

November Beacon

Times are busy!

Thanksgiving and the holiday season are rapidly approaching! While it's a festive time, there's much to do: get the house ready, shop for the big dinner, all the prep, the cooking, the eating and the leftovers, and of course, the cleanup. There's getting ready for your guests and long to-do lists, and if you're among the many travelers, you've got to make those travel arrangements and get to and from safely.

Trinity is just as busy: we have not one, but two food pantry distributions (plus all the work that goes into making those happen), Sunday worships and Sunday School, Confirmation evening classes, our council meeting… plus our Rummage sale, weekly Bible studies (but not on Thanksgiving), the LCLC Meat Raffle, a congregational meeting, hosting the Akron Community Thanksgiving Service, and the memorial service for Helmut Bauder. Wow!

And: your church council will be meeting together with Zion, Gasport's church council on Monday evening, November 9th for our first-ever meeting to begin to dream and plan what a pastor-sharing partnership could look like.

Don't get me wrong: we are grateful that we are able to do all these things. But all of this is a lot. It can be so easy to get overwhelmed and anxious and excited and exhausted all at once. It also can be so easy to

beat ourselves up if we don't get all this right.

This is where grace comes in. This is where Jesus' example comes into play when things get hectic. For example, what does Jesus do in Matthew 8 when the storm rocks the boat in the Sea of Galilee? He takes a nap! In another example, Jesus doesn't wear himself out and rests at Jacob's Well in John 8. At the crack of dawn another time, Jesus goes off to a quiet place to pray (Mark 1). There are more examples like this where Jesus intentionally takes time to rest and reconnect with God. He offers himself grace just as much as he offers grace to others.

I invite you this holiday season, and during a season of busyness and talk of partnership at church, to find moments to offer yourself grace. Find those moments that you can reconnect and rest. As a church, let's commit to offering each other grace and be gentle with one another as we take on that which we get to do. I plan to do this as well.

You are in my prayers for your rest and well-being. Give thanks, offer grace, be gentle, and go in peace, knowing that the grace you offer is just as much for yourself as well, a grace so freely given by Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

-Pastor Rick



Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Tracy: Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote. Call, text or email any time.

Choir rehearses 8:30am on Sundays
Worship is 9:30 every Sunday
Pastor Jerilyn Brown will join us on November 1st!
Bible Study: See list below
Sunday School is 10:45-11:45am
-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 11/29
Confirmation: please see schedule





<u>Monthly Meeting:</u>
<u>November 10th at 7pm</u>

Joint meeting together with Zion in Gasport on November 9th at 7pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6369 Wolcottsville Rd.

First Monday of the Month:
setup at 8:00 am
First Tuesday of the month: distribution from 8:30-10:30am
November 2nd Setup – November 3rd Distribution
Thanksgiving: setup November 16th, distribution November 17th



<u>WI-FI:</u> Go to 'Trinity Guest' on your device, and then when prompted, enter the password: BeABeacon

Exciting totals:

This year's chowder sale brought in $6586, and the quilt raffle brought in an additional $218!!

Also a big congratulations to Lois Kruschke, who won the fall quilt raffle!

Please Hold in Prayer

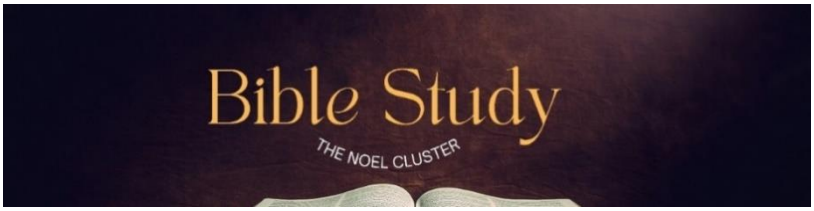
To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list at the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office.
You can call or email in a prayer at any time. Now you can also go on the website and email in a prayer through there.
716-542-9828, trinitysouthnewstead@gmail.com
Prayers submitted after Tuesday at noon will be announced verbally in church and added in print the following week. Names are kept on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless instructed otherwise.
If you would like your prayer concern to be shared by phone with everyone, please contact Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Mia Bella Ryan
Rebecca Kropelin Sciolino
Sue Larson
Ward Bruning
Lois Wolfe
Larry Long, Sr.
John Tschactle
Sean Ferrari
Jen Carlsen
Sharon (Linda Lawrie's sister) and her husband, Mike
Jordan Ertel & family
Joanne Goeseke Taylor (Flo's Daughter)
Jane Firestone (Dawn's friend)
Jeff Wosley (Dawn's friend)
Richard "Cooch" Cochmere and his wife, Joanne (Son in law of Shirley Domon)
Ray Francis, Jr.

