

Newsletter of
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October

Ushers

Greg Goetz – Captain
Janice Goetz
John Gorney
Joyce Gorney

Greeters

1 Paula Cassady, Jeff Blust
8 Matt & Barbara Mateer
15 Tom & Denise Sullivan, Hannah, Emily
22 Joel & Nancy Mondry, Keith
29 Tom & Barbara Dorl

Nursery

1 Denise Sullivan, Diana Eigenbauer
8 Rita Grijalva, Diane Panush
15 Pat Klutarch, Marcia Lellos
22 Melissa Panush, Lori Cavallone
29 Heidi Weszely, Carol Latimer

Counters

Barbara Mateer
Gary Kozak
Pam Romano

Birthdays

2 Diana Nilsson
3 Jim Strickland
3 Carol Raines
3 Karen McShane
5 Brianna Khan
12 Joy Gaw
12 Michelle West
13 Cody Devine
14 Priscilla Swanson
16 Ginny Almer
19 Lois Flaws
19 Pam Polcar
20 Phil Cavallone
22 Mary Almer
22 Madelyn Ford
24 Kirsten Torling
27 Jay Hanson
29 Michael Davies
30 Lorraine Weszely
31 Judy Kurzweil
31 Matthew Panush

If we missed your birthday, please let the office know so that it will be listed in the future.

The Messenger October 2017

Sharing “Argentine Mate” with Pastor Mark

Going local, going global, and going “glocal.”

“Missions” has many definitions. We often go back to our first understandings of mission to help us have a framework. I can recall opening up my Bible to the maps section as a missionary kid (MK) when my parents served as missionaries in the 50’s and 60’s in Ecuador. There I would trace the missionary journeys of St. Paul. At that time, the definition of a “missionary” was learning other languages and cultures and travelling to distant shores. In our churches of the 1940’s, 1950’s, and 1960’s, the call would go out for people to serve the Lord overseas as missionaries. Even when my wife Alice (Aly) and I were commissioned to go overseas to Colombia and Argentina in the mid 1980’s; the sense of a missionary was similar.

Enter the end of the twentieth century and the new millennium. We see a new day in missions. There are less long term or (career) missionaries and more short term (STM) missionaries, North America alone sends out between 500,000 and one million (depending on which sources you read) short term missionaries each year to diverse parts of our globe. A short term missionary used to be a person who served two to three years, now they are defined as folks who can serve for a two week trip.

These changes are not good or bad necessarily. These changes are the evolving map of trends and changes in the style of missions. There are many reasons for this; too diverse to begin to discuss here. What we need to focus on is what is happening due to the changes. There is an enormous “shrinking” of our globe. Technology is one factor. We are constantly in communication with many places that took months and weeks to reach in the past. People are not just traveling from the proverbial West to the rest of the world; it is now a two-way street.

Enter a new definition: Missions 2013. Global: This is mission that serves internationally in a long term status. It is also mission that serves internationally on a short term basis. The preceding covers the foreign shores portion. Next, we have Local: This is mission that we engage in at our local parish and in our neighborhoods. This will differ from Evangelism and Outreach when it engages across cultures. Next, we have Glocal: This is ministry to the international folks who now come to visit and live with us right here at home. This is also mission.

With all of this in mind, recently; in fact just the week before we started here at Trinity in July, Aly and I participated in a 9 day mission trip with Faith Covenant Church in Wheaton to Norrkoping, Sweden. This was a “global mission trip.” We were able to minister to immigrants to Sweden from other countries in the Middle East as well as Africa.

Pastor Mark and
Benjamin Erdtman



Alice and
Nisse Gusse Lundemo





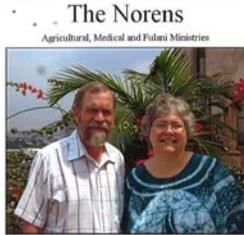
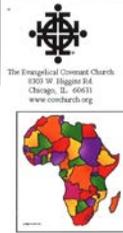
Kafe Bussen in Hageby, Sweden

A "local mission trip" might be what we can do with local ministries outside our church walls here in Oak Lawn. It could be the ministry in Blue Island where our own Larry Thomas volunteers called: "The Affordable Recovery Foundation." Lastly we would have an example of a "glocal mission trip." That could be a ministry to refugees and immigrants from many varied parts of the world, who are located in the greater Chicagoland area. Oftentimes, when we garner experience with an overseas global mission trip, we are informed and are more able to minister to people of similar backgrounds who live around us! You can pick the background or ethnicity that interests and/or attracts you! Hopefully, the Holy Spirit is involved in your decision! There are MANY all around us. It is a blessing to see how we are



Barbara and Steven Swanson
Covenant World Mission
Mosaics Project in Europe

supporting the missionaries from our own church with prayer and funding in many different contexts.



