

**YES IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!:** We will be having the Pancake Breakfast and Nativity display on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Live Sacred & Secular Music will begin at 8:00 AM. The Displays will be opened to the public Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM and December 9<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 5:00 PM. For more information about the Nativities contact **HAZEL ENGLISH**.

**ST. PAUL'S LADIES GUILD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE & BRUNCH**  
 The St. Paul's Ladies Guild-LWML would like to invite you to our annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Brunch. It will be on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year will be "Living as God's People." The service will be at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary where the ELS students will be joining us and singing. The offering collected will be given to LWML Scholarship Fund. A brunch will follow in the fellowship rooms. We look forward to a morning of giving Thanks and Praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and great fellowship with our Christian friends and families. If you have any questions, please contact **SUE COFFMAN** at 812/457-9443

**SYNOD NOMINATIONS:** Our congregation has the opportunity to nominate the synodical candidates for president, first vice-president, and vice-president of the central region for the upcoming synodical convention next summer. If you have any recommendations, please contact Pastor Temme or one of our elders before our next council meeting on November 13.

**NEW PARISH HALL OPPORTUNITIES**

At our last voters meeting, our building committee reported that our new parish hall should be completed by the Christmas holidays and ready for occupancy by the beginning of the year. This new parish hall will provide many opportunities for new ministry and for change of some of our old ways for the better. All our meetings, classes, and dinners which currently take place in the gym, cafeteria, Christian Fellowship Room, and classrooms of the school may now take place in the stair free parish hall. This change will allow the school building to serve primarily for the early childhood ministry and the gym for sports and physical activities.

Our new parish hall will also give us better opportunities for fellowship before and after worship services. For Sunday school and Bible class, we may now have one group opening with a children's message, hymn, prayer, and common refreshments for all before dismissing to separate classes. To help facilitate this fellowship, Pastor Temme presented at the voters meeting a possible change in the Sunday morning schedule which would move our Sunday school and Bible class time after the worship service. Worship would be moved up to 9:30am, followed by a fellowship time, followed by the opening for Sunday school and Bible class. This change would allow us to invite visiting families from the early childhood ministry to join us after church for continued fellowship and education for parents and children. Participants in choir and bells could also warm up before worship without missing Bible class.

Please consider the great possibilities for change for the better which our Lord is giving us through this new parish hall. Contact Pastor Temme or one of our elders to provide your comments and suggestions.

During the month of October, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **ALAN REININGA, JOHN BROCK, LINDA SUE KORFF, LISA KECK, MICKIE ISAACS, DIANA DUNKELBARGER, KARON WATHEN, CHARLIE VANSTONE, GAYLE O'RISKY, DORIS TURPIN, WALT SOMERS, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, GIL KAHRE, PAUL SCHNUTE, ALTON REININGA, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, KERRY KECK, ROBERT KRON, and WANDA MILLER.**

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, October 6 .....	11
Sunday, October 7 .....	92
Saturday, October 13 .....	8
Saturday, October 14 .....	85
Saturday, October 20 .....	8
Sunday, October 21.....	93
Saturday, October 27 .....	13
Sunday, October 28.....	79

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Oct 7</u>	<u>Oct 14</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Oct 28</u>
Nursery – High School (plus teachers & parents)	9	9	2	7
Adult Bible Classes	22	26	33	26
Music & Office	2	3	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>

# WHAT'S COMING UP

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20<sup>th</sup>. You can also submit items by emailing them to: [trisha@tldarm.org](mailto:trisha@tldarm.org)

**SARAH BIBLE CLASS:** The Sarah Bible Class continues its study of the reign of King Solomon over Israel, as it is recorded in I Kings. Classes begin at 9:30 AM on Thursdays; coffee, treats and fellowship available in the CFR beginning at 9:00 AM. All ladies of the church are most cordially invited to bring their Bibles – and a friend – to join in this study.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** "Operation Christmas Child National Collection week is quickly approaching! It is November 12-19th. We will be setting up on Sunday November 11 following the worship service. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex to sign up to help collect boxes during the week. As before, we will need heavy lifters Sunday November 18th at noon and off and on all day on Monday November 19th. If you have any questions, please talk to **PASTOR** or **SARA KNEA**. Thank you!"

## PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Things are beginning to change in the preschool. The chairs and desk that used to be in two rooms have been donated to Orphan Grain Train and will be making their way to Kenya. Thank you to the men that stayed and help load the trailer. Round one of clearing out the building has happened, and we were able to clean classrooms and get rid of items that the preschool did not need. You may have noticed a large whole where lockers used to be, this will be our new library area.

Thank you to all who came and helped, we accomplished so much in just 4 hours!

The preschool has a new Facebook page- Trinity Lutheran Preschool! Please like and share our page to help get the word out about us opening! This page will have all the new updates for what is happening around the school. You can find the page by searching tlpreschool.

Lastly, we are hoping to launch a new promotion in January. We will be sending families that tour a children's book and a letter. We are looking for donations of new picture books. There are Scholastic book order forms in the office if you'd like to choose books to order or you can give your donation to the office and Breenna will choose the books. Imagine the excitement and surprise these children will feel receiving a book in the mail. As an extra bonus, buying a book from Scholastic will also help us buy new books for the preschool classrooms.

## LWML COLLECTION

The LWML will be collecting can goods and non-perishable items for needy families in our church congregation. If you wish to participate, please bring any of these items and place them in the Narthex. They will also take monetary donations to buy perishable items for these families. Please give that to Trisha in the office. God has blessed us all in many ways.... let's share with others.

## THANK YOU

Sincere Thank you for all the cards, calls and concerns for Tom. Thank you to Pastor Temme for his comforting visits. The Family of Tom Turpin



## “CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to the Fun Fundraisers for another successful Fall Festival.

Cheers to all who were involved with the Fall Festival Booth. What a wonderful time everyone had!

Cheers to everyone who was involved with Trunk or Treat. It was another successful night!

Cheers to the Board of Stewardship who hosted Loyalty Sunday.

Cheers to Eric Cure, Gary Ivy & Dean Kahre for mowing the grass at church and at the cemetery. Thanks!

Cheers to everyone who brought Baby supplies and the Sarah Bible Class for making the table decorations for the Loyalty Dinner.

**Ron & Nancy Korff**, who celebrated their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone has a thank you of appreciation, please let Trisha know and she will put them in the next newsletter.



Tears to the family and friends of **Tom Turpin** who died on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

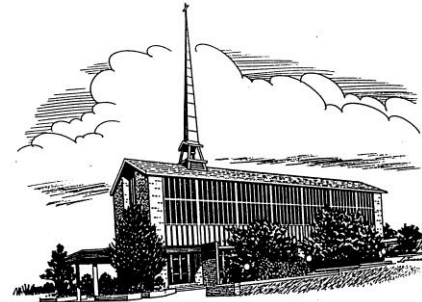
## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1- DIANA DUNKELBARGER                   | 16- DAVID COOMER                 |
| 2- WILMA FEHD - 91                      | 17- BROCK CONNER                 |
| 5- AMY KLEINSCHMIDT<br>KENNETH MAASBERG | 18- MARIA SENSMEIER              |
| 9- KARON WATHEN                         | 20- KAILYN SIGHTS                |
| 10- HALEY SULAWSKE                      | 24- VIOLET KRAMER<br>CHAD RAMSEY |
| 12- TODD KORFF                          | 28- ALICE KECK                   |
| 14- JEFF SENSMEIER                      |                                  |
| 15- LINDA S KORFF                       |                                  |

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## NEWSLETTER



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### THE CEREMONIAL LAW

The past few newsletters discussed the Law of God, specifically the three types of law which God gave in the Scriptures: the moral law, the political law, and the ceremonial law. While the moral law summarized in the Ten Commandments stands for all time for all people, the political law and ceremonial law applied only to the Jews during the Old Testament period. The political law was the civil law or state law of the Israelites. The ceremonial law regulated the religious practices of the Jews. This devotion will look at the ceremonial law, its purpose and benefits, and then relate it to some of our religious practices today.

We classify the ceremonial law as *Law* because God commanded the Jews to worship in this way. But these ceremonies actually had a *Gospel* purpose in that they reminded the Israelites of what God had done for them in the *past*, they were a means for God to forgive their sins in the *present*, and they pointed ahead to what God would do for them in the *future* through the coming Savior.