We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:
Roger Johnson (father of Marie Bell, a food pantry volunteer)
Roger Pohl (son of Alvin and Marge Pohl)

We pray for strength and protection for Shanthi Blake as she's being sent to Europe in the armed forces.



Bible Study Upcoming dates and locations:
(10 am on Thursdays)

11/5 - Zion - 4447 Central Ave, Gasport 14067
11/12 - St. John's - 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville, 14098
11/19 – Here at Trinity!
11/26 – off for Thanksgiving
12/3- St. Peter – 1355 West Ave, Medina 14103
12/10 -Trinity Wolcotsville – 6369 Wolcottsville Rd. Akron 14001
12/17 - Zion - 4447 Central Ave, Gasport 14067
12/24 & 12/31 – Off for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve

Sunday School

Sunday School is underway and is a full hour this year. (10:45-11:45)
Here is November's Schedule:

November 1 (turn clocks back)
November 8
November 15
November 22: (after brief congregational meeting)
November 29: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 6
December 13
December 20: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
December 27: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Confirmation at Trinity

Our Confirmation class is underway. Students will learn what it means to be a Lutheran Christian in our world. They will then take responsibility for their faith when they are confirmed after completing a two-year program of classes, interactions, service, relationship-building, and more. In addition to coming to Sunday school, confirmation students will also attend evening classes on the following dates from 6-8pm:

~~Sep. 20~~	Feb. 7
~~Oct. 18~~	Mar. 7
Nov. 1	Apr. 11
Nov. 15	May 2
Dec. 20	May 16

(Snow Dates: Mar. 14, Apr. 18)



Prayer Pal Group

SECRET PRAYER PALS – NOVEMBER 1ST IS THE DAY!

If you have completed a Secret Prayer Pal Fact Sheet, November 1st is the day to find out who you will be blessed to pray for this 26-27 Season!

In the Narthex you will find many shopping bags! Take any one!

Inside the bag you will find your new pal's fact sheet; a "Who I'm Praying For" paper; a self addressed stamped envelope; and a few other things. Please fill out the "who I'm praying for" sheet and return it to the church in the SAS envelope.

Periodically, there may be something for you on the secret prayer pal table in the Narthex from me and/or your prayer pal. Please check the table every time you are able to be in church.

YOU are now ready to begin your prayers and a new season for the Secret Prayer Pals!

Wishing you a VERY HAPPY SEASON OF PRAYING!

With Much Love, Sue Kidder

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale is almost here!

All-day set-up **Wednesday, Nov. 11**;
the Sale itself is **Fri. Nov. 13th** from 5-7 pm
and **Sat. Nov. 14th** from 9-11 am.

