

# THE VISITOR



A Newsletter for  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Dallas, Oregon



**Mark your calendar**

for the annual Thanksgiving dinner. Enjoy a free turkey dinner and all the trimmings!

**Invite family, friends and neighbors**

to this community-wide event of hospitality and giving thanks.

**Volunteers needed**

Sign up sheets are located in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to help with planning, inviting, publicity, shopping, cooking, decorating, set up, take down clean-up, child care, or transportation.



**27th ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY  
THANKSGIVING DINNER**



**Wednesday,  
November 26, 2014**

**at**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
320 SE Fir Villa Rd  
Dallas, Oregon**

**Dinner served beginning at 5:30 pm  
Community worship at 7:00 pm**

**Everyone is welcome**

**Free meal delivery is available  
to Dallas residents with disabilities  
(within the city limits)**

**Please arrange delivery by November 25. Call  
the church office. 503-623-2233.**





- **November 2 - All Saints Sunday - Color of the Day is white**

All Saints Sunday is a time that “celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are in the body of Christ. Scripture readings call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete.” *Sundays and Seasons 2014.* As we remember loved ones, we will have a time to light a candle in their memory. Candles will be provided.

- **November 9 \* Rite of Confirmation - Jordan Frazer-Sage**

**Veterans Day is November 11.** Sunday, November 9, we would like to acknowledge and give thanks for all veterans. Please stay for cake after worship to celebrate Jordan’s confirmation and our veterans.

- **November 23 - Christ the King Sunday & Women of the ELCA Thankoffering** (\*See article regarding WELCA Thankoffering)

-The final day of the church year uses **white**, a festive color of light, joy, and the celebration of our Lord.

- **November 26 - Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. - Community “Thanksgiving” Worship**

- Follows the Community Thanksgiving Meal.

**This worship service is provided by the Dallas Ministerial Association.**

- Various pastors from the different churches do segments of the service with scripture, a message, and music. This is a wonderful service that focuses on our blessings and to give thanks. We truly are blessed to be able to worship together as one people of faith. Come and give thanks to God!



- **November 30 - First Sunday in Advent**



## Christmas Band!



Do you play a band instrument? Can you read music? Would you like to be part of a Christmas band at Trinity? If so, this is for you! This is not intended to be a professional group, we want to play Christmas carols and have fun. We would play for gathering music on Sunday, Dec. 14 and possibly other times that could be determined by the group. If you are interested, please contact Janet Beck, 503-623-2233. This would help to know if there are enough interested people.

**Tentative rehearsal schedule** - Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 10.

**There is music for any of these instruments:** Flute, Trombone/Baritone B.C./Bassoon, Alto

Clarinet, Clarinet/Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone/Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet/Cornet, Tuba, Oboe, Piano, Percussion.

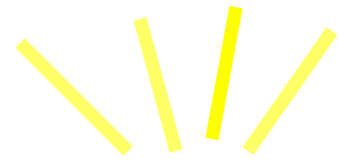
### Coming in December

- \* Advent Season continues
- \* Opportunity to donate \$ for poinsettias to decorate the worship space
- \* Children and Youth Program
- \* Christmas Eve worship services
  - \* Giving Tree

**Worship & Music Ministry Team:** Mavis Graven, Sally Miller, Julie Oke, Jon & Lynne Uusitalo, Logan VanRiper, Pastor Dave, Janet Beck

# Possibilities

...for giving and serving



## Many choices for giving thanks and praise Acknowledging that God calls all of us to help others!

There are so many giving and serving opportunities. These are in addition to our regular Sunday giving.

**GOD CALLS US**, as individuals and as a church family, to be aware of others and situations needing financial help or help through service.

### Ways we can help:

- Let's notice the needs of people and groups around us. We can help and we can contact the *Possibilities Team* for sharing the information with others.
- Let's notice changes in our lives. We might have a story to share.
- Please take a look at the jars with pictures highlighting specific possibilities. Jars are on the table in the entryway. Money may be placed into these jars, even a few coins add up to help. If you want the giving to show on your giving statement, please put it in an envelope with your name before putting it into the jar.
- Please contact one of the following *Possibilities Team* members with your ideas: Dot Lee, Angel Hammond, Logan VanRiper, Carol Christ, Janet Beck
- Email: janetdallastlc@gmail.com or 503-623-2233.