The Norens
Agricultural, Medical and Fulani Ministries

We can also engage with them by ministering alongside for the short or long term. If you are interested in knowing more about our own missionaries or having further contact with them, you may do it directly or through me.

If you are not sure where to start, maybe you would like to take a class this fall? I am teaching a course starting in October: a course on Discerning God's Call. This will be helpful if you wish to "plug in" and are not sure where to start.

There are opportunities to serve. I will keep you posted in the months to come of the many diverse ministries to be involved with. I will also be planning another mission trip and you will be the first to know the details that are available! There are so many opportunities for us!

Let's go Local, or Global, or even Glocal!

Blessings to All!
Pastor Mark

WITH SYMPATHY



As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Bruce Sladek and Char Dunk, and Dave and Arlene Sladek on the death of Gary Sladek, Bruce's son and Dave's brother. Gary entered the life eternal on Saturday, August 26. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 9, at Harvestpoint Church in Delavan, WI. Peace be to the memory of Gary.

As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Carol and Jim Strickland on the death of Carol's sister Lynne Gustafson who entered the life eternal on Monday, August 28. A memorial service was held at Trinity on Friday, September 1. Peace be to the memory of Lynne.

As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of James Gaw who entered the life eternal on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Sunrise Senior Care in Palos Park. A funeral service was held at Trinity on Thursday, September 7, followed by a committal service at Evergreen Cemetery. Peace be to Jim's memory.

As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Natalie Marie Hjelmberg, a longtime member of Trinity, who entered the life eternal on Friday, September 15, 2017, at the age of 94. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 10 A.M. at Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Road, Northbrook, 847-998-1020. Peace be to Natalie's memory.

As a church family we extend our sympathy to JoAnn Bergwall on the death of her cousin, Peggy Lundmark who entered the life eternal on Thursday, September 21, in Tucson, AZ. Peggy was a longtime member of Trinity. Peace be to Peggy's memory.



Dear Members & Friends
of Trinity Covenant Church,

Thank you for the lovely flowers given by church in memory of our sister and aunt, Lynne Gustafson.

Your kindness and prayers during this time shall always be remembered.

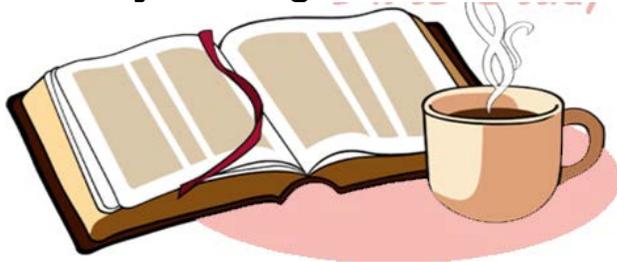
Family of Lynne Gustafson



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.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study



This month we continue exploring while addressing a new, in-depth meaning to the Psalms in anticipation of receiving promised seasoning enriching our lives in workable and attainable challenges.

So - - - where is the best place to be any Tuesday morning? The faithful women who attend our Bible study answer this question with a unanimous invitation just for you - - -

The given day is Tuesday

The given time is 9:30 A.M.

The given place is Trinity's Fireside Room

The given perks – coffee, bakery, fellowship, lunch

The promised given - being firmly rooted, growth, blooming

In retrospect, we discover detailed stories and descriptions of situations from past ages which are relevant or pertinent to our walk this day.

As we delve, listen, discuss and share we become more diligent in our quest for personally knowing The Three-In-One; creator, messenger, enabler.

We are responsive to the call that praise, joy and thanks are inseparable for all who trust the works of the The Three. And this is where we stand on this day and all days. God offers a teachable study to all who are reachable.

The biggest risk of all is standing still.

Join us as we continue to travel the most wonderful journey led by His gentle thunder.

