

The Morning Star

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Newsletter Deadline

All articles for the Newsletter are due in the office by **the 12th of each month** Please email articles or bring them to the church office on a thumb drive. Please NO hard copy articles. Thank you.
 The Church Office



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

6:00 – 8:00 PM

PASTORS' PONDERINGS.....

A lot has changed from 1961 to 2011 hasn't it? We all need to look back on our ministries and look ahead at where God is leading us. To help this process, we shared an article with the church council from The Lutheran magazine (June, 2011) at our September meeting. The article was titled, "10 Trends to Watch". The author, Kathryn Sime, challenged churches to critically look at their ministries against these 10 Trends which Sime believes is facing every religious denomination in the United States (and perhaps around the world). We invite each of you to ponder these 10 Trends. Are they accurate? If so, what are we doing at Holy Trinity to meet these challenges? What can we do to transform our congregation to meet the changing needs of God's people? Please share your thoughts with any council member or either of us.

10 Trends to Watch

1. **Declining church participation:** Weekly or regular church attendance has declined from 35% of the population in 1972 to 26% in 2008. The number of people who never attend worship rose from 9% to 21% in the same period.
2. **Growth in no religious affiliation:** The number of Americans who don't identify with any particular religious group rose from 8% to 15% since 1990.
3. **More spiritual, less religious:** Typically, young adult Christians are craving a spiritual experience, but are turned off by "organized" religion.
4. **A new State: Emerging Adulthood:** It is not the norm for those over 18 to want to enter a church. Instead of marrying and settling down, these emerging adults are using this time as a
5. period of exploration, autonomy, and transience.
6. **Changing Family Structures:** People in society are marrying later, having fewer children, and
7. often living together out of economic necessity. Individuals and couples are becoming less linked to "their biological family" and feeling more and more isolated.
8. **Increasing US social, cultural, and religious diversity:** We are becoming more diverse in race and ethnicity. Over 1/2 of the growth in US population from 2000 to 2010 was Hispanic. During this time, the Asian population grew faster than any other racial group.
9. **Influence of Hispanic/Latino faith:** Churches that are growing have usually added one or more Spanish speaking services. In the Lutheran church, these services are based on Lutheran theology, but do not follow the "book".
10. **Influence of individualism:** There is less and less need to be connected to a church or an organization.
11. **Living in a digital world:** In February, 2011, an average of 140 million tweets were sent. 47% of American adults get some news on their cell phone/tablets every day. Nearly 80% of adults use the internet. (This number is 95% for 18-29 year olds.) Digital technology is a tool for engagement, not just communication.
12. **Increase in adults 65 and older:** By the year 2050, 20% of Americans will be 65 or older. That is a 147% increase from 2000. The number of adults 85 or older will rise from 2% of the population to 5% in the same time.

*In Christ's service with you,
Pastor Andrea and Pastor Ken*

Sunday “happenings” in October...

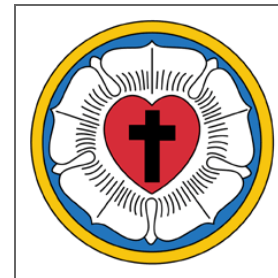


In honor of breast cancer awareness month, we will be having a special pink arrangement on the baptismal font each Sunday in October. If you would like to donate a pink carnation for this

arrangement, please fill out the form in the narthex or Sunday bulletin. You may dedicate a flower in honor of or in memory of someone, or you may dedicate a flower to the cause. The cost to place one pink carnation in the arrangement each week is \$2—please place this form and money in a yellow pew envelope. You can donate as many carnations as you would like—but please remember only one name per carnation. Any questions please call the church office.

**Sunday, October 30th is
REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**Please remember to wear
red for this special Sunday!**



During the month of October, our Sunday School classes will be collecting their offerings and donating them to the 2012 Habitat for Humanity Apostles' Build. If you would like to add to their special offerings during the month, please put your special donation in the pew envelope and mark it “Apostles’ Build”. The children will be learning about the mission of Habitat and will discuss the importance of adequate shelter and food. Please keep the Apostles’ Build in your prayers as we begin this new project.

