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**-A Christ-Centered Family of God Sharing His Word in Faith and Love-**

**November 2015**

PASTORAL EPISTLE

Dear Fellow Redeemed in Christ,

The Apostle Paul writes to the Christian church at Rome: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your spiritual worship." -Romans 12:1-

"Your spiritual worship," the Apostle says, is to do something quite physical, even sacrificial, "to present (one's body) as a living sacrifice..." not a dead work or offering, as in Old Testament sacrifices of dead things, but a sacrificial offering of one's self, one's life! And this is offered in response to God's mercy to us in Christ, and is acceptable to God, even a "holy" sacrifice, one "set apart" for God!

This is a good representation of what our Christian life of stewardship should be... an offering of ourselves, our lives, our very beings, in worship... in remembrance of God the Father's mercy to us in Christ and cross!

This month we tend to focus... in the Church... on two things - stewardship and thanksgiving. The two are obviously related... one a part of and result of the other. Thanksgiving... true thanksgiving flows from a life of Christian stewardship.

And when truly thankful we respond by offering ourselves... and our gifts of time, and treasure, to God... service to Christ and Church! May our Lord Christ bless us in doing so!

The other really important thing to mention is that we are in the process of producing a new church directory, and we need everyone to sign up for pictures! Our directory can only be successful if everyone... every family unit... gets involved and has a new directory picture taken! Simply "turning in" a recent photo is not the same... and does not benefit the congregation in any way... in terms of the directory itself. So, please, sign up to have your ... and your family's picture taken! [Note: Our photography dates are Monday-Wednesday, November 23-25, 2:00-9:00PM.] Hopefully, if we get enough people signing up, we can procure another photography day!

Blessings on this project...

Also, the church landscaping project has been completed... much of it as part of the Vernon and Lydel Ernst Memorial. But families may also contribute now to the project... in memory of a loved ones or friends! And... we encourage you to do so!

ALL SAINTS' DAY... our Christian "Memorial Day" is Sunday, November 1st... That day we remember, with thanksgiving, those who have gone on to eternity... and while here on this earth "gifted" us with our Christian faith! Remembering these "saints," may we all be truly blessed! In Christ...

His... and your servant,  
Pastor Bramstedt

P.S. See you in Church!



## 2015 Church Directory

**Pastor**

Rev. Terrill Bramstedt-876-9929

**Officers**

Lee Peterson-Chair-534-2885  
Donna Peterson-Sec.-534-2885  
Wes Bruemmer-Treas.-876-2315

**Deacons**

Larry Plenge-[Chair]-876-2630  
Harold Bethke-876-2219  
Ray Hampel-876-2992  
Larry Olson-876-2537  
Mike Heppner-534-3189  
Andy O'Reilly-269-9415

**Trustees**

David Theel-798-2468  
Tristan Severson-876-0125  
Russell Fenske-876-2910

**Board of Education**

Kari Wurst-951-1646  
Patty Zabel-Duden-534-3178  
Diane Marquardt-876-2205

**Church Secretary**

Diane Marquardt-876-2205

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Rita Kirchner-876-2351  
Mike Heppner-534-3189

**Board of Evangelism**

Kevin Haack-876-2523  
Joy Rott-876-2696  
Ardie Schroeder-876-2338

**Board of Stewardship**

Dale Himmer-876-2064  
Mary Bramstedt-876-9929  
Anthony Pitzer-884-4731





NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 7:2-14

PRAYER - Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

NOVEMBER 10 - MARTIN LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER 22 - LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

NOVEMBER 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW - APOSTLE

SCRIPTURE: John 1:35-42

PRAYER - Almighty God, by Your grace the apostle Andrew obeyed the call of Your Son to be a disciple. Grant us also to follow the same Lord Jesus Christ in heart and life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**On God's side**

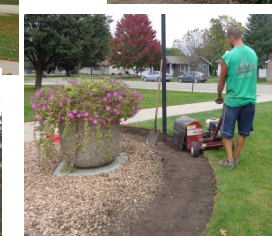
Ever been picked last for a team? Eugene Peterson recounts feeling like a “liability” when this happened to him. In *Run With the Horses* (IVP Books), he says God always wants us on his side – no matter our individual strengths or weaknesses:

“For a long time all Christians called each other ‘saints.’ They were all saints regardless of how well or badly they lived, of how experienced or inexperienced they were. The word *saint* did not refer to the quality or virtue of their acts, but to the kind of life to which they had been chosen, life on a battlefield. It was not a title given after a spectacular performance, but a mark of whose side they were on.”