## 2014 Financial Update

## Sally Davies, Financial Manager

	2013 Year End	1st Quarter Jan-Mar 2014	2nd Quarter Apr-June 2014	July 2014	August 2014	September 2014	Year to Date 2014
General Fund Income	\$241,152.07	\$62,599.62	\$80,235.88	\$19,007.97	\$25,829.48	\$21,791.31	\$208,072.95
Mortgage (\$8500/month)	\$64,379.20	\$7,965.60	\$18,940.00	\$2,770.00	\$4,406.04	\$2,936.00	\$37,017.64
Special Donation	\$31,782.19				5,000.00	\$4,573.66	\$10,964.97
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$337,313.46</b>	<b>\$70,565.22</b>	<b>\$99,175.88</b>	<b>\$21,777.97</b>	<b>\$35,235.52</b>	<b>\$29,300.97</b>	<b>\$256,055.56</b>
Expenses	\$349,817.71	\$93,468.80	\$89,525.44	\$31,092.55	\$31,428.38	\$31,480.79	\$277,579.57
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-\$12,475.10</b>	<b>-\$22,903.58</b>	<b>\$9,650.44</b>	<b>-\$9,314.58</b>	<b>\$3,807.14</b>	<b>-\$2,179.82</b>	<b>-\$21,524.01</b>

The LORD sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts. **1 Samuel 2:7**

Thank you for the special gifts to Trinity, both for the General Fund and for special projects. It is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning the finances, feel free to contact me.

Sally Davies

Financial Manager

sallydallastlc@gmail.com

# **YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES**

## **NAOMI WOODRUM**



### Mom's Bible Study

We have a new meeting time for the fall! Mothers of all ages are invited to join us for Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, 9:00-9:45 AM, in room 4.

There is nursery care available, so drop off your little ones and join us for a short study of God's Word together.

### Young Adult Bible Study

The group is doing a devotion series on the book of Proverbs. They meet every other Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 AM, at Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar in downtown Dallas. The dates for fall are: Nov. 12 & 26, Dec. 10 & 24.

### Youth Group Trip to Winter Jam 2014

It's that time of the year again! Get ready for a night of amazing bands and music at the Moda Center in Portland. Artists include: Jeremy Camp, Hillsong United, Trip Lee, and Newsong. The cost is \$10, plus money for food at the concert. Please make sure you RSVP to Naomi by Nov. 12 so we can plan appropriate transportation.

### No Youth Group on Nov. 30.

Due to Thanksgiving weekend, we will not have Youth Group on Nov. 30.

### Youth Group Needs your Help!

We still need people to provide lunches for Youth Group on Sundays. It doesn't need to be anything fancy! There are meal suggestions by the sign up sheet, located next to the front office window. We really appreciate your help and support! Thank you.

### **Trinity Bus Drivers Are Providing Transportation to Worship**

**Leaving:** Dallas Retirement Center at  
9:30 am. Meet in front of the  
red building.

**Return to DRV:** After worship

### **Thanksgiving Turkeys**

The Dallas Food Bank includes a turkey in each food box given in late November.

Money helps the food bank purchase these needed turkeys. Donations may be given through the offering or to the church office.



### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Friday, November 21 from 12:00 pm—5:00 pm

**All participants may enter for a chance to win two tickets to the Civil War football game.**

**(Oregon State University vs. University of Oregon)**

Give blood on behalf of the Ducks or Beavers and help save a life.

To schedule your appointment, or for more information, contact Alvera Blanchard at 503-623-8284.

# From the Crummy Tod Brostrom



## SUMMER FUNNY

I'm on my way home from work on a warm July afternoon this summer, when I noticed this very attractive girl out for a walk up the side of the road. As I got closer I thought, "Man, she's got the same hairdo as my wife, uh, uh, hmmm, uh wait, that is my wife." Kathie's out for a walk!" Oh yah, she does that a lot.

As I pulled into the shop chuckling to myself, I thought, "Hmm, I can't really tell her what happened." I don't want her mad at me and, or jealous at herself

for me noticing the cute chick (**her**) walking up the street, if that makes any sense? Anyway, it's one of those events that happens in three seconds but the memory lasts forever.

**P.S. If you see my marbles anywhere could you please return them!**



imagine!  
the possibilities



### **You're invited**

Celebration Sunday

November 16

BBQ burger lunch, cake, ice cream, fellowship after service

Everyone is welcome!