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY—will be celebrated on Nov. 6th. If you know of someone who has gone to be with the Lord in the last year and you would like them to be included in the recognition, please send the church an email or call the church office with their full name. Thank You.

September 20th —Church Council Highlights

- Pastor Andrea opened the meeting with a devotion on ‘Joy’
- The council would like to extend a special THANK YOU to: Joanne Donaldson and team for reaching out for a recent wedding at Holy Trinity; to Bill Rose for all the work he is doing at the church; and to the Stewardship Committee for planning the 50 Year history and hopes/dreams for the future gatherings.
- Oktoberfest —we approved the budget of anticipated expenses for the 2011 Oktoberfest.
- Paperwork has been located that HTLC owns 2 cemetery plots, 2 mausoleum crypts with a brass plaque at Restlawn Cemetery and 2 plots located at Charlotte Memorial Gardens.
- Special thanks to Carmy Witzke for leading the Outreach Ministry. They had their first meeting in September and will be having their next meeting on Sat. Oct. 15th. All are welcome.
- Stewardship Committee discussed ideas for “pledge Sunday” on November 20, 2011.
- PASTORS TIME: Pastor Ken discussed “10 Trends to Watch” from the June Lutheran magazine. As we talk through planning the future and reviewing the past we need to pay attention to these trends.
- The Nominating Committee—headed up by Bill DiJirolanio (429-8238) will begin looking for people interested in running for church council, Mission Investment Fund, and the Scholarship committee. If you would like to be nominated or know someone the committee should ask, please contact Bill.
- Meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer and sharing of the peace.

CONGREGATION HIGHLIGHTS



Communion Assistants



Worship Volunteer Training Potluck

If you currently are or are interested in serving as a Worship Volunteer (Greeter, Usher, Communion Assistant, and/or Reader), then this **Salad Potluck on Tuesday evening, October 11th at 5pm** is for you. Bring you favorite salad to share (bread and drinks will be provided). Following dinner, we will have a training session on being a Greeter, Usher, Communion Assistant, and Reader. This is an important training session for everyone, even seasoned volunteers. Please join us.



USHERS



LAY READERS

Finance Update

The Finance Ministry would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving over this year. Our summers are normally a time of cash flow challenges for our congregation, but this year has been a blessing. Between your generous contributions and the council's wise stewardship, we ended August with a surplus (\$276) . This includes expensing \$5,000 of the almost \$13K for a new roof over the Narthex. The remaining \$8k for the roof and over \$5.1K for a new air conditioner compressor was taken out of our capital reserves. This leaves our reserves at just under \$16K.

In our report to council at the September meeting, we noted that all bills are current and expected large bills are being planned for.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Attendance Comparisons/week

(For 39 weeks)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
Traditional	245	258	13
Celebration	136	141	5
Total	381	399	18

NEW MEMBERS

With great joy, we welcome Gary Bustin, Pete Cintron, Ladoris Fako, David and Tricia Gallentine, Dick and Marge Smith-Jones, Nizar Mhna and Nelly Farag, and Cat Petrik into our church family on September 25, 2011.

If you are interested in joining our church family, we have scheduled another New Member class for Tuesday, December 6th at 630 pm. New members will be received at each service on Sunday, December 11th. Please contact either of the Pastors if you desire to join or just want more information about our congregation.

CONGREGATION HIGHLIGHTS

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you to the Thrivent Financial members who have designated Holy Trinity as the organization they wish to receive their "Choice Dollars". To date we have received over \$3500 from this program.

If you are a Thrivent Financial member and would like Holy Trinity to receive your "Choice Dollars" please contact Thrivent to see if you qualify. Contact Byron Beaber toll free at: 866-808-5948.

Gift Card Year to Date Sales

**Goal: 150 families using \$120 per week =
\$18,000 sales per week**

Please consider using gift cards for everyday use.
We need your help!

