



Come join us at 11:15 A.M. after the morning worship service.

In the Overflow Room, Rich Hood will introduce a 7 week study on the Book of Ephesians beginning November 1 through December 20.

In the Fireside Room, during the month of November, Dr. Timothy Johnson, our former pastor, and now a member of the faculty at North Park Theological Seminary, will speak on the subject of "Mission Priorities of The Evangelical Covenant Church". Join us for an informative and inspirational time.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to celebrate or honor someone on a given special date, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Flowers are \$40 and you are invited to take them home following morning worship.



As a church family we extend our sympathy to Kevin McGrath on the death of his mother, Arlene J. McGrath, who passed away on October 19. Services were held on October 23, in Hometown. Peace be to Arlene's memory.



Dear Trinity Family,

I wanted to send our deep thanks for the continued prayers and support you have provided throughout the course of my mother's recent illness. Our entire family has been amazed at the news that my mother's cancer is in remission, and really can only be explained by the power of prayer and God's grace. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Love, Julie Carbray and the Carbray/Przybylowski Family

To My Trinity Family,

Thank you for the strong support and condolences expressed on the death of my mother. Thank you also for the flowers and for keeping me and my family in your prayers.

Kevin McGrath

Pryme Tymers

There will be only one program in November.



November 12, 11 A.M.

Entrée: Turkey

Program: The Blue Island Salvation Army. A return visit from Lt. Vera Bersabe with a program of music, testimonies and information about the Army's programs in the area AND a tribute to our Veterans AND a memorial service for all 2015 deceased Pryme Tymers. Make your reservation by Friday, November 6.

The cost per meeting is \$7. Don't forget to bring your canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

PACESETTERS Sunday, November 8



The fall meeting for the Pacesetters will be on Sunday, November 8, following Coffee and... Join us in the Sanctuary for An Afternoon of Music with Stuart Seale. A lunch of sandwiches and dessert will be served in Peterson Hall after the program.

Please RSVP to Gloria Vitro or the church office at 708-422-5111.

**Thought to Ponder:
God doesn't ask you to be the best – just to do your best.**



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

We might not be going over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house this Thanksgiving yet tradition holds weight to why we gather for fellowship, feast and thanks at this time.

In many homes custom is given priority as family and guest engage in stories or sentence experiences which identify special and personal times when visible outcomes have been evidenced through prayer, patience and perseverance.

As we gather and listen to others, as well as ourselves, we approach each blessing and/or gift as a response given for our benefit by our God who delights in ways His will has been acted upon.

During this Autumn/Thanksgiving season we delight in God's design as heirs of His marvelous works – sight, sound, touch, taste and smell, all so evident in His schedule and timing.

Hopefully, we will begin each prayer with praise as we find God turns each praise back to us as His blessing, gift and claim. We give to Him and He returns to us – a partnering – solid, true, faithful.

We praise Him for the following:

1. He provides
2. He heals
3. He comforts
4. He forgives
5. He forgets
6. He holds us
7. He shelters us
8. He is constant
9. He is consistent
10. He is limitless
11. He is boundless
12. He is slow to anger
13. He is merciful
14. He bears burdens
15. He is faithful
16. He changes us
17. He listens
18. He keeps promises
19. He knows us
20. He loves us
21. He answers us
22. He is just
23. He is personal
24. He is joy
25. He is light
26. He is friend
27. He is King of Kings
28. He is Lord of Lords
29. He is our refuge, fortress
30. He is our Salvation – a gift

Only a “grain of sand”
listed here, - but –
direct each praise
to your life status
to see how workable
and doable His plan
is. Give and take!

P.S. If family, guest are shy
or hesitant – help them. A
review, remembrance,
surprise and a listening ear
can open doors, knock fences
down as God responds with
delight.

Our Tuesday mornings continue to further an understanding of what Jesus thought about Himself. Our Fireside Room doors are a welcoming passage way into acknowledging why we are called to be God's hands and feet.

Trinity – 9:30 A.M.

November 3, 10, 17

Barbara Johnson

Another Happy CHIC Auction Winner...

Ryan Panush celebrates his 4th birthday with an incredible, delicious Scooby Doo birthday cake made by Denise Sullivan. Thanks Denise!



FAMILY NIGHT NOVEMBER 18 GIVING THANKS

Our next family night is Wednesday, November 18, 6-8 P.M. Don't miss this family night of giving thanks while enjoying a group activity and exciting games for the kids led by Tom Panush. Tom has conjured up kids' games involving Popsicle sticks, marshmallows, dice, worms and dirt! Everyone will participate in creating a Thanksgiving Banner using our hands, finger-paint and thankful hearts.