Congratulations to all who have put in the commitment of time and energy to attend the Financial Peace University (FPU) classes! Keep up the good work!

# Council Meeting Update

October, 2014

**Members Present:** Brenda Large, Janet Brunner, Jon Uusitalo, Red Carroll, Cliff Barnhart, Pastor Dave, Sally Davies, and guest Nicki Dippel.

The **minutes** from September 2014 meeting were read and approved.

A **devotion** was given by Pastor Dave on quantum faith.

**Financials** were handed out. They included a profit and loss sheet, a balance sheet and a history of payments to the new building. The estimated value of the building is \$2,780,000. Total equity is \$3,016,868.34.

A **big “thank you”** was given to Nicki Dippel and Sally Davies as they have worked long hours getting Quickbooks up and running. The Financial Report was approved.

A report on **Imagine** was given. About 50 to 60% of the church is taking or has taken the Financial Peace classes as well as many people not directly associated with Trinity. Nearly all of the responses of those taking the classes are positive.

The committee to develop a plan for the **transition to a new pastor** will be meeting next week. Those on the committee are: Sally Davies, Brenda Large, Tod Brostrom, Heather Anderson and Cliff Barnhart. This committee is charged with coming up with a plan to be distributed at the annual meeting in January 2015.

The women of Trinity presented a plan to **tint the upper two rows of windows in the sacristy**. Their hope is to diminish the sun coming through those windows and shining into the eyes of those worshipping. After some discussion the proposal was approved. The cost of the window tinting will be paid for by the Women's Fund.

Pastor Dave is approaching the city about **electronic bells** on the outside of the building to call people to worship on Sunday mornings. He is also going to the city to ask about what is needed to install an outside columbarium. A **columbarium** is a place designated for the inurnment of ashes. Already three of our members are awaiting the placement of this columbarium. Pastor Dave will report back at the November meeting.

The council also looked at some pictures of possible **baptismal fonts**. The font will be made of wood by one of our members. No decision was made.

The **nominating committee** to nominate new members for council was discussed. Janet Brunner and Cliff Barnhart will be on the committee, they will ask one other person from the congregation.

The **Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 25, 2015 after church**.

The meeting concluded with the **Lord's Prayer**.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Pastor Dave for Dave Dippel





## More News and Events . . . . .

- **Thankoffering envelopes** will be available November 2 at the kiosk and will be received at the worship service on November 23.
- **Estate Planning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** November 5 6:30-8:00 pm, at Dallas Retirement Village. Dallas Community Foundation is pleased to bring nationally-recognized estate and legacy planning attorney Eden Rose Brown to Dallas for an engaging presentation with a unique spin. Eden will discuss modern culture's impact on estate planning, and how traditional tools and strategies must be adapted to work effectively. In easy-to-understand terms, she will explain the estate planning toolbox, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney and health care directives; asset and tax protection strategies; planning for incapacity, and how to ensure an enduring legacy. Eden was recently named an Oregon Super Lawyer for the tenth consecutive year and is honored as one of the top 100 attorneys in America. **Free.**
- **Faith and Grace Book Group.** Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 pm. The book for this meeting is **The Red Tent** By Anita Diamant, and is about life of women in Old Testament times. Come for discussion whether you have read the book or not. It was lively last time!
- **A Journey with Friends — A new small group.** We all suffer losses in our lives. Many of us suppress our pain and fears, and our grief, when we most need to feel the healing power of God's love. In an answer to this need, we have formed a new ministry called "**A Journey with Friends**". This is a support group to lift and nurture our grieving hearts in an atmosphere of love, trust, and acceptance. The next meeting will be: **Saturday, November 8 at 10:00 a.m. in room 1.** If this sounds like something of interest to you, or someone you know, you can chat with Sherry Carroll (503-580-8113) who will be facilitating this group.
- **Veteran's Chapel & Complimentary Breakfast** Wednesday, November 5, 8:15 am—10:00 am. Mid-Valley Christian Academy 1483 N 16th St, Monmouth. Please RSVP to school office 503-838-2818. To honor our veteran's who have served and sacrificed for our country and its citizens.
- **8th Annual Auction for** Mid-Valley Christian Academy Friday, November 14 5:00—7:00 pm. at the Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE Howe St, Dallas.
- **Festival Chorale Oregon,** Solveig Holmquist, founding artistic director presents a benefit concert Friday, November 21 at 7:30 pm at St Joseph Church 721 Chemeketa St Ne Salem. Poster on bulletin board near kitchen.
- **Advent "E" vent.** The first annual Advent potluck will be November 30 right after worship. Start the Advent/Christmas season by sharing Christmas memories and fellowship.
- **Music is an Adventure.** Gwen Griffiths is teaching piano lessons at Trinity on Tuesday afternoons. To schedule lessons for a child or adult call 785-443-2460 (cell) or 503-835-0445 (home)
- **Kids Art Class**—Richard Fenwick, instructor. Two sessions at Trinity Lutheran. 1:00—3:00 and 4:00—6:00. Ages 7-18. Drawing and water media. Call 503-879-4293 for details.