Sales for Aug./YTD - \$10,730/\$154,918

Income for church Aug./YTD - \$264/\$3,963

Income for Program to date - \$8,381

Simply Giving

Please consider electronic giving for your church contributions. Your designated contribution is automatically sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church either monthly or bi-monthly as you desire. We have a program called "Simply Giving" that allows your contributions to be sent even when you are on vacation or have to miss an occasional Sunday. If you are interested, contact Carol Brown at the church office for more information. She can be reached on Tuesdays at 941-625-5262.

Pet Blessing

St. Francis of Assisi reminded us of the gift from God that we have in all animals, especially our pets. God truly enriches us with pets as companions. In honor of his love for God's creatures, we will lift up and celebrate their gifts in our lives. Join us in the courtyard with your pet(s) on **Saturday, October 1st at 10:30 am** for a brief worship service and blessing of your pet(s).



COURTYARD MEMORIAL PAVERS

The pavers are still being offered to the congregation for purchase. The cost of the pavers is \$30 each. They can be ordered in the Narthex by filling out the order form and dropping it by the church office along with a check.



CONGREGATION HIGHLIGHTS

Planted in LOVE
Growing in FAITH
50 years of sharing
GOD'S GRACE!

GRAND OPENING: HTLC 50TH CELEBRATION BOUTIQUE

Tickets will be sold for the dinner/dance at Kings Gate Country Club starting Oct. 9th. Cost is \$25 per person. Commemorative items will be sold starting Oct. 16th. Proceeds from souvenir sales will help defray some of the 50th celebration costs.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Mark you calendars for these 50th Anniversary Celebration events.

1. **Sunday, October 23rd** ~ Pastor Julie Frank will preach. Pastor Julie was our Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries from 1995 until 2002.
2. **Saturday, November 5th** ~ Our 4th Annual Oktoberfest from 11am to 8pm.
3. **Sunday, November 6th** ~ Reverend Dr. Rita Gardner Tweed ~ Assistant to the Bishop for the Gulf Coast region of our Synod will preach.
4. **Sunday, November 13th** ~ Piano Concert by Jim Hendricks.
5. **Saturday, November 19th** ~ 50th Anniversary Dinner at King's Gate Clubhouse. This will be a dinner, program, and dance evening. Tickets go on sale on October 9th and seating is limited.
6. **Sunday, November 27th** ~ Bishop Edward Benoway ~ Bishop of the Florida/Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will preach. There will be **ONE SERVICE AT 10am** that day. Our 50th Anniversary Celebration worship will be followed by a luncheon in the social hall.

50th Anniversary Dinner Party ~ Kings Gate Country Club

Saturday, November 19 ~ 6PM to 10PM

\$25 per person

Starter:

Assorted Snacks

House Salad served with: choice of Ranch, Italian, or Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing.

Entrée Choices:

Roasted Pork Tenderloin stuffed with apricots and cranberries topped with black currant sauce, roasted red potatoes, and pacific blend vegetable medley.

Chicken Marsala with mushroom wine sauce, scalloped potatoes, and pacific blend vegetable medley.

Tilapia Stuffed with Crab and topped with a dill lemon butter sauce, rice, and pacific blend vegetable medley. Also available without the crab.

(no substitutions with the entrees)

Dessert:

Cheesecake with strawberry topping

Beverages:

Coffee, Iced Tea, Hot Tea
Cash Bar will be available

Suggested attire:
Dressy Casual



CONGREGATION HIGHLIGHTS

WELCA NEWS

As you read this letter I will be in Moscow, Russia with my Daughter, Rev. Jennifer Guelmami. We will be visiting with Olga and Valery Morozov who worked with Ted and me in the past 10 years bringing bibles to the Russian military and prisoners.

"Who Is Our Neighbor" our theme for 2011 for the FL-BA SWO Fall Gathering Nov. 11-13. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39

Have you ever had a God Given moment that you didn't expect and couldn't have planned? You catch the sight of the glimmering of some Holy flame and your life opens up and you go out on a journey following the glimmering to a place you never knew- where you can give your gifts and receive the Holy gifts of others- by the love of God, through the Grace of Christ in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Well, I had one in Russia.