P.S. Yes – join us, for it's no secret what God can do!

Barbara Johnson

It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Emmanuel and Elizabeth Ajide on the birth of their third child, baby boy Daniel, born on Thursday, August 31, at 9 A.M., weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Big sister Esther and brother Joseph are happy to welcome their new brother. Best wishes to all.



Ronald McDonald House

On the first Tuesday of each month, from September 2017 to May 2018, Trinity volunteers serve meals at Ronald McDonald House through their outreach program "Meals from the Heart". We cook and serve (buffet style) a hot evening meal to the guests staying at the House. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with this mission. We begin about 4:30 P.M. and leave about 7:30 P.M. If you would like to be a part of this team, on any first Tuesday of the month, please contact Diane Panush at @708-636-7548, email dkpssoapfan@aol.com or call the church office @708-422-5111. Thank you for your consideration.

Update from the Christian Education Board

Thank you for all who helped with our successful Sunday School Picnic on September 10. We are blessed with many wonderful, talented people to do the Lord's work through our youth.

The C.E. Board is doing some cookin' – for you! Look for the next "Let's Do Lunch" on **Sunday, October 15**, and also in November and January. Proceeds will support the CHIC and Every Kid A Camper 2018 funds.

Save the date for the next Noah's Ark Preschool's Pizza Night Fundraiser on **Friday, October 27**, at 6 P.M., Trinity Church. Ms. Amanda is looking for new items to be donated for the raffle baskets. Drop off items at the preschool doors, be sure to label "donation for Raffle Baskets". Please come out for a fun night and support our preschool. Wear your Halloween costume and bring your appetite (all you can eat pizza and salad)! The cost is \$6 per person, children age 2 and under are free. Raffle tickets are 6 for \$5.

Our preschool is also selling Carson's Community Days coupon booklets for \$5.00, starting now. Get good prices on the latest fashions and help a bright preschool at the same time! Community Days runs from November 8 – November 11.

Stay tuned for family and youth group events for all ages. Thank you for your continued support.

In Christ,
Kellie Lee, C.E. Chairman

Adult Sunday School

Our Adult Sunday School class has resumed at 11:30 A.M. in our usual spot, the Fireside Room. In October, Jenny DeVivo, Associate Professor of Theology, will lead the class. Jenny's topic is the Nicene Creed. As early Christians wrestled with their understanding of Jesus and determined what was orthodoxy and what was heresy, the theologically dense Nicene Creed states many foundational beliefs about Christ and Christianity. The class starts at 11:30 and lasts until approximately 12:15 P.M.. Everyone is invited to attend and welcome Jenny back here again. She is a favorite with our class.

North Park University Concert

It's the fall, which means it's once again that time of year! On Saturday, October 7 at 7:30 P.M. the North Park University Concert Band will be presenting the 8th Annual "Exceptional Music for Exceptional Families" concert, for families of children with autism and special needs. As always, the concert is free and will include an "instrument petting zoo" at 7:00 P.M. To reserve a space in the accessible performance venue at Anderson Chapel, contact Karen Dickelman at 773-244-5625 or kdickelman@northpark.edu.



Pryme Tymers

Join us in October for the fall programs:

October 12, 11 A.M.

Program: *Out of the Closet – And On To The Runway.*

Go into your closet and model something you made...or bought for a special occasion. A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody!

Entrée: Beef Stew

October 26, 11 A.M.

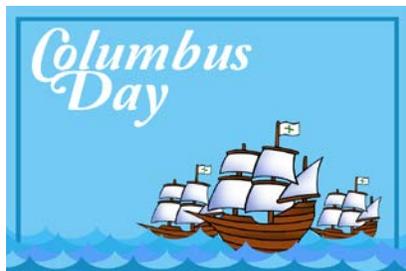
Program: *Another Oktoberfest With Eddy.* German music, polka dancing and accordion "king" Eddie Korosa gets this party started...and keeps it going. Let Your Hair Down and Your Lederhosen Up!

Entrée: Roast Pork Loin

Make your reservation by the **Friday BEFORE** the program. The cost per meeting is \$7. Remember to bring two canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry; there is always a great need.



OCTOBER 9



An Autumn Afternoon of Music

Do you like to listen to music?

Do you like to sing?