The Jews celebrated three main festivals which reminded them of what God had done for them in the past. The Feast of Passover reminded them of how the LORD had delivered them from Egypt and spared them from the angel of death which passed over their homes when it saw the blood of the Passover lamb. The Feast of Tabernacles, in which they spent a week living in tents, reminded them of how the LORD had preserved them in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. The Feast of Weeks also called the Feast of Harvest or Pentecost (50 days after the Passover) reminded them of the LORD's blessing of the first harvest of the year in the land He had given them. Though not commanded in Scripture, we also have our feasts of celebration when we remember what God has done for us. Christmas reminds us of Christ's incarnation when he became man to suffer for our sins. Easter reminds us of Christ's resurrection when he triumphed over sin, death, and the devil for us. Ascension reminds us of Christ's ascension into heaven where He continues to reign as our

prophet, priest, and king. Pentecost reminds us of the gift of the Holy Spirit who gives us faith in our Savior.

The Jews also brought offerings of grain, olive oil, and animals to the Temple. These offerings helped support the Levites and priests who worked at the Temple, but their primary purpose was a means to atone for the people's sin. A person would place his hands on the head of a goat or lamb thereby transferring his sins to the animal. The animal was then sacrificed on the altar as his substitute to make atonement for his sins. This sacrifice was an Old Testament sacrament much like our New Testament sacraments in which God combines his Word of promise of forgiveness with an earthly element. In the Old Testament the earthly element was the sacrificed goat or lamb. In the New Testament the earthly element is the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper and the water of baptism. None of these earthly elements have any power in themselves, but when combined with God's Word of promise, we receive forgiveness of sins through them. The sacraments are God's means of grace to distribute to individual believers the forgiveness of sins which Christ won for us on the cross.

The Temple itself, its articles, and the office of priest pointed ahead to the coming Messiah. The Temple was where God promised to dwell with his people in his grace. Christ likened his body to the new temple where God in the flesh dwelt with his people. The Ark of the Covenant in the most holy place of the Temple served as the throne of God. Once a year the high priest would go behind the curtain of the Temple and enter the most holy place on the Day of Atonement. He would sprinkle blood from the sacrifices upon the cover of the Ark, called the mercy seat, first for his sins and then for the sins of the people. In the same way, Christ is our priest who intercedes for us, but it is his own blood that makes atonement for our sins. Christ is also the curtain that was torn in two at his death, showing that through him we now have access to a holy God. Even the Sabbath day, the required day of rest and worship for the Jews, pointed ahead to Christ, who is our rest.

Today, we are not bound to uphold the Jewish ceremonial law. The Temple, the sacrifices, and the special holy days were fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, Christ has now commanded new ceremonies or sacraments for the forgiveness of our sins: baptism, confession and absolution, and holy communion. The old order of things has passed away. Behold, the new has come.

Pastor Temme

**MOTHER'S MORNING OUT & MOPS OUTREACH**: Trinity has the opportunity to reach out to **mothers of preschoolers** in the community by hosting a MOPS group **January-May** and **September-December 2019** in our new building. The moms support each other through the challenging years of parenting little ones, while **our church would provide baby-sitting as well as Christ-centered Scriptural guidance**. We will need at least 2 ladies for 3 age groups: 0 to 1 year old, 2 to 3 years old, and 4 years & older. MOPS would meet the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM**. Their program includes fellowship time for the moms, a devotion, prayer, a speaker (in person or on a video), topic discussions & possibly craft time. A monthly Mothers' Morning Out could also be offered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month if Trinity can provide the babysitting for that as well.

In order to get the word out about MOPS starting at Trinity in 2019, the Outreach Board would like to host 2 Mother's Morning Out opportunities, both on Fridays, **Nov. 30 and Dec. 14, 9:00 to 11:00 AM**. We already have enough volunteers for Nov. 30! But there are open slots for Dec. 14. We also need to plan now for babysitters for the MOPS program 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in 2019, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays if we offer monthly Moms' Morning Out. A babysitters sign-up sheet is in the narthex. This is a wonderful way to build relationships and reach out to young families in our community!

Mothers from the community would make reservations a week in advance for babysitting, so we will be staffed properly. Mothers would also be asked to chip in a suggested donation to pay our babysitters.

For more information about MOPS, go to [www.mops.org](http://www.mops.org). For questions about Trinity hosting MOPS, ask **PASTOR** or **LINDA TEMME**.

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