I was visiting the artist market in Moscow called Ismylova and met a lady who was painting and drawing on wooden eggs. She looked at me and guessed that I was a tourist and in broken English asked me why I came to Russia. I told her about the work that Ted and I did in giving bibles to the soldiers and prisoners with Olga and Valery. She looked at me real hard and she started to have tears in her eyes. She said that her husband died a few months ago and that he received a bible from his superior officer before he retired from the Army. She said that he read the book and she said I had never seen him so happy and peaceful so I read the book too. While she was talking with me she was drawing the picture of Jesus ascending into heaven. She had a very bright glimmer in her face and was so excited to tell me about the gift they received in reading the bible. She said when her husband died he had a peace in his heart because he knew the true Jesus and His love and gift of salvation. She said she only paints pictures from the bible in her imagination of the life of Jesus to tell others about this Peace that she and her husband received. I received the Holy gift from her that day, my neighbor in Russia.

Who really is our neighbor? Do we have to go to Russia to help our neighbor, send quilts around the world or work in a soup kitchen? Yes we do, but also what about the person who isn't so friendly, clean or helpful in our neighborhood or even in our own household? God gives us that Holy Flame and opens up our lives and hearts if we give to Him ourselves and follow Him.

Update of events of WELCA here at Holy Trinity:

1. Circle meetings.

Esther Circle: October 4 at 10:30 AM Hostess Sylvia Sollie, Leader: Joan Swanson

Priscilla Circle: October 6 at 9:30 AM Hostess/leader: Marion Heckler

Dorcas Circle: October 4 at 1 PM Hostess Carol Civitella, Leader Pat Freeman

Quilters Meet every Thursday at 9 AM

All ladies are encouraged to attend a circle meeting and quilters group.

2. Fall Gathering registration is still open , please contact Jan Hanus for registration materials or call 863 558-0169. Gertrude Bush is elected delegate, Jan Hanus is alternate for the gathering.

3. 50th Anniversary quilt is progressing with the wonderful help of Jackie Possel. If you can help her please call her at 941-268-3991

4. Table top decorations for the 50th Anniversary dinner are gold/yellow roses with baby's breath in a vase set onto a mirror with votive candles on top of gold and black table cloths. We will need helpers to set up each table top decoration before the dinner.

5. **Women in Stitches workshop will be in November 17th.** We will have a luncheon for all attendees.

6. A fundraiser for the quilting projects will be a bakeless bake sale in January. More will be coming in December newsletter.

7. At the September executive board meeting the Treasure report stated that we have \$584.51 in the WELCA treasury. What ever WELCA receives in offerings or fundraisers we return to projects into the community . 1/2 of offerings go to Synod and 1/2 stays here to help our community projects. At the gathering of offerings in February all is sent to synod. As you can see WELCA is totally a mission group of ladies who support our WELCA in synod and our projects locally and worldwide.

8. Our next **executive Board Meeting is October 13 at 9:30AM.** All leaders of the circles, officers of Welca and guests are invited.

May Jesus Bless You in Your Walk With Him,

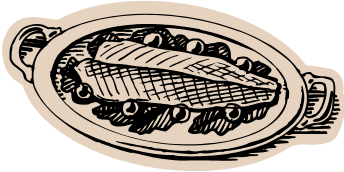
Jan Hanus



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

NEW ORLEANS FISH AND CHICKEN FRY *Holy Trinity Style Buffet (Nothing too spicy)*

Friday, October 7th @ 6:00 PM
Adults - \$10.00 - Children 12 and under are free



Entrees choose one (1)

Oven baked Tilapia

Blackened Catfish

Oven Baked Boneless Chicken Breast

Chicken Fingers and Mac & Cheese are available for kids

Side Dishes

Hush Puppies

Charles' Down Home Gumbo

Al's Jambalaya

Dave's Delmonico Potatoes

Creole Vegetables



Dessert

Ms. Connie's Drunken Bread Pudding

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Internet Angels (New Members - Marge & Dick Jones)

Playing Music of New Orleans & The Bayou!