*Mark your calendars for the trip of a lifetime!*

**November 6, 2015—November 19, 2015—A Biblical Tour of the Holy Land** with

Pastor David Pederson and instructor Dr. Monte Luker. 14 days of biblical study. Pick up a brochure in the office or from Pastor Dave.

# Dear Trinity Family

The following is a note of thanks to Trinity congregation from Pastor Miriam Schmidt., a missionary in Central Europe. She has an interesting blog of her work and life in Bratislava at:

[http://domavbratislava.Wordpress.com.](http://domavbratislava.Wordpress.com)

Dear People of Trinity Lutheran Church:

Grace and peace to you. It has come to our attention through a yearly church sponsorship report that your congregation provided a gift of \$1800 towards our global mission work in Central Europe. this year. We are writing to thank you for this generous gift! Because of gifts like yours, I am able to serve as pastor of the Bratislava International Church, and my spouse , Jeremy, is able to serve alongside me as we coordinate the Young Adults in Global Mission Program in Central Europe. We feel deeply blessed to be able to live in Slovakia and travel often to Hungary to support our young adult volunteers. We are well aware that it is only through the wider church's support that we can live this way.

Thank you again for your gift and prayerful support.

May Christ bless your assembly in worship, in service, and in your life together.

Pastor Miriam Schmidt, Jeremy Blyth, Ursula (age 5) and Esme (age 1)

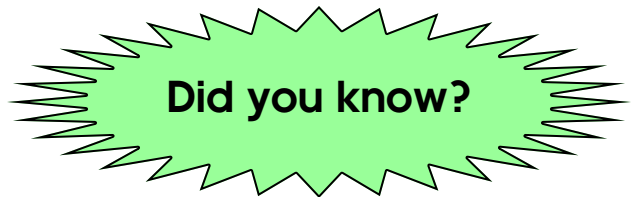
## **A WORD ABOUT THANKOFFERINGS—A BRIEF HISTORY**

In the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted.

From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection. Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give a tangible way to express that gratitude.

It's a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us.

Today, Women of the ELCA (WELCA) collect more than \$1 million annually in Thankofferings for the ministries and mission of the women's organization.



**Thankoffering envelopes may be picked up at the kiosk or will be included with the bulletin and announcements on Sunday, November 9.**

**These Thankoffering envelopes will be received during the worship service on November 23.**



# Polk Community Free Clinic at Trinity

*(This letter was sent to volunteers as a follow-up to the Saturday, October 25 clinic. It is reprinted with permission by John McConville.) kh*

**Greetings everyone.** Yesterday's clinic was busy and productive. We were blessed with a large group of volunteers, which was fantastic because we had a lot of patients. We saw 13 patients and had 17 appointments (4 patients had education appointments also). Three of the patients were follow-ups. One was an acute follow-up patient. Four were new patients that we had scheduled for the 10/25 clinic. One of the patients was scheduled from SFC and we added four walk-in patients.

We had four walk-in patients that we scheduled for next Saturday's clinic 11/1/2014 because we were at capacity. The 11/1 clinic is shaping up to be a busy clinic too. We are excited that individuals in the community who need care are hearing about PCFC and are coming to the clinic. We need a lot of volunteers to successfully pull off a Saturday morning clinic. Praise the Lord, we had about twenty volunteers working yesterday and the clinic went well (despite some internet connectivity challenges). Well done everybody, nice job! We need an equally large team of volunteers for this coming Saturday's clinic. If you are available Saturday please check the schedule and sign up to volunteer.