Based on its Latin roots, *saint* is the noun form of the verb *consecrate*; in other words, Peterson adds, God gave us “spiritual shape” even before we had “biological shape” (see Jeremiah 1:5). Even before forming us, God set us apart, or consecrated us, as saints – and chose us to be on his side.



Our Church has our landscape project done. Thanks to Vernon and Lydel Ernst, everyone else who donated and helped plant- Gus Spring, Barb Heyn, Gene Reiter, Dale Owens, Joy Rott, Diane Marquardt and Pastor Bramstedt! And also to Family Tree Nursery, they did a great job making our church a beautiful place to Worship.





## STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES AND PROMISES

**Stewardship Principle #11**— Our offerings are “service to the saints,” part of our Christian servanthood, and we should be eager to give them, “to help,” “ready to give.”

**Stewardship Principle #12**— Our giving, our stewardship, includes “promised” gifts, or pledges, gifts and promised make willingly, generously, not grudgingly.

In response to these stewardship principles and promises, shared with the parish in the newsletter over a period of several months, and especially in response to these last two, parishioners will be given an opportunity... beginning on Stewardship Sunday, November 8, and running through Thanksgiving... to make an anonymous pledge, a spiritual covenant / promise to God. Materials to do so will be available in the narthex before our worship services, along with directions on how to make the covenant/ promise... or pledge. These may be taken up to the alter on Sunday, November 8, 15, or 22, or at the Thanksgiving Service.



*Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Ray Welke, on his passing. Please keep the family in your prayers.*



As autumn settles in, you surround us with warmth and tenderness, like a parent cuddling a child. Thanks for your protection and love, Lord.



**Congratulations**  
Brian Hermanson and Amber Vagt  
on their Marriage on September 26, 2015  
Gods Blessings to you as you share your life together!



November 1	Slade Hampel, Arden Hermanson
November 2	Bree Severson
November 4	Braydon Potter, Christina Radtke, David & Joy Rott
November 5	Kenny & Mary Schumacher
November 7	Ben Barrone, Justin Noble, Mark & Bonnie Schroeder
November 8	Rita Kirchner, James Nelson Jr., David & Deb Johnson
November 9	Isaac Staudacher
November 10	Austin Hippe, Scott Moore, Annabell Duden
November 11	Jennifer Bye, Karl Wurst
November 12	Chad Schroeder
November 13	Callie Hofschulte, Michael Olson
November 14	Sabrina Applen, Andy Kirchner
November 16	Patti Barrone, Marlys Bartz, Joleen Fogelson, Gabe Kirchner
November 17	Daniel Beck
November 18	Rosemary Bartz, Trent Chance, Zachariah Walters, LaVerne & Alice Davis
November 20	Sandra Brobst, Lucas Mestad, Lynette Tentis, Kaleb Wurst
November 21	John Sell
November 22	Jon Larson
November 23	Larry & JoAnn Olson
November 24	Deb Bruemmer, Robert Welke
November 26	Darl Zabel
November 27	Tallon Copley, Anita McKay
November 28	Milo Peterson
November 29	Jeff Schwantz
November 30	Luke Hugstad



The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Chairman Lee Peterson. Pastor Bramstedt lead opening devotions based on Psalm 90. Minutes of the July 8, 2015 voter's meeting were reviewed by the assembly and stand approved as read.

**Finance Report** Wes Bruemmer reviewed the financial reports. Last month's statement was not available. The finance report was approved as read. The budget will be discussed in New Business.

**Pastor's Report** The average attendance for July was 92 with 82 & 79 communing. The outdoor service and congregational picnic took place on 7/26/15. Official Pastoral Acts were 7 private communions, the baptism of Stella Marie Loftus on 7/5/15, and the memorial service for Robert Sweet on 7/31/15. Pastor took a vacation day 7/19/15, and 5 vacation days from 7/17/15-7/21/15. The average attendance for August was 91 with 79, 82, & 57 communing. Official Pastoral Acts- 10 private communions, and the baptism of Kaylee Rae Heaser on 8/9/15. Pastor Frederick Moore officiated the wedding of Michelle Johnson and Chad Ellinghuysen. Pastor took a vacation day on 8/30/15, and took vacation from 8/28/15-9/2/15. The average attendance for September was 88 with 60 & 74 communing. Official Pastoral Acts – 6 private communions, and the wedding of Brian Hermanson and Amber Vagt on 9/26/15. The district circuit visit is scheduled for Saturday, 5/7/16 at Haycreek, Mn. "A Higher Things" Youth Retreat is scheduled for 11/13/15 & 11/14/15 in Chatfield, MN. The topic is "The End of the World as We Know It", which will offer a look at the different ways the church has understood the return of Christ and the end of the world as we know it.

