

October 2019

Trinity Times

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

357 Division St. Elgin, IL.

October 6th – Ingathering of quilts! Join us in worship as we bless the quilts ready to be sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR)!

Quilting Queens – The quilting ministry for LWR continues to be a strong, vibrant, and dedicated program. We have a total of 147 made this year for LWR, with 3 months left! We use sheets of all kinds & sizes for the backing of these quilts. We would welcome donations of gently used sheets, flat or fitted. Also if you have material you “might use some day” we can use it now! Or, if you are able to cut material into 11” squares, we would be most appreciative! Thank you!!

Serving Others...

Prayer Shawl Ministry – This program is such a worthwhile in-service ministry! The quilters invite you to join them on the 1st & 4th Tuesday mornings. (We’ll have a table saved.) The quilters work from 9:00 – 12:00 but making shawls is an individual effort so you can come and go whatever fits into your schedule! You can pick up yarn, get a pattern, and maybe get help with a problem. Several quilters knit so perhaps they can answer questions. Help us revitalize this important ministry!

VISIT US ONLINE holyltrinityelgin.com



Fall is Here!

Halloween Trick-or-Treating!

October 31st

4 – 7 pm

Come help pass out candy to our neighborhood at HT!

Need candy donations! Please bring a bag to the church office! Thank you!

The last couple of years we have had over 200 people stop by the church!



FROM THE PASTOR:

"We pray for the big things and forget to give thanks for the ordinary, small (and yet really not small) gifts."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, **Life**

Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community

One of my own favorite voices of the Lutheran Church in the world was Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor during World War II.

Bonhoeffer had the courage to stand up against Hitler when most of the church in Germany stayed quiet in efforts of self-preservation.

Ultimately, Bonhoeffer was a martyr of the 20th century for the gospel, for he was killed in a concentration camp only hours before the fall of Hitler's regime.

The quote above speaks volumes about our priorities. What is it that we pray for? What is it that we are grateful for? Bonhoeffer reminds us that it is the mundane and ordinary in our eyes that may be the most spectacular and beautiful in God's eyes.

How many people are seemingly invisible to us on any given day? Did

you get the name of the person who waited on you at the restaurant last night? Have you ever given thanks for the truck driver who drove for days to deliver that item you just bought at the store? Or for the pilot who flew the overnight red eye flight you slept on? How about the tree in your front yard that provides oxygen in your little corner of the world every day and night? Did you notice the beautiful red cardinal staring at you as you ran out the door this morning? Did you hear his song? The truth is, we miss so many people and things in life for which we should be grateful and appreciative. And so I challenge you this month: Take a few moments each day to look around at all that which you consider ordinary, and then contemplate your life if you could see the spectacular in the ordinary. Perhaps the small gifts really are not that small after all.

Pastor Jeff Mikyska



Blessing of the animals

Celebration all of God's creatures! Bring your pet to church (or just a picture) to worship **SATURDAY, OCT. 5th** 5 pm



Noisy Offering!

Bring your spare change Sunday, October 12 & 13th to help the youth group! We are starting to collect funds for the mission trips 2020 & 2021! Thank you so much!

Healing Services

Join us once a month; October 20, November 17 and December 15 for a time of prayer and healing. We will meet after the 9:30 service in the sanctuary to pray for our world, our community, and any special prayer request you may have. We will follow a simple spoken service with the same Gospel reading and prayer petitions, as well as lay our hands on any members who would like individual prayer and healing. Where one or more of us are gathered in Jesus name there he will be also. All are welcome to invite the Holy Spirit to move within your life and the lives of others through spoken prayers and worship.

-Amy Moog



Wednesday Café!

**Wednesday,
October 16, 2019
Noon**

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



WHAT is the CROP Hunger Walk? Each year, our community comes together to raise money and awareness for hunger relief locally and around the world through the CROP Hunger Walk. Roughly 800 CROP Hunger Walks happen every year in the United States. Our steps symbolize the daily journey others must make for food and clean water.