Yesterday, we added a welcome table where patients were greeted and told about upcoming events (along with being asked if they had traveled to or from West Africa in the last 21 days per clinic policy). They were invited to the flu vaccination clinic we are having at our 11/22/14 clinic and they were invited to the fantastic Trinity Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Dinner.

Our patients seem to truly appreciate the hospitality, genuine warmth, and the professionalism of our clinic. Also, I believe five people wanted prayer and several prayer shawls were given out.

Thank you again for willingness to serve the uninsured people in our community through PCFC. Your volunteer hearts and your compassion for our patients are at the core of why the clinic is successful. You are all greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

John McConville  
Clinic Coordinator  
[polkclinic.info@gmail.com](mailto:polkclinic.info@gmail.com)  
503-779-5241



## 2014 PCFC Ornament Sale Begins during the first week of November \$10 each

Once again, beautiful porcelain ornament will be available for purchase at Trinity. The price is still \$10. All proceeds benefit the activities of Salem Free Clinics which exist to ***“provide quality health care to the poor, uninsured, and underinsured adults in our community as an expression of Christ’s love.”***

Pick an ornament off the tree located on the kitchen counter and deposit \$10 in the locked box at the clinic office.

Ornaments will also be available in the church office and the clinic office. Sales sheets are available for large orders that will be delivered to Trinity.

(The new design for the 2014 ornament is pictured at left)

# Serving during worship

## November

	<u>Lay Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>November 2</b>	Matt Davies	Jackson Bouchard	John & Sandi Grewe Greg & Sharlene Hattan
<b>November 9</b>	Kate Richardson	John Beck	John & Lydia Shodin Red & Sherry Carroll
<b>November 16</b>	Bob Davies	Tim Kirkman	Gregg and Janet Brunner Jim & Michael Pelzer
<b>November 23</b>	Lane Shetterly	Diane Klipfel	Clayton & Linda VanRiper Lori VanRiper & Logan
<b>November 30</b>	Tod Brostrom	Karen Kirkman	John Beck, John Engelein Chuck & Sandy Pierce

### Kiosk

<b>Nov. 2</b>	Janet Brunner
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Carol Christ
<b>Nov. 16</b>	John Beck
<b>Nov. 23</b>	Alvera Blanchard
<b>Nov. 30</b>	Sally Davies
<b>Dec. 7</b>	Julie Oke
<b>Dec. 14</b>	Janet Brunner
<b>Dec. 21</b>	Carol Christ
<b>Dec. 28</b>	John Beck

### November Communion Ministry

Heather Anderson  
Michael Anderson  
Angel Hammond  
Anna Hammond

### Sundays in the Nursery Child Care - for ages 0-4

2	Matisyn Robischon
9	Michelle Sekafetz
16	Matisyn
23	Michelle
30	Matisyn


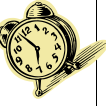
### Ministry, Program and Support Staff

Ministers	All members
Pastor	Dave Pederson
Worship Coordinator	Janet Beck
Youth & Family Ministries	Naomi Woodrum
Polk Community Free Clinic	Dr. Bob Davies
Financial Manager	Sally Davies
Librarian	Susan Middleton
Facilities Manager	Steve Large
Victim Offender Reconciliation Program	Ken Braun
Education Coordinator	Jamie Anderson
Editor/Office Mgr	Kathy Hammer

Please contact the church office to receive the Visitor by email or  
to be removed from the mailing list.



**1**  
 9:00 Free Clinic  
 9:00 Imagine class  
 10:00 Confirmation

**2 "Fall—Back"**  
 9:00 Adult ed  
 10:00 Worship  
 11:00 Contemp music group  
 11:30 MS/HS youth group  
 11:30 Imagine class

**3 Church office is closed.**  
 9:30 Quilters  
 2:00 Handbells  
 3:30 Handbells  
 7:00 Imagine class

**4**  
 9:00 Library team  
 9:30 Staff meet  
 1:00 Piano lessons  
 3:00 Imagine class  
 6:30 Boy Scouts

**5**  
 12:30 Kids Art  
 6:15 Imagine class  
 6:30 AI-Anon  
 7:00 AA  
 7:00 Bible study/Davies home

**6**  
 8:30 Morning prayer  
 9:00 Community Partners  
 1:00 Rug hooking  
 4:00 Worship pract  
 5:30 Creat worship practice  
 7:00 Imagine class

