



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we look forward to Thanksgiving again this year I wanted to look back a little bit on how we came to celebrate Thanksgiving.

We all know the short history, The Pilgrims came here from England and settled due to religious reasons.

Well it is a little more complicated than that. To understand why they came here is to know what Europe was like in the early 1600's and England specifically.

After the Lutheran Reformation of the 1500's, England had its own reformation with Henry the VIII's taking over the Catholic church and forming the church of England. After Henry died his son Edward took over. He died after 6 years. Then his daughter Mary took over and tried to reverse the English Reformation. She died after a few years and you had Elizabeth 1. She continued the English Reformation during these reigns, any worship other than the authorized worship was outlawed. Not only was any other worship outlawed but at one-point mandatory church attendance was enforced by civil fines! (And we as children thought we had it bad.)

There arose a movement during this time called the Puritans. They felt the Church of England had not purified itself of the more Catholic trappings of the church (ceremonies, clerical garments, rites etc.) They wanted a more purified form of the church. There was another group of Puritans who felt that they needed to separate themselves from the church to form a simpler and more congregational centered church. (That is why the remnants of the Pilgrims are called congregational churches today.) However, because they did not want to worship in Church of England churches or be mandated to worship the Church of England way, they fell afoul of English law.

That is what led them to travel to the New World and establish their church over here. They were part of the Puritan movement in England but a much more separatist group.

200 years later, the forerunners of the Missouri Synod found themselves in similar circumstances in Saxony Germany and came over to America to escape what they felt was forced conformance to Governmental religious practices.

We all know the story. The Pilgrims settled here and things were quite difficult. They lived on the ship pretty much the first year. The first thanksgiving was not a party but a feast of thanksgiving for having survived and being able to establish the colony.

Of course we have all seen the reenactments of the Pilgrim's first thanksgiving. However, turkey (at least not domesticated turkey) was not served. Wild game, venison and many vegetables we would not be all that familiar with were served as a thanksgiving to God for letting them survive. In Canada they celebrate Thanksgiving in October (Our Columbus Day) as a harvest festival.

It is good for us to take time out and give thanks for all that God has done for us. I don't think we can give enough thanks for all that God has done for us. His blessings are too numerous for us to count.

But this year on Thanksgiving whether or not you are with family or friends or just by yourselves. Take time to give thanks. Thanks for our lives, thanks for our circumstances and most especially thanks for our Savior.

Let us put on an attitude of gratitude for our blessings

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of November

- 4 Bettye Johnson
- 6 Millie Kroll
- 7 Kaleigh Frye
- 11 James Thompson
- 14 Stewart Marshall
- 22 Siri Richter
- 22 Kaye Meins
- 23 Lloyd Wessels
- 29 Jeanette Bunting

If we forgot you, we apologize, it means we most likely don't have it. Please see that the office receives it. Thanks



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of November

- David Gray
- Jason Lochmann
- John Paul Raddle
- Amanda Caple
- Michael Wessels
- Evan Wessels
- Emma Proctor
- Joseph Proctor



Sunday Average Attendance for October— 35

Sunday Average Attendance online for October— 5

Views – 10

October Offerings— \$16,980.96

Perfect Attendance!



Sunday School Attendance for the month of October

Adults:

- Erin Foster
- Don Richter
- Karen Witt
- Bill Witt
- Pat Baughman
- Tricia Jacobs
- Harold Jacobs
- Sharon Calabretta
- Donna Marshall
- Pastor Marshall
- Cathy Webb

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR COLLECTING

100 cans of Fruit Cocktail by Nov. 20th, 2023 for Christmas Baskets.

They are also collecting any canned goods and cake mixes for their holiday baskets

Three years ago, N2N was handing out about 300 bags of food per month. Last month they gave out 833 and served 1,576 hot meals and these numbers continue to grow each month.



WE'RE SELLING RADA CUTLERY

Be prepared for upcoming weddings, graduations, and other occasions when you support our group **Trinity Lutheran Church**, through this Rada

Cutlery fundraiser! Click this link <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5544767.dbcf947> to start shopping. Thank you!

There are books on the table in the Narthex, if you prefer to order through the catalog I will accept those orders and submit them. Donna

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

Ten members and one guest met on October 5, 2023 for Mary Guild's October meeting. Karen Witt opened with a devotion based on Hebrews 10:25, The verse explains that we are to go to church to encourage one another and so that we can continue to study and hear the Word of God. During the business portion of the meeting we discussed the LWML Fall Rally which will be at El Dorado on October 14, 2023. All who are able were encouraged to attend. Pat Baughman gave a topic on the Lutheran Reformation and the establishment of Lutheran Churches in both Europe and the United States. Lutherans celebrate Reformation Day each year on October 31. With that celebration Lutherans remember how the Holy Spirit chose Martin Luther to bring the Church back from the many errors that were leading Christians down a path that did not accurately present the free grace of salvation.