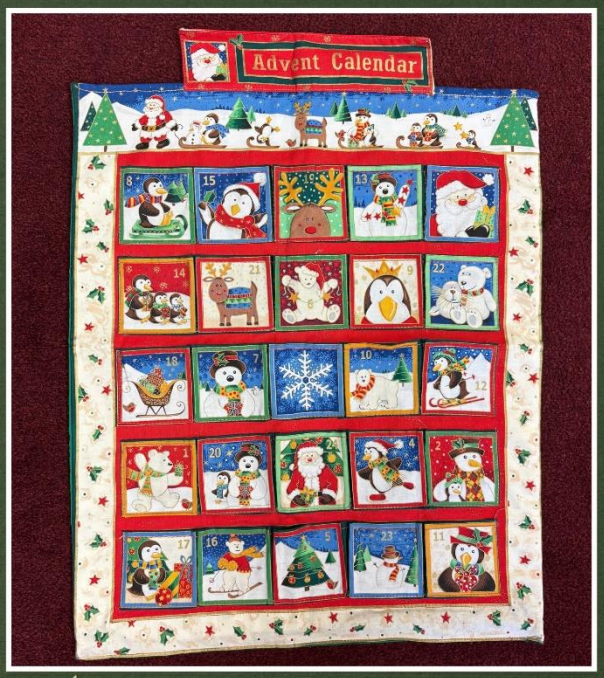
Many hands will be needed!
Please visit the signup sheet in the narthex.

Please do not bring items that are too heavy like large furniture, and be sure items are not too dirty.

get your

RAFFLE TICKETS

Ronda is raffling off this adorable advent calendar during November! Tickets are 3 for $1. Winner will be drawn on 11/29.



Congregational Meeting: Nov 22 following worship

Please plan to stay after worship on 11/22 for a congregational meeting to discuss replacement of the hot water tank.

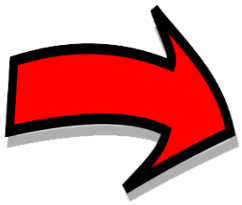


Helmut Bauder's Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Helmut on Saturday November 28th at 10am here at Trinity.

Meat Raffle

For those of you that signed up for Saturday, November 21st, Pastor Rick has reserved a table that is $13 per person. You can pay him directly. The address of Ellicott Creek Fire hall is: 45 S. Ellicott Creek, Buffalo. Doors open at 6pm, first spin is at 7pm.



Mark Your Calendar

- **Advent** starts November 29th!
- **Christmas Decorating** at the church on Saturday December 5th at 9:30am
- **Chrismon Sunday** is December 6th, and Erik Polkowski will be leading us in worship
- **Chirstmas Eve** worship will be here at Trinity at 10am and 7pm, with a 4pm service wtih Zion Gasport – at Becker Farms.

Poinsettia Orders

Yep, it's time to get your order form in! They are due 11/29/26. Printable form at the end of the Beacon and printed copies are in the narthex.

LCLC Winter Retreats

Join us at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center (LCLC) for a winter weekend of fun! Each weekend will be jam-packed with games, activities, food, and exploring our faith.

9th-12th grade: January 8th @ 6:00 pm - January 10th @ 11:30 am
4th-8th grade: January 15th @ 6:00 pm - January 17th @ 11:30 am

The cost: $150 per camper; this includes Saturday breakfast-Sunday breakfast and all lodging and activities. Campers will be staying in the Retreat Center. More info and registration is at https://www.lclcenter.org/winterretreats.

Birthdays



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

3rd- MaryLou Groff
Shirley Domon
4th- Ryan Yaeger
10th- Kennedy Sundown
Ron Lobur
11th - Peyton Palizay
16th- Lani Jendrowski
23rd - Robert Groff
24th- Derek Edgar
Tyler Johnson
27th- Annette Adamczak



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

25th - Barry & Laura Pingitore

CONGREGATIONAL LISTENING MEETING

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Pastor Richard Mollenkopf-Grill opened the meeting at 11:35am with a word of prayer.

Tammy Johannes read the statement, as prepared for the meeting by Erik Polkowski, as to the purpose of the meeting, which will give the congregational council a better understanding of how people feel about how the agreement between Zion of Gasport & Trinity of South Newstead. Those in attendance was also reminded that this is not a congregational meeting where any decisions would be made nor any vote taken. This just a laid-back open gathering to hear people's thought. Deacon Rachel Sosobee was in attendance to answer questions and/or explain how other congregations are doing with their Pastor serving 2 congregations. There are a number of congregations in this mode. The Synod is teaching seminary students how to lead 2 congregations instead of the original one congregation. Right now there are 11 churches in the Upstate New York Synod looking for Pastors.

