Forty days after Easter, Christians observe Ascension Day on May 6, remembering how Jesus "was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9, ESV). Pentecost follows on May 16, 50 days after Easter. On that day, the Holy Spirit empowered Christ's followers and united them for the church's mission.

The season after Pentecost continues until Advent arrives once more, inviting the church to begin the sacred journey again.

November 2026

C = Church, **P/H** = Parish Hall, **P** = Pavilion, **P/O** = Parish Office, **P/L** = Parking Lot

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 **All Saints Sunday** **P/H-8:15-8:55 AM** Sunday School **C-9:00 AM** Worship Special Council Meeting WELCA Qtr. Mtg.	2	3 **Election** **P/H-5-PM-** Yoga **P/H-5:30 PM-** Music & Worship	4	5 **P/H-5:45 PM-** Young Women's Bible Study **P/H-6:30 PM-** Men's Bible Study	6	7
8 **P/H-8:15-8:55 AM** Sunday School **C-9:00 AM** Worship	9	10 **P/L-1-3 PM-** Food Bank **P/H-5 PM-** Yoga **P/H-6 PM** Church Council	11 **Veterans Day**	12	13	14
15 **P/H-8:15-8:55 AM** Sunday School **C-9:00 AM** Worship	16	17 **P/H-5-PM-** Yoga	18 **P/H-11:30 AM** Retreads	19 **P/H-5:45 PM** Young Women's Bible Study **P/H-6 PM** Trinity's Sisters Bible Study Group	20 **Newsletter Article Deadline**	21
22 **Christ The King Sunday** **P/H 8:15-8:55 AM** **C-9:00 AM** Worship	23	24 **P-H-5 PM-** Yoga	25	26 **Thanksgiving**	27	28
29 **1st Sunday of Advent** **P/H-8:15-8:55 AM** Sunday School **C-9:00 AM** Worship	30					