FELLOWSHIP HOTLINE

The Fellowship Committee is asking for more volunteers to help with the following:

- **Dinner Functions:** Setting up and breaking down tables and chairs. Set up and clean up of tables and decorations.
- **Community Breakfast** 1st Saturday of the month. Fellowship needs more volunteers to help wash dishes. We need to give our loyal dishwashers a rest. They are getting dish pan hands!

We love cooking for you, however, we can't do it without more help! If interested, Charles and Connie are waiting for your call. Charles Reinl - 941-426-4410 or reinl dc@comcast.net. Connie Wuckert - 941-347-8491 or sunnychik@comcast.net.

A special note of thanks to the following people:

- Thank you Property Committee for the extra power in the kitchen. We really appreciate it.
- Thank you to John and Gale Brenner and all of you who bring aluminum cans to church - we really use the new grids a lot and are appreciated by all.
- Special thanks to all of the volunteers who help with the Community Breakfast. Your help is ALWAYS appreciated. We couldn't cook and serve quality breakfast without your help. Love you all!

Your Fellowship Committee

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 1st ~ 8am-10:30am

Adults - \$6.00 - Children 12 and under are free

Start your morning off with

Orange - Tomato - Cranberry - Apple Juice
Homemade Apricot~Pecan Cinnamon Rolls
Fresh Seasonal Fruit

Entrees

- ☉ Al Griddle Pancakes: Choose from Regular or Pumpkin! Yummy!
- ☉ Steak Quesadilla: Breakfast Steak, eggs, onions, peppers and don't forget the cheese, folded in a flour tortilla and grilled. Salsa and sour cream on the side!
- ☉ BLT Strudel: Eggs, bacon, fresh spinach, tomato and swiss cheese baked in a golden puff pastry.
- ☉ Ham Quickie: An open faced omelet with ham crumbles, eggs and a hint of onion topped with melted cheese.
- ☉ Cherries Jubilee Parfait: Cherries layered with bananas and yogurt topped with our homemade granola. A low fat treat.

Sides

Scalloped Apples (delicious on a warm biscuit) - Shredded Has Brown Casserole -
Bacon - Corned Beef Hash - Sausage Links - Eggs (scrambled or fried) -
Toast (cinnamon raisin or wheat) - English Muffin with Jam

Oktoberfest in November

SIGN-UP SHEET, Please fill in the information below and bring it to church, or mail to: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2565 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952. You can also e-mail to:

Ellen Vercruysse: rev2512verizon.net. Questions: Ellen V. 941-429-8773

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Area of interest: _____

If you don't know where you would like to work (Have fun), just volunteer anyway. All the committee chairs will then figure out where to assign you.

Thanks you much for all you do for our church.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Oktoberfest in November

November 5, 2011 ~ 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Place: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Inside and Outside. Entertainment under the big tent!!
Events: Great Oohmpa Band, Homemade German Food, Good Drinks, Dancing, White Elephant Sale, Cake Sale, Cake Walk, Craft Sale, Kinder Games, Having a Great Time!, etc. "Gemuetlichkeit!"

Free Admission

Bring your family, friends and neighbors.

Volunteers

We need you all!! Please look for the sign up form in this newsletter to help with this event. Or sign-up at the church. Any questions please contact Dick and Ellen Vercruyssen, 429-8773, rev251@verizon.net.

All volunteers will be contacted to assign times and areas of duty.

Dress code:

All workers will wear our church name tags.

We are working on getting Polo Shirts with the Church's Logo. These will be available for purchase sometime in October. It would be great if many of us could wear these. Cost will be finalized at a later date.

Bake Sale

We will need many nice cakes to offer at the bake sale. Breads, pies, muffins, cupcakes, cookies are also welcome. ***Remember, only baked goods which don't need to be refrigerated.*** Boxes for your baked goods will be provided at the church services 3 Sundays before the O'fest. Questions contact: Carmy Witzke @ 429-7732 or witz6107@comcast.net. Please drop off your cakes on Friday, Nov. 4th from 9-12 or early Saturday Nov. 5th.