**7**  
 9:00 Imagine class  
 2:00 Communion at DRV

**8**  
 9:00 Imagine  
 10:00 Journey with Friends—support group

**9**  
 9:00 Adult ed  
 9:00 Mom's Bible study  
 10:00 Worship/Confirmation  
 11:00 Contemp music group  
 11:30 Imagine class  
 11:30 MS/HS

**10 Church office is closed.**  
 2:00 Handbells  
 7:00 Imagine class

**11**  
 9:00 Library team  
 10:00 Staff meet  
 1:00 Piano lessons  
 3:00 Imagine class  
 6:30 Titus 3  
 6:30 Boy Scouts  
 7:00 Council meet

**12**  
 7:30 Young Adult group  
 12:30 Kids Art  
 6:15 Imagine  
 6:30 AI-Anon  
 7:00 AA  
 7:00 Bible study/Davies home

**13**  
 8:30 Morning prayer  
 9:00 Community Partners  
 1:00 Rug hooking  
 4:00 Worship pract  
 5:30 Creat worship practice  
 7:00 Imagine class

**14**  
 9:00 Imagine class  
 6:30 Sewing group

**15**  
 9:00 Imagine class

BBQ  
 burger  
 lunch

**16**  
 9:00 Adult ed  
 10:00 Worship  
 11:00 Contemp music Group  
 11:00 Imagine Celebration  
 11:30 MS/HS youth group  
 11:30 Imagine

**17 Church office is closed.**  
 2:00 Handbells  
 3:30 Handbells

**18**  
 9:00 Library team  
 9:30 Staff meet  
 1:00 Piano lessons  
 6:30 Boy Scouts

**19**  
 10:00 WELCA  
 12:30 Kids Art  
 6:15 Imagine class  
 6:30 AI-Anon  
 7:00 AA  
 7:00 Bible study/Davies home

**20**  
 8:30 Morning prayer  
 9:00 Community Partners  
 1:00 Rug hooking  
 4:00 Worship pract  
 5:30 Creat worship practice

**21**  
 9:00 Bible Study  
 12:00 Blood drive

**22**  
 9:00 Free Clinic



**23 Christ the King/Thankoffering**  
 9:00 Adult ed  
 9:00 Mom's Bible St  
 10:00 Worship  
 11:00 Contemp music group  
 11:30 MS/HS youth group

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**30**  
 9:00 Adult Ed  
 10:00 Worship  
 11:00 Advent Potluck  
 11:00 Contem music gro  
 11:30 MS/HS youth group

**24 Church office is closed.**  
 2:00 Handbells  
 3:30 Handbells

**25**  
 9:00 Library team  
 9:30 Staff meet  
 1:00 Piano lessons  
 3:00 Imagine class  
 6:30 Boy Scouts

**26**  
 7:30 Young Adult group  
 12:30 Kids Art  
 5:30 Thanksgiving dinner  
 6:30 AI-Anon  
 7:00 AA  
 7:00 Community worship

**27 Thanksgiving Day**



**28**  
 9:00 Bible Study

**29**

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### Office Hours

Tues-Friday 9-4 p.m.

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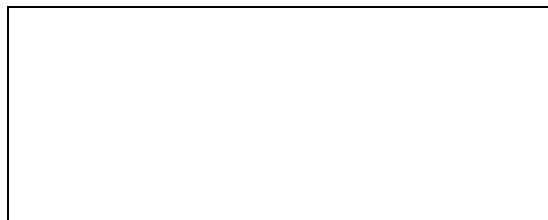
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Dear Loved by God,

I was talking to a good friend the other day, and he had a couple of sayings that really made me think and laugh! .... at myself!!

The first was what he called the "greatest sin known to humanity."

**"Contempt prior to investigation."**

Wow, is that me or what? How many times a day do I judge people, politicians, situations or whatever without really knowing what I am talking about or looking into the situation. I have the gift of "judgment!" Of course, over and over again God says He is the only judge and I should quit trying to pretend that I know best and have everything figured out. Including judging my neighbor or even my family. It is the greatest sin known to humanity.

Then my friend came up with another great one liner: **"I know that I am not much but it is all I think about."**

I love that one. Luther says that sin is, "self turned in on itself." The above quote is another way of saying the same thing.

It is pretty obvious by these two quotes that we are in desperate need of a savior!

Thank God for the loving, forgiving God that is for us in every way and for our Savior and friend, Jesus the Christ!

Have a blessed day!  
Pastor Dave