Are you 65 or older?

Then join us at Betty Aardema's

6250 W. 127th Place

Palos Heights



on **Saturday, October 14, at 3 P.M.** for an afternoon of music, singing, fellowship, and supper.

Pacesetters will supply the supper.

The \$ amount to be determined (approximately \$5).

If you need transportation, please let Pat Anderson or Pat Petersen know by October 8.

Note: It is important that you RSVP by October 8.

PLOWS Council on Aging

Drivers Needed: Plows, a non-profit senior agency in Suburban Cook County, has an immediate need for dependable drivers to deliver meals to the homebound senior citizens in the south suburban area. Driver commitment is only 2-2 ½ hours per week, no nights or weekends. To volunteer to help with this great need, please call PLOWS at 708-361-0219.

Respite for Family Caregivers: The Respite Program coordinated by PLOWS, offers caregivers the opportunity to take time for themselves while their loved one is cared for by a licensed and insured professional. The program provides supervision, companion care, basic personal care assistance and meal preparation. To register for this service contact PLOWS at 708-361-0219.

Covenant Women Give Back

Save the date, **Tuesday, October 17** at 11 A.M. in the Fireside Room after Bible Study, for Covenant Women/Miriam Circle lunch, program and meeting.

Most of us have enjoyed the bounty of food products that our "Larry Thomas" brings to us quite often. Larry volunteers at the Affordable Recovery Foundation in Blue Island. It is a facility where homeless recovering addicts - both men (150) and women (50) - can get room and board, food and shelter, help finding a job, and counseling for \$35 a day. Most of these residents find employment, go to work daily and pay for their room and board.

We can help these men and women by donating "new" or "gently used" clothing. Toiletries are also needed. They come into this program literally with the clothes on their backs.



Please keep in mind that all the residents work in factories and cannot use "dressy" clothes (no dresses, sports coats or dress shirts, please). The shelter's dispensing rooms are small with very little space for storing extra items.

We will be collecting the items listed below starting **Sunday, October 8 through October 15**. Please bring your donations to the Overflow Room.

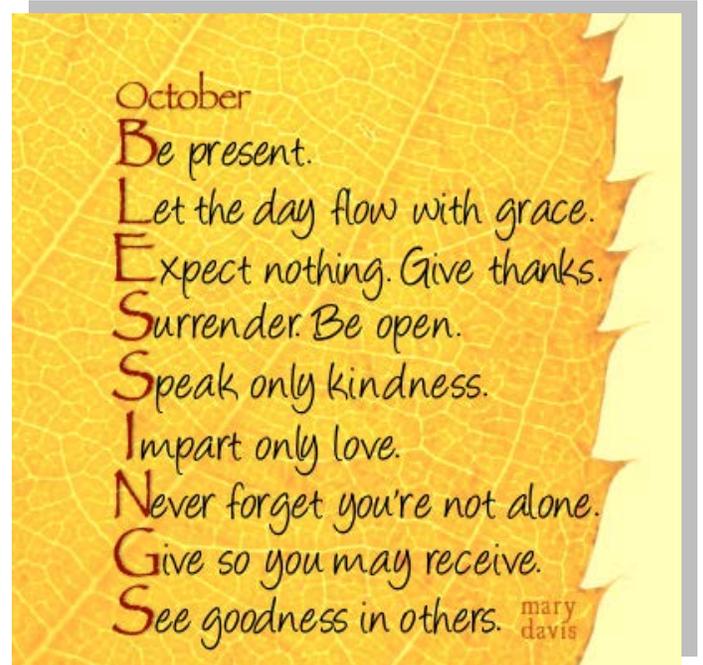
MEN	WOMEN	OTHER ITEMS
T-shirts Sports shirts	Pants, shirts	Towels, washcloths
Sweat shirts and pants	Sweat pants and shirts	Full size and Travel Size: Bar soap, shampoos, conditioners
Regular pants and shorts	Undergarments, socks	Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants
Underwear, socks	Shoes, Purses	Laundry soap
Shoes	Hair accessories, combs, brushes	Games, Books, Bibles, DVDs
Coats and jackets		

Here is Trinity's chance to help others in need and at the same time "declutter" our own homes. We will be sorting the items and presenting them to Larry on Tuesday, October 17 at our Covenant Women meeting. Larry will discuss in more detail the Affordable Recovery Foundation's program. Lunch will be served. Following lunch, a brief business meeting will be held to discuss Jul Fest (December 2) preparations.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 17 and bring a friend. RSVP by Sunday October 15 to Lorraine Weszely or the church office at 708-422-5111. For more information, please contact Lorraine.