QUESTION #1

* It's okay of Pastor Richard Mollenkopf-Grill doesn't suffer from burn-out.

* It would be nicer if the worshippers knew who was to be the worship leader the first Sunday of each month. Some thought "they don't come for who is leading the service, just as long as they get the feeling of reassurance of God's love;" "others have been to other congregations during their lifetime and find it's nice to get a new perspective on God's word."

* Is it a question of dollars & cents. Neither church is really that free of debt to be self-sustaining, especially with winter upon us - attendance down due to nasty weather; colder temps = more heat & lights. Is there a way we can print the attendance & offering received in bulletin. "Not really as our newsletter & Sunday bulletin are available on e-mail. If someone is looking for a church home & see the debt, they might look else where.

* Does this agreement benefit either church's attendance. Not sure of Zion - Gasport, but there is a lower attendance at Trinity, (not a great amount but some difference.) Some families feel "they can get service on Utube and if Pastor Mollenkopf-Grill isn't there, he won't know." "Sunday School looks forward to seeing him and miss him when he's not there, with our Sunday School growing we don't want to lose the students."

How does this effect services on holidays, funerals, weddings, etc. between both congregations? Pastor Mollenkopf-Grill "has had to make a few changes in scheduling, but it has worked out. He has tried to split is office hours equally, so he is available. He has posted his telephone number."

QUESTION #2

* Where do we stand on the original agreement? The Synod has been able to extend the agreement month by month. Is Zion of Gasport looking for a new Pastor? They are in the process, but after having a shepherd for 40+ years, it's hard to find the right one. What can we do to hasten this process along? Deacon Sosobee said, "It's hard to say - no one answer for all congregations. It's kind of a trial by error. If you try it and after a few months, it doesn't look like it's working - try something else. Who would decided when & what should be changed?

The congregational council's President & Vice-President and 3 or 4 from congregation is best. It might even be best to check plus & minus every 6 months. Trinity is not in anyway shapes, or form ready to lose. Both Trinity of South Newstead & Zion of Gasport will benefit with God's guidance. The NOEL cluster Bible Studies has proven this already.

With no more discussion, questions, or comments, , it was felt by many in attendance "Pastor Mollenkopf-Grill's health and stamina to serve was the most to be concerned about. Pastor Richard Mollenkopf-Grill assured us, "He appreciates our concerns, and does not mind the drive nor pressures.

With this in mind, the notes will go to council so they can see What Is the Next Step?

Pastor Mollenkopf-Grill led us in a prayer asking God to guide us, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting closed at 11:46am.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Kumpf, recording secretary

BY POPULAR DEMAND! Marilyn Plateau's incredible recipe:

PUMPKIN CRISP

Ingredients:

1 large can pumpkin
1 cup sugar
1 large can evaporated milk
½ tsp. cinnamon
3 eggs
1 large yellow cake mix
2 sticks melted butter
1.5 cups chopped nuts

Topping:

8 oz. cream cheese - softened
1.5 cups confectioners sugar
¾ container of large Cool Whip

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, Grease a 9x13 pan.

Mix pumpkin, sugar, milk, eggs & cinnamon. Pour pumpkin mix in pan.

Sprinkle dry cake mix over pumpkin mixture. Pour cool melted butter over cake mix. Sprinkle with nuts.

Bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes (will not be completely firm in middle)

Allow to cool.

Mix cream cheese, Cool Whip & Confectioners sugar.