**Deacon's Report** Larry Plenge reported that neither the pastor nor the organist have been compensated by the wedding party that Pastor Morck officiated. Pastor will pursue. Parking signs for the church were again discussed concerning parking at the church property for events at the city park/baseball diamond, to bring awareness that they are parking on church property. This will be looked into.

**Trustee's Report** David Theel reported that the bell computer board was fixed by David Dreher. A fund raiser for the sidewalk was discussed or the possibility of using memorial money. The estimated cost is \$10,000.00. The trustee's will contact the city regarding parking signs. Russ Fenske reported that a contractor from Winona was consulted for review of the stain glass windows and possibly needing repair or caulking, and reported that no work was needed for the windows at this time.

**Board of Education** Diane Marquardt reported that openings for Sunday School teachers are filling in, and Youth night was Saturday, 10/10/15. They are looking at a mission trip for next summer and possibly pairing with Immanuel Lutheran Church, Plainview. VBS was well attended with 40 youth. There is a concern that confirmation lacks parental support. Patty Zabel-Duden indicated that Release Time is going well. Treats are needed, and appreciated, for 20 youth.

**Board of Evangelism** Ardie Schroeder reported at the beginning of the year they will again be reviewing the new member list. Ardie also asked about New Member Sunday to welcome our new members.

**Board of Stewardship** Mary Bramstedt reported that Stewardship Sunday is 11/8/15. Fellowship hour will be provided by the Stewardship Committee. Materials pertaining to stewardship will be set out in the narthex the Sunday before.

**Old Business** Joy Rott asked what was added on to the landscaping versus what was voted on. The Landscape Committee reported that additional landscaping was done around the marquee and the north side of the church, and also rock placed around the front planter, for a finished look.

**New Business** The election ballot was reviewed. The Annual Election of Officers for 2016 are as follows: Chairman-Lee Peterson, Secretary-Donna Peterson, Treasurer-Wes Bruemmer, Board of Deacons-Greg Kirshner and Larry Plenge, Board of Trustees-Gene Reiter, Board of Education-Patty Zabel-Duden, Financial Secretary-Ron Walters, Board of Finance-Barb Heyn and Rita Kirchner, Board of Evangelism-Kevin Haack, and Board of Stewardship-Dale Himmer. Installation of officers will be held 1/3/16. Patty Zabel-Duden indicated a sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board by the mailboxes for providing meals to needy families in our congregation. The youth have also been discussing hosting the pork loin supper on 11/21/15 as a fund raiser with proceeds to go to a congregation family in need. A motion was made to accept this proposal by the Board of Education by Larry Olson and seconded by Andy O'Reilly. Wes Bruemmer reviewed the budget. Salary review was held and discussed. Dale Himmer made a motion that Pastor Bramstedt's salary increase by 3% next year. The motion was seconded by Ray Hampel. Barb Heyn declined a Custodian salary increase.



## Thankful Hearts

Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

### What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.

**PUZZLE**

*With all my heart*

This Thanksgiving – and every day – let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

*Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.*

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**PSALM 9:1, NIV**

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV





The youth group is doing a fall fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester. The Ronald McDonald House pantry is currently low, so the youth was going to gather donations to be able to drop off around Thanksgiving. This is a great opportunity for the youth to 'give back' to the local community for a good cause. If you would be interested to help with the donation process we would appreciate it. Some items in need of donation are:

- Breakfast and granola bars
- Canned fruit, soup, tuna
- Chips and crackers individually wrapped
- Coffee creamer
- Decaf coffee
- Fruit snacks
- Hot cocoa packets
- Ketchup and mustard
- Macaroni and cheese
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Ramen noodles
- Sandwich bags - re sealable
- Sugar and flour
- Rice (brown and white)
- Salt and pepper
- Spaghetti sauce



He makes me as **surefooted** as a deer, enabling me to **stand** on **mountain heights**.

PSALM 18:33, NLT



### The End of the World as We Know It A Higher Things® Youth Retreat

As Christians we confess in the creed that Jesus "will come again to judge both the living and the dead." But what do we mean by this? How have Christians thought about the return of Jesus? Do we know when it will happen? Are there ways to predict when the Lord will come back? What in the world is the "rapture," and will I be "left behind"?