The kitchen staff will serve chili with toppings, peanut butter sandwiches, vegetables and dessert. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. Please RSVP to the church office at 708-422-5111. Your donation of fresh cut vegetables, or a pumpkin *or* apple dessert would be appreciated.



*Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 25
7:00 P.M.
Fireside Room*

Looking for Camp Volunteers at Covenant Harbor

Believe. Love. Serve. is a great opportunity for you, your family, your friends to help with several service projects around camp on Saturday, November 21. Over 75 camp supporters served this past spring and completed countless projects that enabled us to prepare for Summer Camp 2015.

We provide each person serving with free lodging Friday and/or Saturday nights, three meals on Nov. 21, snacks, childcare and the opportunity to meet new friends and deepen current relationships. Any participants under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or another adult who is responsible for their care. If you have questions about this vital event to our ministry, contact Brad Augustson at 262-248-3600.

Coming Event
Budget and Election Meeting
Sunday, November 22,
following Worship,
Peterson Hall

Trinity Men's Christmas Cards

Trinity Men want to help you by lending a hand with your Christmas card chores. Take advantage of this annual church fundraiser. For a donation, the men will purchase, address, stamp and mail the cards to all church members. Each card will include a list of donors' names.

Along with the convenience of this service, the money raised will help to defray the costs of our young people going to Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point this summer.

Donation envelopes are provided in this November Messenger. If you receive your Messenger via email there will be donation envelopes on the narthex table. The deadline is Sunday, December 13.

Miriam Circle/ Covenant Women Ministries Presents Jul Fest Saturday, December 5, 2015



**10:15 A.M. –Doors open for
craft shopping**
11 A.M. – Jul Fest Program
**12 noon – Swedish
Smorgasbord**

Women: \$20
Girls age 5-12: \$5
Girls under age 5 – free

Trinity will host its annual JulFest on Saturday, December 5, at 11 A.M. Tables will

accommodate 8/9 people maximum. All tickets must be paid in full at time of purchase. Tickets will be available for pick up in Peterson Hall on November 8 and 15. See Kay Shannon and Priscilla Swanson for more information.

Jul Fest Craft Tables and Decorations

The Craft Room will be open at 10 A.M. and after the luncheon. If interested in selling items, reserve a table with Lorraine Weszely. The youth will be selling coffee cakes in the craft room. We will also have a "New or Gently Used regifting table".

If you have something to donate, it must be at church by Thursday, December 3. The Miriam Ladies will be setting up decorations and discussing Jul Fest procedures. We will meet at 1 P.M. in Peterson Hall. Many hands will make the job easier.

If you have any Swedish decorations for the tables, such as: Swedish Table Squares for the centerpieces, Tomte Gnome/Santa Elf, Dala Horse or any Swedish Christmas decoration, please bring with your name on them to assure its return to the owner. We appreciate all the volunteer help which will make this annual tradition continue.



Making Christmas Brighter

Together We Cope 'Adopt a Child' program is an annual program for area youngsters in need. Their program brightens Christmas morning for nearly 1,500 south suburban youngsters. An index card with the child's gender and age written on the card will be placed on the Christmas tree in the narthex. You can choose a card, purchase a gift and then place the gift beneath the tree. With your help, these children will share the wonderful generosity from supporters of this program. Please bring your donations by Sunday, December 13.

Here are some suggested gifts for Together We Cope 'Adopt a Child' program:

Young Children

board games
stuffed animals
cars and trucks
dolls and doll clothes
story books
super hero action figures
Play-doh
coloring books
Fisher-Price preschool toys
art set
Legos
Basketballs / Footballs
craft kits

Teens

flannel sleep pants
Axe toiletries
wallet/purse
makeup
fashion scarves
costume jewelry
nail care kits
t-shirts
hats
gloves
body wash, lotion
hair accessories

Gift Cards

iTunes	Subway
Movie theaters	McDonald's
Simon Mall	Portillo's
Game Stop	Buffalo Wild Wings
Wing Stop	Wendy's
Target	
Walmart	

Christmas Coat and Outer Wear Project



Covenant Women will once again sponsor the Coat and Outer Wear Project for Worth Township. New and gently-used clean coats/jackets and new outer wear such as scarves, mittens, gloves, hats and boots for children are needed. Items can be brought to the overflow room and placed on the table starting Sunday, November 8 through Sunday, December 13. We thank you for your support. Your donation will surely bring warmth and joy this holiday to all of those less fortunate.