Crafts

There is still time to whip up some nice/useful items for the craft sale. Let us do even better this year! Questions: Ellen Vercruyssen, 429-8773 or rev251@verizon.net

White Elephant

Check your closet for useful items that you no longer need. Like in the past years, let us make this the "**Best little White Elephant Sale in Town**". **Remember, the operative words are "Usable, Clean, in Good Working Order."** Keep the Boutique in mind, as well. Jewelry and purses are also appreciated. (Good condition and clean please!)

Drop-off dates

You can drop off your Crafts and White Elephant items as follows:
Saturday, Oct. 29, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Oct. 31 & Nov. 2 & 3 9:00 AM – 12 Noon.

Thanks

Many, many thanks to all who are working hard, and those who will be working hard to make this event another huge success.
If you cannot assist with any of the above, or even if you can, a donation would be greatly appreciated.

PRAISES AND PINCHES

As a congregation, we are committed to voicing our praises and “not sitting on our pinches”! (Pinches are things that are annoying.) If there is anything in our community life that brings you joy or causes you to be concerned, here is your opportunity to share your feelings and questions. Thank you for taking the time to communicate about the ways we are doing well in our ministry together at Holy Trinity and the areas that need our attention. Your Mutual Ministry Committee needs your feedback in order to best respond to your needs. To be a healthy and faithful community, we need to be open with one another about what we expect in all areas of our life together. If there is a concern that you would like to discuss directly with the Mutual Ministry Committee (Tom Gramza ~Chair, Carol Civitella, Dick Vercruyssen and Vikki Spencer), please indicate that desire below.

Praises or Pinches:

Desired Outcome (Solution)

Name: _____ Date: _____ Phone _____

THANK YOU

Dick and I would like to thank everyone for the Blessings that were given to us last Sunday when we became new members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. What a wonderful and warm welcome we have received. Thank you also, to Pastors Ken and Andrea for the beautiful new Bible and their warm welcome.

Blessings to all,
Marge and Dick Jones

To My Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Family,
My family and myself would like to thank you for the flowers, prayers, support and love that you all showed us at the untimely passing of my mother-in-law. I am very grateful to be able to call you my church family.

Love to you all,
Marsha Mikus

We would like to thank the members of the congregation for all their prayers and expressions of love and support. We especially want to thank Pastor Ken, Pastor Andrea, and Shirley Klemish for their many visits to Leon throughout his illness and for their love, comfort and support at this difficult time. The memorial service was beautiful.

The Family of Leon Herman

To the welcomed wedding guests,
We want to thank you for the wonderful wedding surprise, when I walked down the aisle and then again when we walked into the Narthex. We had no idea that the members of Holy Trinity had come together to celebrate with us, as husband and wife. Thank you for coming.

Nelly and Pete

EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION

There are four different opportunities for adult education.



1. Sunday – 9am: Carmy Witzke are leading a discussion group called “Let’s Talk”. The discussion will focus on the Christian perspective of contemporary topics.
2. Sunday – 10am: Ricky and Arleen Graham are continuing the video series. Shalom! Peace to you and welcome to the ancient land of Israel! We are beginning the third year of our adult Bible Study in the Holy Land with our Bible Teacher/Historian Dr. Ray Van Der Laan. Join us in classroom C/D as we learn how the Early Church formed. Where St. Paul’s missionary journey’s began. We look forward to seeing you!
3. Monday – 6:30pm: Pastor Ken is leading a discussion about the Bible – its origins – what is in it and why. This is a great overview/introduction to the Bible for those who have never studied the Bible or who just want a refresher on it.
4. Tuesday – 10am: Pastor Ken is leading a Bible study on the seldom studied books of the New Testament. We are studying 1st & 2nd Timothy, Titus, Philemon, James, 1st & 2nd Peter, 1-3 John, and Jude.



MEDICAL MOMENT.....

Can you Recognize Symptoms of Minor Stroke?