SAVE THE DATES
FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Thur. Oct 12. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers
 Sat. Oct. 14 3 P.M. Pacesetters (anyone age 65+)
 gathering at Betty Aardema's
 Sun. Oct 15 12 P.M. Let's Do Lunch-Camp Fundraiser
 Tue. Oct 17 11 A.M. Covenant Women/Miriam Circle
 lunch, program and meeting.
 Tue. Oct. 17 November Messenger articles due.
 Thur. Oct. 26 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers
 Fri. Oct. 27 6 P.M. Noah's Ark Preschool – Pizza
 Night Fundraiser



Church Ladies with Typewriters



Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

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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 PIZZA PARTY 	28
29	30	31 				

On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Nursery for Infants/ Sunday School for Pre-K up to 6th grade.

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

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

Pryme Tymers – 2nd and 4th Thursday, 11 AM

Notes:

3: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Ronald McDonald House "Meals from the Heart" (4:30 PM)

8: Covenant Women-Shelter Donations begin, Overflow Room

9: **Columbus Day**

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

12: Pryme Tymers resumes (11 AM)

13: Noah's Ark Preschool-Fire Safety

14: Pacesetters gathering at Betty Aardema's (3 PM)

15: Let's Do Lunch-Camp Fundraiser, Peterson Hall (12 PM)
Covenant Women-Shelter Donations deadline, Overflow Room

17: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Covenant Women/MiriamCircle program, lunch,
and meeting (11 AM)

Articles for November Messenger due

19: Church Board meeting (7 PM)

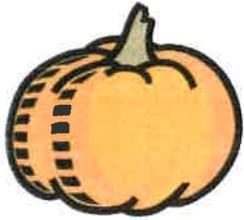
24: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)

26: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

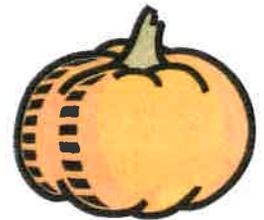
27: Noah's Ark Pizza Night Fundraiser, Peterson Hall (6 PM)

31: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Noah's Ark Preschool Halloween Party (10 AM)

REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 5



October News



Noah's Ark Preschool

Picture Day Oct 5th Viewing & Purchasing Oct 6th

Reminders

Pizza Night Fundraiser! Friday Oct 27th at 6:00 p.m. Please come in costume!!!!

If you are able to donate a gift basket or items for our raffle please let me know.

All You Can Eat Pizza Night Tickets

\$6.00 per person

2 and under are free

Raffle Tickets 6 for \$5.00

More info to come!!!

NO SCHOOL Oct 9th Columbus Day

A Peek at Our Week

Welcome Fall

Oct 2nd - Oct 6th

Fire Safety

Oct 10th - Oct 13th

Signs Of Fall

Oct 16th - 20th

Pp For Pumpkins And Pizza

Oct 23rd - Oct 27th

Halloween Fun

Oct 30th - and 31st

Upcoming Events

Fireman Are Coming To Our Preschool

Friday Oct 13th 10:00 a.m.

Everyone may attend. If your child does not attend that day please feel free to meet us here at 10:00 a.m. and stay with your child.

Halloween Party!!!

Tuesday Oct 31st Everyone Please arrive at 10:00 a.m. for a parade and games and candy exchange! PPO mom's if you would like to help with the room party please contact me 708-969-3481 Ms. Amanda

Little Room News!

Letters Dd, Ee, Ff, and Review

Numbers 3 & 4 and 5

We will continue Shapes and Colors

Throughout the year!

Please Feel Free To Contact Me At Any time!

Ms. Amanda -708-969-3481

Mrs. Dryier

Mrs. Theo

Big Room News!

Letters Oo-Short Sound, Tt, Ll, Bb, Nn.

Numbers 5,6,7,8, and 9

Color- Orange

Working on printing using the upstairs downstairs method.

Mrs.M

Email anytime

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Mrs. Wojcik

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