This retreat will look at these questions and offer a look at the different ways the church has understood the return of Christ and the end of the world as we know it. While some have seen this as a terrifying matter, what the Bible in fact presents to us is a picture of the comfort and hope centered in the accomplished work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Dr. Larry Rast teaches Historical Theology and is President at Concordia Theology Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

- When:** November 13-14, 2015
- Where:** St. Paul Lutheran Church  
128 Fillmore Street SE  
Chatfield, Minnesota
- Cost:** \$40 per person

Download registration forms or register online at [www.higherthings.org/retreats](http://www.higherthings.org/retreats)

"The End of the World as We Know It"  
Higher Things Youth Retreat  
Nov. 13-14  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Chatfield, MN  
Grades 7-12 Must register by: Nov. 8th.



The organist, accompanist, and choir director's salary will remain the same. A motion was made by Anthony Pitzer to increase the Office Secretary's salary by 3%. This motion was seconded by Larry Plenge.

Photo session dates for the church directory are set for 11/23/15-11/25/15. A \$5 coupon for use towards a photo purchase will be given with a food shelf donation. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex.

**Adjournment** A motion was made by Larry Plenge and seconded by Harold Bethke. Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna J Peterson  
Secretary



### Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' Thrivent Choice® Program:

By directing designated Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. Have you designated Trinity Lutheran Church to be the recipient of your Choice Dollars?

**Doing so allotted Trinity \$28.00 last month. Thank you to those who currently direct their Choice Dollars to Trinity and to those who have in the past.**



**NOVEMBER 8 - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY -  
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL  
BE SINGING**



**Bingo Party at St. Isidore's**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 10**  
**Please arrive by 2:15 pm.**  
**Everyone is welcome to come**  
**and help. It is a fun afternoon**  
**helping the residents and having a**  
**small party for them.**

From the Trinity –Guild  
 Our Lord blessed us with a beautiful autumn day for our bazaar on Sat. Oct. 3rd. The Trinity Guild would like to express a warm “Thank-you” to everyone who furnished food and helped with the lunch. Waited on tables, and helped in other areas of crafts, produce, baked goods, and taking the money. Everyone was so giving and ready to help. The bazaar made approximately \$2000.00.

THANK –YOU!  
 Trinity Guild Members

**Next Guild Meeting**  
**Nov. 12th 1:30 PM**  
**Hostesses:**  
**Joy Rott & Faith Barrs**  
**Birthdays: None**  
**Items of Business:**  
**Election of Officers**  
**Bingo Party at St. Isadore's**

Youth Mission Team Meeting  
 Saturday Nov. 7  
 5:00 PM  
 Education Center

We will be deciding on a Mission Trip for next Summer. All youth Grades 8 and above are welcome to be involved. Check out [groupmissiontrips.com](http://groupmissiontrips.com) The camps are home repair or community service

Choices: June 19-24 Indianapolis, IN, Kenosha, WI,  
 Racine, WI, Princeton, IL  
 June 24-27 Murray, IA  
 June 26-7-2 Herman, MN  
 July 17-25 Red Lake, MN  
 July 24-30 Lame Deer, MT

The other choices are:  
 To set up our own Mission Trip and use Woodland Camp as our base.

**Youth Gathering 2016** –Attend with Immanuel, Grades 9-12 (in 2016) the opportunity to attend the “*Bread of Life*” *Higher Things 2016 Youth Conference*. This Gathering is held every year and provides hundreds of youth the opportunity to come together as a community of God’s people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the four days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God’s word, worship, Service and fellowship with others. This event will be held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO and will be held on July 26-29, 2016. We will be charting a bus, leaving on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, attending the conference, and taking one day for sight-seeing and returning home on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. [higherthings.org/conferences/breadoflife2016](http://higherthings.org/conferences/breadoflife2016)



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate the church for the Christmas season, the cost is \$10 each. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex across from the mail boxes and place your money in an envelope with your name and put it in the offering plate. The deadline is Dec. 1st.

**Trinity Youth Scrip**

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!! We are gearing up for the Christmas Season by stocking up on cards for Christmas gifts. You can help by ordering ahead of time. The order sheet is in this newsletter if you would like to order ahead and avoid the stress. We will continue to have cards available for you to purchase.