Symptoms of minor stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) can often last just a few minutes and cause no lasting impairment. However, they can also be warning signs of possible serious and disabling strokes.

The symptoms are the same as for major strokes, but they may only last a few minutes. They include any one of combination of the following:

- Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arms, or legs, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden trouble speaking or understanding
- Confusion
- Sudden vision problems in one or both eyes
- Dizziness, loss of balance, or sudden trouble walking
- Severe headache with no obvious cause

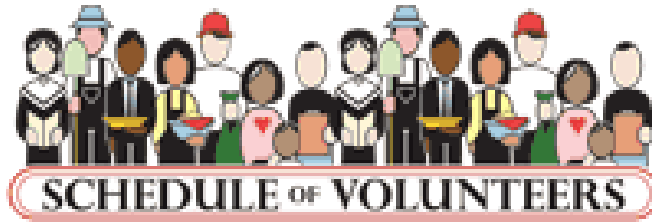
If you are with someone and suspect they are having a problem, remember to “**Act F.A.S.T**” which stands for:

- **FACE** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- **ARMS** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **SPEECH** Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence.
Does he or she have trouble or are the words slurred?
- **TIME** Time is critical. *Call 911 immediately.*

Patients who arrive at the hospital by ambulance tend to be evaluated far more quickly than those who walk into hospital ERs on their own. Treatment within 3 hours from the onset of symptoms with clot-busting thrombolytic drugs can prevent death and long-term disability.

For someone having a stroke, or even a TIA, minutes count. It has been said that each second that passes can mean 32,000 brain cells lost. And you know, we need all the brain cells we can keep!

MONTHLY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS ~ OCTOBER



7:45

9:00

10:45

Greeters

Oct. 02 Dave/Marion Heckler 09 Dave/Marion Heckler 16 Tom/Janet Gramza 23 Tom/Janet Gramza 30 Wayne/Ilamae Smith	Jackie Hergt, Maura Galliani Jackie Hergt, Maura Galliani Ron/Pat Freeman Ron/Pat Freeman Carl/Carol Dohrmann	Gil/Marian Tallmadge Gil/Marian Tallmadge Chuck/Sandi Witzke Chuck/Sandi Witzke Renee Connolly, Dorothy Rieck
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Communion Assistants

Oct. 02 Marion Heckler, Carole Bugglin 09 Bill/Marcy Ryan 16 Diane Boettcher, Shirley Klemish 23 Tom/Janet Gramza 30 Doug/Carol Knoeller	Maura Galliani, Shelly Jordan John/Pat Witz Maura Galliani, Cindy Killian Carl/Carol Dohrmann Bill/Jill DiJirolanio Bill/Kathy Jacobsen Bill/Jill DiJirolanio Bill/Kathy Jacobsen Carl/Carol Dohrmann Cindy Killian, Pam Kish	Nancy Hanson, Marianne Click Nancy Hanson, Marianne Click Shel Toelle, Julie Blystone Shel Toelle, Julie Blystone Rev. Ted/Janice Hanus
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Readers

Oct. 02 Tom Gramza 09 Debra Alexander 16 Al Brown 23 Janet Gramza 30 Carol Knoeller	Fred Kuss Gertrude Bush Allene Croy Marianne Click Bill Denton
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Ushers

Oct. 02, 09 Wayne/Ilamae Smith Oct. 16,23,30 Marv Lilly, Deb Alexander	Oct. 02 Jim/Diane Carstairs 09 Jim/Diane Carstairs 16 The Rose Family 23 The Rose Family 30 The Jordan Family	(all) Del/Dagny Scheelk Curt/Doris Mayer
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Acolytes

Oct. 02 09 16 23 30	Chauncey Graham Becky Johnson James Rose Coleen McCarthy Ashley Johnson	Ben Dubbert Ben Dubbert Ben Dubbert Ben Dubbert Ben Dubbert
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATION