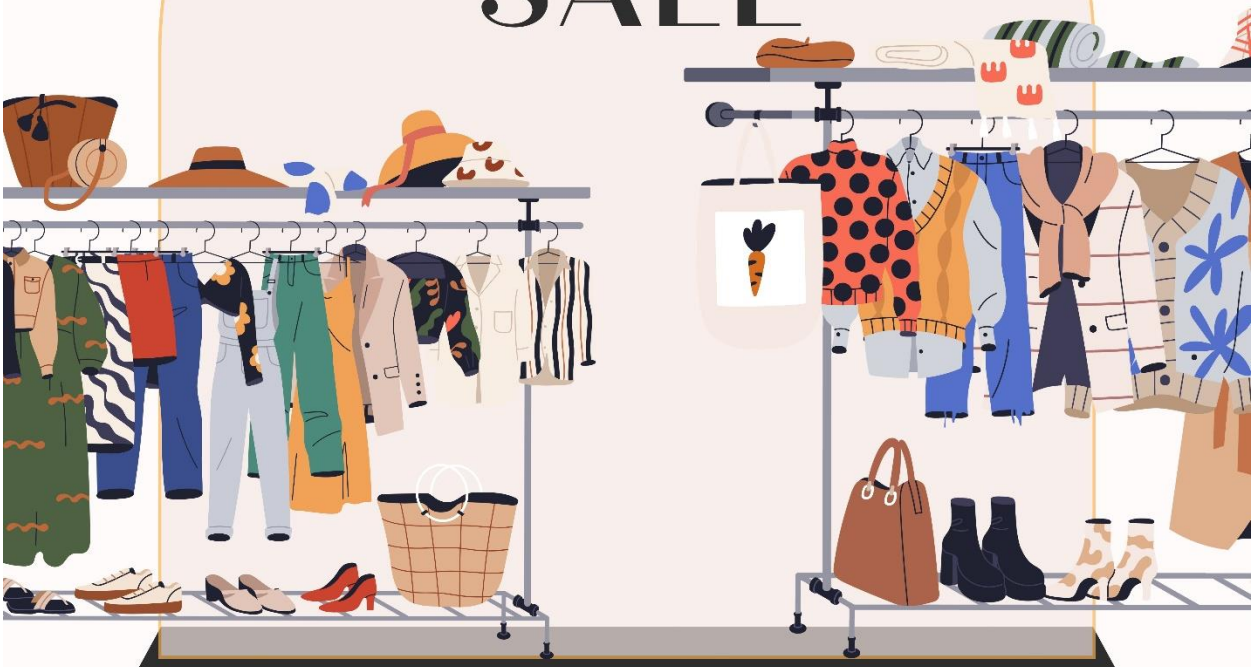
Put topping on pumpkin mix and chill.

** Best if made one day ahead.

You never know what you'll find!

4809 S. Newstead Rd.
Akron - 716-542-9828
Trinitysouthnewstead.org

Trinity's RUMMAGE SALE



Fri 11/13: 5-8 pm

Sat 11/14: 9am–noon: $5 bag sale

If you would like to donate items, please call first.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2026 Christmas Flower Order Form

Please place your envelope, order form and payment in the offering plate or the church office. Cash or check, made payable to 'Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church' with "Christmas Poinsettias" written on it.

DUE DATE: Sunday November 29th. Substitutions will be made if your choice is not available. If you have a longer dedication please write on the back or fill out as many forms as you need. Flowers will adorn the Church Sanctuary during Christmas Worship and may be taken **after the last service.**

Name:_____**Phone #:**_____

6 ½" Poinsettia Single Plant- $7.00 each **Color & Quantity**: _____ Red _____White _____

Circle one: In memory/honor of:

8" Poinsettia Multi Plant- $12.00 each

Color & Quantity: Red_____White_____Pink Marble_____

10" Poinsettia Multi Plant- $17.00 each **Color & Quantity**: _____ Red _____White ____

Circle one: In memory/honor of:

In Lieu of Flowers, I would like to donate to Trinity $_____

Circle one: In memory/honor of:

TOTAL ENCLOSED

$_____

If you need more room for your dedications, please add them on the back or feel free to attach a sheet.