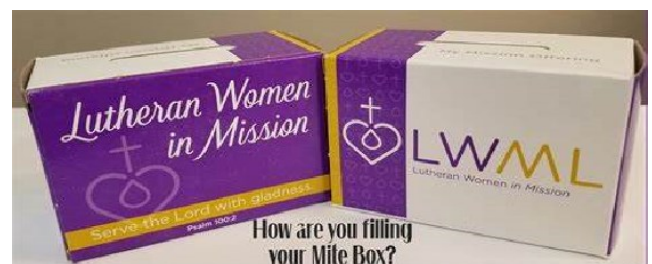
Next month our Mission Project was supposed to be a monetary donation to LCMS Joint Seminary Fund. Some members expressed that they would prefer that we split our donation and give half to the food bank of each seminary. The motion passed.

Before the November meeting several of our members are going to contact ladies of the congregation to invite them to attend November's Mary Guild. All ladies of Trinity are welcome and encouraged to come and meet with us.

In November Julie Shorts will have the devotion and serve as hostess. Phyllis Dunger will present the topic. Our mission project is a monetary donation to the food bank at Concordia Seminary and the food bank at Ft. Wayne Seminary.

We closed with the League Pledge.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins



LWML SOUTH ARKANSAS ZONE FALL RALLY REPORT

The South Arkansas Zone Fall Rally was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in El Dorado, AR on Saturday, October 14th. There were 6 members in attendance from Trinity including the Pastor. It was wonderful to have two new people from our church, Joyce Anne Green and Cathy Webb, to join us. In Total there were 24 attendees.

The day started off with a communion service presented by our Pastor Marshall, who is also the zone counselor. His message started with a short history of how LWML started and then proceeded with the story of the woman who had a bloody discharge for 12 years who just wanted to touch the hem of Jesus' robe. Because she believed, she was healed. The Jesus traveled on to the home of the daughter who had died, and Jesus raised her from the dead. Again, the miracle was because of the faith of the believers.

We then went to the fellowship hall to begin our business meeting. President Bonnie presided and started out with a responsive reading of the LWML pledge. We then reviewed the minutes of the last two meetings. This was followed by Mitzi Dixon giving a report on the National Convention. Next, we elected Jane Hubsch as the 1st Vice President whose responsibilities include the nominating committee and Joni Phillip as the 3rd Vice President who is responsible for mites.

We adjourned for lunch. The ladies of El Dorado served soups and fruit and brownies. The meal was very tasty.

Afterwards we continued our business meeting with Jane Hubsch as the District Representative. She read a letter from District President Candy Habich and then presented on the LWML's mission and focus. The meeting was then concluded.

After the meeting, there were several projects we could participate in. One was tying quilts for a battered women's home in Stuggart, filling candy bags for children in El Dorado, and completing note cards with verses to give to people in various life challenges.

The Ingathering was collecting feminine items for a women's shelter in Eldorado. There were 59 items collected.

It was a beautiful day for the Rally, and we all had such a good time.

Erin M. Foster



Sunday November 19th after worship



Come help us decorate after church on November 26. We can use all the help we can get.

This month we need to be thankful for all of our blessings, especially those in areas of conflict. Also for families with loved ones in the areas of conflict.

















PUZZLE

THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

-  This becomes a plant  _____
-  Willing to give  _____
-  The result of planting seeds  _____
-  The act of gratitude _____
- Food made from wheat  _____

Now he who supplies  _____ to the sower and _____  for food will also supply and increase your store of _____  and will enlarge the _____  of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be _____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in  _____  to God. *2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV*

NOVEMBER 2023

	Elder	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Greeters	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 5	Waymond Meins Steve Lochmann	Phillip Dunger Harold Jacobs	Cherrie Bradley			Lura Campbell "In Memory of H. T. Cunningham, Sr. Birthday"	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 12	Steve Lochmann Waymond Meins	Jimmy Herrod John Alexander	Steve Lochmann			Donna Marshall "In celebration of Stewart's Birthday"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 19	Steve Shorts Steve Lochmann	Robert Floyd Bill Witt	Robert Floyd			Judy & Rachel Clinton "In loving memory of Ray""	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 26	Bill Witt Steve Shorts	Jimmy Herrod Steve Lochmann	Erin Foster			Don Puddephatt "In memory of Susan"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger

November

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Comm. 12:00 Elders Meeting 5:00 Worship in Crossett All Saints Day				9 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Class 1:00 Mary Guild	10	11 Veterans Day	4 9:00-3:00 Grace Lutheran in LR Craft Fair Turn your clocks back
12 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Comm 24 th Sunday after Pentecost	13	14 7:00 – 7:00 Election Day 8:30 – Pastor’s Winkel at Zion in Avilla	15 10:00 Newsletter Committee	16 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Class	17	18	
19 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Comm 12:00 Council Meeting 12:00 Thanksgiving Potluck 5:00 Worship in Crossett 25 th Sunday after Pentecost	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day 	24	25 Parsley Family Gathering	
26 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Comm 12:00 Decorating for Advent Last Sunday of the Church Year	27	28 9:30 P.B.Q.G.	29	30 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Class			

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