Please consider using our youth scrip/gift cards. Profit from the scrip cards is used for youth activities. Please stop by the table on Sunday mornings or contact Patty at 534-3178 or Kari at 951-1646 if you need cards during the week.

All gift cards are activated and ready to use. Use them for gifts or your regular shopping. All proceeds from the Scrip program are used to benefit the youth program at Trinity.

**A saintly party**

A priest told the children of his parish they could come trick-or-treating at the rectory, but only if they dressed up as a saint. So a group arrived on the eve of All Saints’ Day: one dressed as St. Anthony, one as St. Joseph, another in a St. Clare costume – and then a child dressed as a dog. “My boy,” exclaimed the priest, “you were supposed to come as a saint.” “I did!” replied the child. “I’m a St. Bernard.”

Youth Night  
 Sat. Nov. 7  
 5:30-7 PM

Education Center

We will make home made personal pizza. Bring a snack or dessert to share. Bring your friends. We will have games, Crafts and will be working on a community service project. All ages welcome.

**November Youth Fundraiser**



The youth will be taking orders Nov. 1-Nov 15th for Pampered Chef and Personalized Cake Pans.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all! Renee' and I are enjoying these autumn days in Japan since my arrival back to Sasebo on September 2nd. The farmers in our area are finishing their rice harvest, which is a fascinating thing to observe. We enjoy walking from our housing area up and down a low mountain, past beautiful groves of ripening tangerines. At the base of the mountains are fertile plains where rice and vegetables flourish. The Japanese are experts at utilizing every available foot of growing space, and doing so in concert with nature. As Psalm 145:16 states about our Heavenly Father, "You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing".

I have been busy in recent weeks as the USS Ashland prepares for a major inspection in December. The purpose is to ensure that our ship and her crew can perform their assigned mission here in the Western Pacific. Ours is a hardworking ship, and the salt environment takes a toll on everything, making repairs and preservation work a daily necessity. I assist with these tasks wherever I can. In addition to my weekday responsibilities, this October I have been assisting with leading Worship at Hario Village Navy Housing Chapel, the place where we live. Just as I did this past summer, I am using Divine Service, Setting One. This has been well-received and appreciated by our sailors and their families, most of whom do not come from a Lutheran background. The Liturgy of the Holy Christian Church is truly a great Treasure that teaches the Faith!

This weekend (October 24th & 25th), Renee' and I are preparing to travel to Yokosuka Naval Hospital. I tore some tendons in my left shoulder during training back in early-May, and the doctor has recommended surgery to repair them. I will be having surgery on Tuesday, October 27th, and we will return to Sasebo on Thursday, November 12th. I will need to wear a sling for 4-6 weeks, and will have a 4-6 month recovery period before I can be cleared for going underway with the ship. We are grateful for the fine medical care the Navy provides. We also welcome your prayers as we prepare for this journey and the aftercare involved.

Renee' and I are happy to be serving the Lord in this capacity in this place and time. We have made many new friends, and are enjoying our time with the people and culture of Japan. On October 10th, we attended our first Navy Anniversary Ball, which was a wonderful event. We think of you often, and continue to pray for our Congregations and the Pastors who serve them. May you all enjoy a most Blessed Reformation Day as we look forward to Thanksgiving and the Advent of a new Church Year!

Our love to you in Christ,  
Merlin & Renee' Stephan  
Sasebo, Japan

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**November Altar Committee:**

Joy Rott- (Chr.)  
Kris Hugstad  
Janice Draxler  
Carolyn Bluhm  
**Door Greeter: Kari Wurst**



**Trinity Guild-Next Meeting:**

November 12,-1:30 PM  
Hostess Joy Rott  
—Birthdays: None  
Elections/St. Isidore's Bingo Party  
Nov.10th at 2:30PM

**TRINITY LUTHERAN GUILD MINUTES**

**October 8, 2015**

Bible Study led by Pastor Bramstedt. "Take Me Away".

Roll Call with 11 members present

President: Joy Rott, Opened the meeting.

Our hostesses for October meeting was Lu Sell and Shirley Schroeder.

Reading of the minutes-September minutes accepted with one correction on the Bazaar Balance.

Correspondence was read : With Thank You note from the Welke Family.

Treasure's report: On the proceeds from the October 3rd Bazaar- Lunch: \$704.00,

Other \$1530.70, cards \$278.50, Total being \$2,513.20 so far with some bills yet to be paid.

A donation from Ray Welke funeral of \$150.00.