Oct	1	Bernard Pisaturo Zoey Fowler
	2	Rylee Johnson
	3	Sarah McDonald Roger Stone
	4	Nancy Powers
	5	Joyce Schrunk Ron Dafoe Kay Dubbert
	6	Ed Geisel Frank Zalucki
	8	Judy Parks
	9	Marie Bingaman Dorothy Geisel
	10	Lex Hollowell
	11	Carol Fitzsimmons
	13	Marlys Anderson
	14	Joanne Donaldson
	16	Monica Miller Winnie Berger Dick Vercruyssen Max Anderson Bracken Yingling
	17	Tracy Herman Pamela Sciancalepore
	18	Joan Awe
	19	Bea Cunha
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2 Pentecost 16 7:45/10:45 Traditional Celebration 9:00 Sunday School	3 9:30 Staff Mtg 9:30 Weeding 10:00 Pastors' Mtg 4:00 Evangelism Mtg 6:30 Adult Study 6:30 Trinity's Angels	4 9:00 Property Mtg 10:00 Bible Study 10:30 Esther Circle 1:00 Dorcus Circle 7:00 O'Fest Mtg	5 9:00 Habitat Mtg. 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	6 9:00 LWR Quilters 9:00 Mutual Ministry 9:30 Priscilla Circle 10:00 Executive Mtg 7:00 AA & CA Mtg 7:00 Trinity's Praise	7 Council Reports Due Pastors' Day Off 6:00 Fish & Chicken Fry	8 1 8:00 Community Breakfast 10:30 Pet Blessing
9 Pentecost 17 7:45/10:45 Traditional Celebration 9:00 Sunday School	10 9:30 Staff Mtg 9:30 Weeding 10:00 Pastors' Mtg 5:00 50th Anniversary Mtg. 6:30 Adult Study	11 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Finance Mtg 3:00 Council Mtg 5:00 Worship Volunteer Potluck	12 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	13 8:30 PC Garden Club 9:00 LWR Quilters 9:30 WELCA Board Mtg. 7:00 AA & CA Mtg 7:00 Trinity's Praise	14 Pastors' Day Off 4:30 Homeless Coalition	15 9:00 Mid-Gulf Annual Mtg.
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23 Pentecost 19 7:45/10:45 Traditional Celebration 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 90-year old Birthday Celebration	24 9:30 Staff Mtg 9:30 Weeding 10:00 Pastors' Mtg 6:30 Adult Study 6:30 Trinity's Angels	25	26 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	27 9:00 LWR Quilters 7:00 AA & CA Mtg 7:00 Trinity's Praise	28 Pastors' Day Off	29 6:00 - 8:00 PM Trunk or Treat
30 Reformation Sunday 7:45/10:45 Traditional Celebration 9:00 Sunday School	31 9:30 Staff Mtg 9:30 Weeding 10:00 Pastors' Mtg 6:30 Adult Study 6:30 Trinity's Angels					 Trunk or Treat

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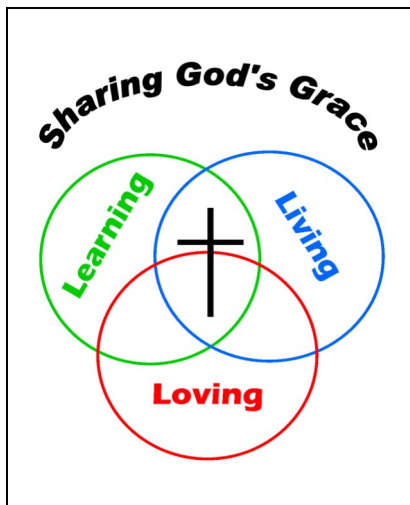
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Our Mission:

**Sharing God's Grace
by Learning, Living and Loving Christ.**



Our Vision:

Called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to share God's grace...

- We will gather for worship to praise God, to be strengthened by His Word and Sacraments and to be sent forth to **live** our faith.
- We will gather for fellowship and friendship to grow as God's family.
- We will provide settings for ministry that reach all, especially children and youth, to help them **learn** how to grow in their faith.
- We will provide opportunities to serve God by reaching out in Christian **love** beyond the church to serve our community. We will be **loving** stewards of God's gifts.