Message from Pastor Mitch

Hello Trinity Covenant! I hope this issue of the newsletter finds you well, yet wrestling with what God is calling you to be doing among his people. My first month and a half have been an absolute joy! It's been wonderful getting to know the youth and their families as well as a few of the members of the congregation in general. As we anticipate the weather turning colder, we're going to be implementing some service opportunities for the youth spread out locally as well as throughout the city. If you have a particular ministry location/idea that you think might be a good fit for the youth to participate in or help out with, please let me know. You can call me (218) 469-3420 or email - mitch.haaby@gmail.com - Thanks in advance!!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

November 1, Sunday:

- Worship @ Trinity Cov @ 10am
- Sunday School (7-12) @ Trinity Cov @ 11:15am
- Lunch & Youth Group will be at **Haunted Trails - Burbank Amusement Park!!** (Bring \$10 for lunch & up to \$25 for activities)

November 8, Sunday:

- Worship @ Trinity Cov @ 10am
- Sunday School (7-12) @ Trinity Cov @ 11:15am
- Lunch will be at Portillo's or Chipotle @ 12:00pm
- Youth Group will be at Trinity following Lunch (1:00pm-ish)

November 13, Friday:

- Elementary Kids Gathering @ 6pm @ Trinity Cov.
- For K-6th Graders
- A time of games and fun!! They can all bring friends!!

November 15, Sunday:

- Worship @ Trinity Cov @ 10am
- Sunday School (7-12) @ Trinity Cov @ 11:15am
- Lunch will be at Blaze Pizza @ 12:00pm
- Youth Group will be a service project TBD

November 22, Sunday:

- Worship @ Trinity Cov @ 10am
- Sunday School (7-12) @ Trinity Cov @ 11:15am
- Lunch will be at Subway or Taco Bell @ 12:00pm
- Youth Group will be @ Trinity Cov following Lunch (1:00pm-ish)

Pryme Tymers News

The Pryme Tymers Board met after the October meeting where Rhea Maurer resigned her position as Co-Chair. It was by unanimous decision of the board to ask Priscilla Swanson to fill that position as of November, and Priscilla has accepted.

The board members are:

Barb Bailey, Co-Chair

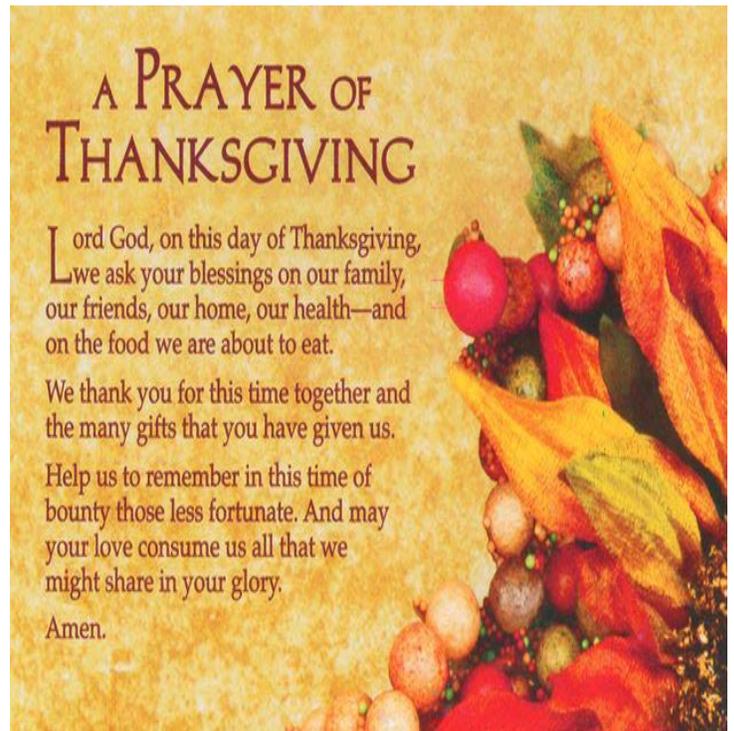
Priscilla Swanson, Co-Chair

Diana Eigenbauer, Secretary

Pat Petersen, Treasurer

Edna Garcia, Memberships

Tom Panush, Memberships and Program Coordinator





November Newsletter 2015



Dates to Remember

Tuesday, November 24
Thanksgiving Day Feast
More information to come

Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, 27
Thanksgiving Break
Happy Thanksgiving

Monday, November 30
No School
Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, December 1
School Resumes

A Note of Thanks!