Report of Officers:

Vice President: Jean reported a balance of \$295.94 and memorial sent for Ray Welke.

Sunshine report: From Shirley sent cards to Bethel Uecker, Ardie Schroeder, Delories Radke, and Steve Copley.

Cradle roll; Joy reported sending 5 cards.

Christian Growth: Lucy Jacobs reported she and Joy Rott attended the Fall Delegate meeting at Hay Creek.

Fall Rally will be Saturday Oct. 24th at Winona St. Martins Lutheran Church, beginning at 9AM with registration at 8:30AM. Cost is \$10.00

Unfinished Business: The Bazaar was discussed and Joy thanked all who donated and worked. Joy brought up the idea of asking youth to do something together for making money.

Discussion of getting someone to take over Ardies altar duties. Marian Prescher, offered to do this the months she is here.

New Business: October, is Pastor appreciation month. It was decided to give Pastor Bramstedt, a gift of money. Motion made by Lu Sell- 2nd by Suzi passed. Thursday Nov. 5, Nancy Kohr will be our guest to speak on LWML National Convention. Nov.10th Guild will host bingo at St. Isidore's. Suzi will make a angel food cake, Joy a sheet cake.

Members decided to donate \$500.00 to the landscape project. Motion made by Lucy and 2nd by Shirley, motion passed.

October was Mite Box collection with dedication and pledge by Lucy. Next meeting will be Thursday November 12, with Joy Rott, as hostess.

Call for adjournment.

Doxology, Table Prayer, Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Marls Kitzman







### Thanksgiving Beatitudes

- Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
  - Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.
  - Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.
  - Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.
  - Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.
  - Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.
  - Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.
- Author unknown

Trinity Lutheran Church is sponsoring a benefit for the Copley's and if you would like to donate a basket for the Silent Auction. You can bring them to the church. Thursday, or Friday, November 19 or 20th from 8:00AM to 12:00PM or the day of the Benefit.



Author and radio host Garrison Keillor put a unique spin on expressing gratitude for special meals. He painted the following table prayer on his dining-room wall, encouraging guests to sing it together before eating:

O Lord, we thank Thee for this food,  
 For every blessing, every good.  
 For earthly sustenance and love  
 Bestowed on us from heaven above.  
 Be present at our table, Lord.  
 Be here and everywhere adored.  
 Thy children bless and grant that we  
 May feast in paradise with thee

"It's inspiring to hear 15 people find harmony around the Thanksgiving table," Keillor writes. Singing together "sets a tone. No crying in the cranberries. ... There is much to be grateful for." in paradise with Thee.

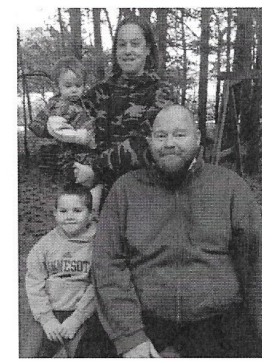


**Ardie Schroeder, has had some health issues and has asked to have someone take over her duties which consist of:**  
 Altar ready for worship-  
 Change the eternal light according to the church calendar.  
 Fill all the candles.  
 Alter candles must be filled Communion Sundays and other special services.  
 The liquid wax may be purchased at Gift of Faith in Rochester.  
 The paraments and banner are changed according to the church calendar.  
 The piano must be watered when the light comes on.  
 Wrap baptism gift, have the candle, bib and cloth to wipe the baby's head.



## Benefit Supper For Steve Copley Family

Grilled Pork Loin Dinner  
 Grilled Pork Loin, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salads, Dinner Rolls, Desserts  
**Saturday November 21**  
**4:30-7:30 PM**  
**Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**305 1 ST NW, Elgin, MN**



Stephen (Steve) lives in Elgin with his wife, Amber (daughter of Keith & Maxine Bruemmer), and two children, Tallon and Jacob. Steve was recently in a Motorcycle accident and suffered a broken neck, back and ribs as well as other injuries. Money raised will go toward Steve's care, medical and dental bills and lost wages while Steve is out of work for the next year to two years.

Silent Auction 4:30 PM  
 Bidding ends at 7:00 PM

Hosted by members of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
 For more information please call:  
 Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
 507-876-2671



There is an account open at Peoples State Bank (Plainview, Elgin and Millville) if you would like to help and are unable to attend the benefit or you can send donations to P.O. Box 49, Elgin, MN 55932 C/O Copley Benefit.

Thank You all for your thoughts and prayers they are heard every day!!!