WHEN? The Elgin CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 20th beginning at 2:00 pm. (Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.)

WHERE? City Hall Plaza, Elgin

WHO gets the money? One-fourth of the funds raised stays in our community to support local hunger and poverty fighting programs.

WHO is helped?

In addition to assisting hungry families in our area, CROP Hunger Walks help families in the United States and around the world who are victims of disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, and refugees fleeing war or famine. The Walk also supports development projects in the world's poorest communities - agricultural training, health clinics, micro-businesses, schools, and fresh water wells.

WHO should participate?

EVERYONE! CROP Hunger Walks are community events involving everyone who wants to fight hunger around the block and around the world.

COST? There is NO FEE to participate. All donations are helpful, but each walker is encouraged to raise \$100 or more.

QUESTIONS? Contact Bob Langlois, rjlanglois50@gmail.com

Fall Youth Ministry

Confirmation

10/2/2019 CTL – 6-7 p.m.
10/16/2019 – Synagogue
10/20/2019 – CROP WALK

Youth Group Meeting – Sunday, October 13th after worship

Youth Group Escape Room – at HT \$10.00 (includes pizza) grades 6 & up

Trick-or Treating – HT 4-7 p.m. Dress up & hand out candy to our neighbors! All ages. October 31st

LOMC retreats

High school - registration due Oct 13 - November 1-2, 7 pm -4 pm - \$65

Jr. High (gr. 6-8)- registration due 10/20 - Nov. 8-10 - \$145

See Deaconess Andrea to sign up!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins Sunday, October 6th! Classes will be the 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month! Teachers & helpers are needed, please see Kristen Kolakowski if you can help out on occasion! Each session we will be studying a different aspect of the worship service (prayers, liturgy, & will include music. Age 3- grade 5.





Make plans now to participate in the 5pm Christmas Eve Interactive Worship based on Handel's Messiah!

Talk to Deaconess Andrea or sign up on glass table if you would like to be part of this moving service! All ages needed...2-102! We need musicians, singers, artists, dancers, & tech people! Lots of opportunities to serve and create this worship service for our church and community!

SHOP AND SHARE UPDATE

As of the end of September, Holy Trinity has received \$462.60 for our share of items sold through the Shop & Share store! Profits benefit the Ecker Center for Mental Health. Currently we are dealing with another problem so no change over to fall and winter clothing. Stayed tuned to when they will begin collecting. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

KID'S HOPE

Kid's Hope mentors and prayer partners have started at Lords Park. Please keep the students, mentors, teacher, and staff at Lords Park in your prayers! Contact Jackie Kutina if you would like more info about this ministry!

AFTER SCHOOL MINISTRY

The After School ministry begins October 15th! People are needed to help tutor, serve snacks, and read to the children! It is a fun afternoon, contact Jackie Kutina to help!

DONATIONS NEEDED

33 gallon trash bags, paper towels, dish soap, hand soap, and toilet paper can be brought to church anytime and placed in church office! Thank you!

ALTAR GUILD

Would you like to learn how to set-up for communion? Help is needed on the 3rd weekend a month to prepare the worship space for the weekend! Contact Jackie Kutina for more info.

Thank you to all your concerns and prayers during my recent procedures!

*Maurice Munch
Jean Goodwin*

Financial Snapshot

As of 8/21/2019

Income YTD	\$163,804.09
Expenses YTD	\$178,910.07
LOC	\$120,814.04
Imagine	\$ 12,841.14

Consider hosting a coffee hour this fall! Can be as simple as coffee and treats! Sign up with church office!

*Thanksgiving Eve
Worship
Wednesday,
November 27 2019
7:00 p.m.
Bring a pie to share
(homemade or store
bought) at a Pie Social
after worship!*



Join us **Sunday, October 13th** after worship in fellowship hall, police chief Ana Lalley will be present to do a short presentation and to get to know the people of Holy Trinity.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, October 6th
After Worship
Subject: discuss & vote on Constitutional Updates