Thank you to our wonderful readers who have shared their time reading to our preschoolers.

Thank you to our Oak Lawn Fire Department for visiting preschool and teaching us about Fire Safety.

Pastor Jim, thank you for sharing the wonderful story about Amber Lamb. The children enjoyed learning about Amber meeting new friends at school.

Thank you to our room helpers for sharing their time and talents in our classroom during our Halloween Parties!

Thank you for your support during our Halloween Pizza Night Fundraiser!

During November we will focus on...

Colors- Yellow & Brown
History- Story of the First Thanksgiving
Family Craft- Thankful turkey



Pre-K Classroom

During the month of November the children will focus on the letters Nn & Bb and numbers 0-10.

3's - 4's Classroom

During the month, the children will focus on letters Aa-Ff and numbers 0-4.



A NOTE FROM...

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Wojcik

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

What a wonderful time of the year! During this holiday season, we are reminded of how truly blessed we are.

For the month October we reviewed our vowels and learned letters Oo, Tt, Ll and Bb. The children are doing an excellent job on recognizing these letters and their sounds.

As we progress through the month of November, the children will continue to work on letter sounds and recognition, number, shape and color recognition. We will continue to focus on the vowels and learn letters Nn and Mm.

Please continue working with your child daily on letter sounds and recognition. Reviewing these will help promote reading readiness. In the weeks ahead, we will begin working on blending sounds and learning the blending ladders.

We are very proud of each one of the children! They are doing a great job recognizing their names and are continuing to practice printing their names. Way to go and keep up the great work! Please remind your child when printing the letters, we print from top to bottom. Also, please remind your child of the proper pencil grip.

Please note our Pre-K program is available 5-days a week. If you are interested in sending your child for the 5-day program, please see Mrs. Palazzolo.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with us.

Looking forward to Parent/Teacher Conferences!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Wojcik



A NOTE FROM...

Ms. Amanda & Mrs. Dryier



Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a beautiful fall it's been! The children are beginning to notice the color changes of the leaves.

During this month we are reminded of what we are thankful for. Mrs. Dryier and I are thankful for working with your children! It's amazing how quickly the time passes. It is a joy to watch them learn and grow. It seems like just yesterday was the first day of school and now here we are in November!

The children have learned so much and have settled into our daily routine. We are proud of each and every one of them!

This month we will work on letters A through F, continue practicing numbers 1-15 and recognizing numbers 1- 4. We will also continue to work on the basic shapes and colors as well.

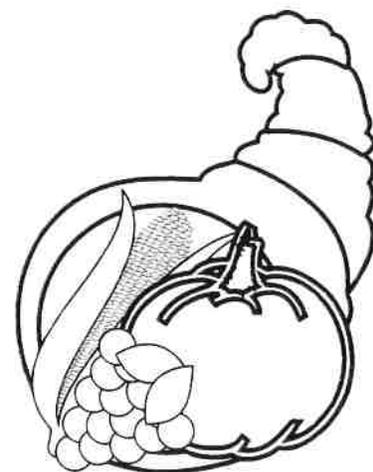
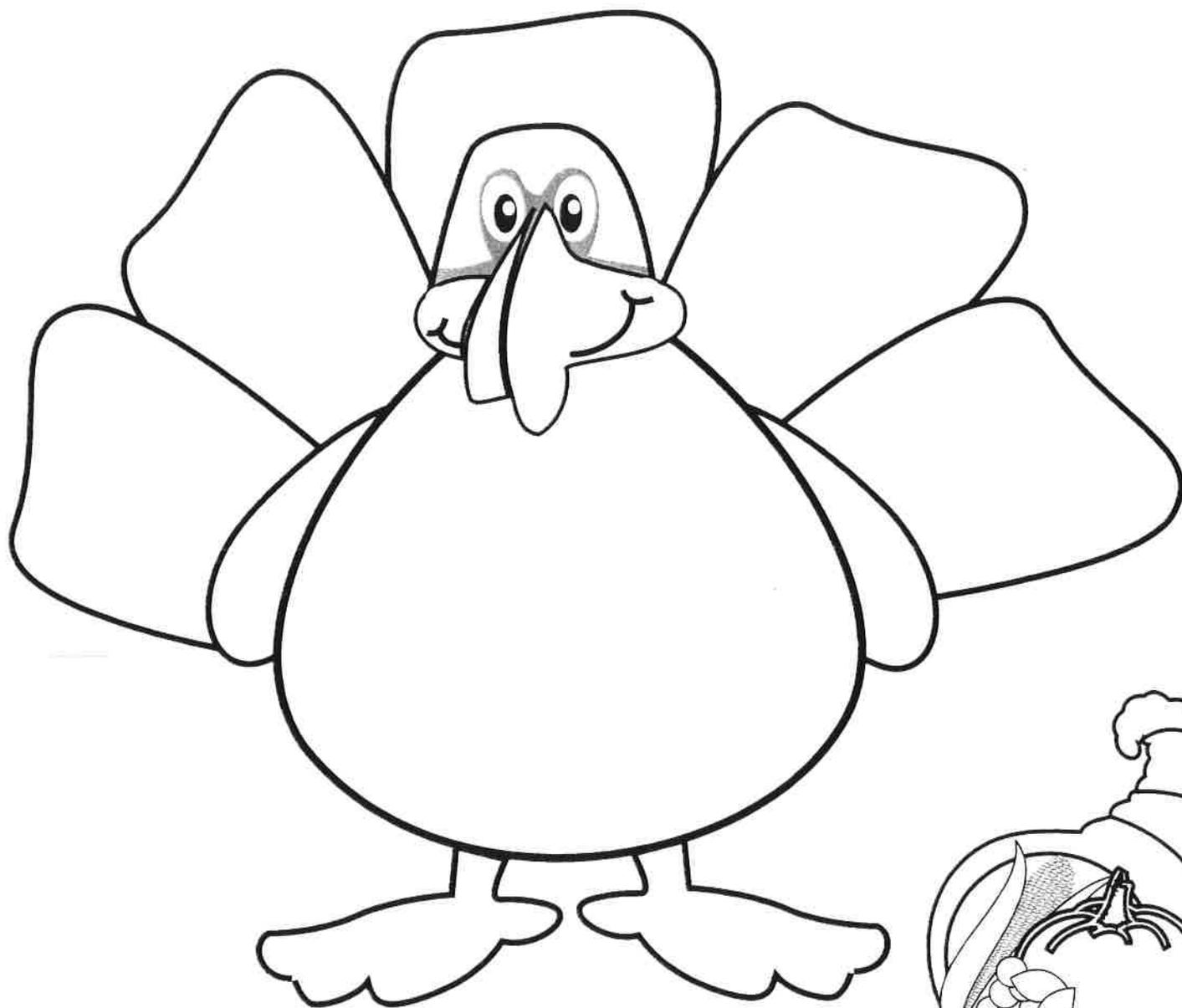
You may notice your child's coloring is improving as staying in the lines gets easier with practice!

We would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Ms. Amanda and Mrs. Dryier

NOVEMBER



**Thanksgiving is a time for giving thanks.
I am thankful for...**



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November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30					

On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Nursery for Infants and Toddlers

11:15 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:15 AM Confirmation

Noah's Ark Preschool – Mon – Fri, 9 AM – 12 PM

Women's Bible Study – Tuesdays, 9:30 AM, Fireside Room

Pryme Tymers – Thursday, Nov. 12, 11 AM

Notes:

November 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends, Move Clocks BACK One Hour

3: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Ronald McDonald House supper (4:30 PM)

7: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Jedi Garden (8 AM)

8: Coffee and.../Rhea Maurer's 85th Birthday Celebration
Pacesetters – An Afternoon of Music with Stuart Seale, Sanctuary (after Coffee and...), and luncheon in Peterson Hall

10: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)
Trustees & CE Board meetings (7 PM)

11: **Veteran's Day/Remembrance Day**

12: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

15: **Articles for December Messenger due**

17: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)

18: Family Night–Giving Thanks/Family Games, Peterson Hall (6-8 PM)

19: Church Board meeting (7 PM)

22: Budget and Election Meeting, Peterson Hall (12 PM)

24: Noah's Ark Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (9-12 PM)

25: Thanksgiving Eve Service, Fireside Room (7 PM)
Noah's Ark Preschool Thanksgiving Break

26: *Happy Thanksgiving*

27: Church office closed

30: Noah's Ark Parent Teacher Conferences

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Articles for the
December Messenger
are due November 15

