


## Turkey Round Up & Food Drive

301 Faith Partners Turkey Round Up and Food Drive is to collect turkeys & food for the Food Bank for Larimer County. Bring your rock-hard frozen turkeys and non-perishable food items to church on **Sunday, November 15 from 8:15 am-12:35 pm**. Please remember, only rock-hard frozen turkeys can be donated, if you are able to squeeze your turkey even a little bit- it is no longer frozen! Let's STUFF THE FOOD BANK! Give thanks by GIVING!

## Advent Table Wreath Making

All Trinity members are invited to an intergenerational advent wreath making event on **Sunday, November 15 at 9 am**, during our education hour. Everyone is invited, whether your regularly participate in education hour or not. This is also an opportunity to clean out your holiday and crafting supplies and find them a new home! Have some extra pinecones, garland, ribbon, candles, or more? If so, pull out those tired decorations, and bring them in to be repurposed by someone else. Questions, talk to Pastor Kaari, or members of the faith formation committee. And what's wreath-making without a little breakfast fuel? We'll have scones, muffins, pastries, donuts, and more to keep our creative juices flowing! Sign up to bring a breakfast treat to share HERE. After all, crafting is hard work, and nobody should have to make a wreath on an empty stomach!

## Adult Forum

**November 1:** Pastor Kaari will lead a discussion related to All Saints Sunday.

**November 8**: Discussion of Trinity's 2027 Ministry Funds Plan.

**November 15**: Intergenerational advent wreath making event. See article below for details.

**November 22**: Part 1 of the Advent devotional: "The Weary World Rejoices"

**November 29**: No Adult Forum…Happy Thanksgiving!

## Fall Clean Up

Please join the 301 Faith Partners for the annual Fall Cleanup on **Saturday, November 14, from 9 am-12 pm**. There will be tasks for all skill levels, please plan to bring your favorite rake, leaf-blower/leaf-vacuum, pruning shears, and/or other tools to clean up the church campus. If you would prefer to work inside OR if the weather is too bad to be outside, please plan to bring cleaning supplies and hand vacuums for interior room cleaning.

## Advent Mid Week Service & Supper

Save the Dates! Join us **Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23** for Holden Prayer at 6 pm followed by Soup Supper at 6:30 pm.

## Donation Corner

Prayer Cards Small Group needs:
#5 - 1/2 invitation envelopes
All color card-stock paper
Any other scrap-booking paper or supplies, even stamps!

Quilting Small Group needs:
We will always collect donated fabric, Fabric, & more FABRIC.

Thrivent Action Teams: Are you an eligible Thrivent member and have choice dollars available to direct? There are a number of groups that count on the Thrivent Action Teams.

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## Pastor Kaari's Kindling

Somehow, this year has gone so quickly! I began at Trinity on December 15, 2025, and am approaching my one-year anniversary here. Soon, my excuse of "Oh, I've never experienced a [insert event or liturgical season or service] here, tell me how that goes" won't work anymore.

I came to Trinity smack in the middle of Advent- right in the middle of the craziness. Now, as we prepare for the "holiday season" and a new church year, I found myself reflecting on the year. It's easy to get lost in the holiday busyness- planning and preparing for travel, ordering Christmas cards, buying gifts, making sure you have enough sides for Thanksgiving Dinner. Or on the church side of things- choosing an Advent liturgy, planning Christmas Eve, making sure we have mid-week services covered. The holiday season can sweep you off your feet if you aren't grounded; you come out on the other side wondering how it all happened so quickly when you felt you didn't experience any of it.

This holiday season, my first at Trinity, I'd like to be present in it all. So I'm going in grounded. And this year, I'm grounding myself in thankfulness.

I'm thankful for this community. I'm thankful for the ways that you all engage- in worship, in small groups, in committees, in events. The day after I preached my first sermon here, waaaaay back in January, I got home at told Walter, "People were actually listening to my sermon! They came with notes to Sermon Discussion." I was amazed at the ways that people were genuinely trying to see how God could work in their lives through worship and through community. This is just one example in a sea of hundreds that I could share.

You commit, you help plan, you show up, and you do so faithfully. It's incredible. This holiday season, and as begin my second year at Trinity, I'm grounding myself in this thankfulness. I'm thankful for this community, for the ways you show up, for the ministry we have done together, and for the ways that I know you will continue to show up and work toward God's dream for this world.

Gratefully, Pastor Kaari

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## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, November 22** - One meeting, following worship - with zoom availability. Coming soon agenda items will be available both at the church and digitally via e-News.

## Acknowledging, Learning and Acting for Indigenous Justice

Please take some time to read the following statement that has been developed over the past year by the 301 Faith Partners team focused on indigenous issues. It will be voted upon at the November 22nd Trinity congregational meeting. Those who have prepared this statement with input from a Native American hope you find it appropriate and meaningful. Thank You!

Trinity Lutheran Church/301 Faith Partners Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that our church stands on the ancestral homelands and traditional territories of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, Ute, Lakota, and many other Native nations and peoples. We recognize the many ways Christianity has contributed to the mistreatment, exploitation, cultural dispossession, family separation, and intergenerational trauma endured by Native peoples. We accept our responsibility to speak truthfully about these harms, which are part of our shared history, and to confront the ongoing consequences of colonialism.

We honor Indigenous teachings that call us to live in relationship with the earth and our human and more-than-human relatives. We commit to listening, learning, educating, and taking meaningful steps toward healing and repairing harm done to Native peoples and their lands. With humility, hope, and God's help we commit to caring for one another and the land we share, building a community where all who call this land home belong, and walking together toward a more just, equitable, and compassionate future.

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## Thanksgiving Office Closure

On Thanksgiving we gather to be thankful for what we have; for the family we love, the friends we cherish, and for the blessings that we have been given. To honor this, the Trinity office will be closed on **Thanksgiving, and all day Friday, November 27**. The TLC staff wishes you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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## Alternative Christmas Gift Fair

The Alternative Christmas Gift Fair is an opportunity to shop for Fair Trade gift items and to donate to local, national, and international non-profits. The event will only be held **Sunday, December 6, from 8:30 am-12:30 pm**. Set up Saturday afternoon. There will be several returning nonprofits. The Fair is put on by the 301 Faith Partners. The Joint Social and Ecological Justice ministry sponsors the fair and is looking for volunteers to help with planning, and Saturday setup and/or on the day of the event.

## Spring Creek Trail Cleanup!

Help us care for our local environment. We will clean the section of the Spring Creek Trail adjacent to the church on **Saturday, November 14 at 9 am**. Meet in the Trinity Lutheran Church South parking lot. Please bring your own cleanup supplies, including gloves, a bucket or bag for collecting litter, and a trash grabber. Participants should be comfortable walking around 1 mile. We'd love to have you join us! For more information email Caroline Conley Norris at (carolnorris050@gmail.com), or Linda Joyce (lindajthyme@outlook.com).

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## New Publisher Program

Microsoft has discontinuing Publisher, the program we have used for many years to create our bulletins, Tidings, and other church resources. As we transition to new software for creating these communications, we ask for your patience and grace as we learn these new programs. At this time Hyperlinks are still evading my abilities. While we strive for accuracy, there may be an occasional typo, formatting hiccup, or other minor mistake along the way. Thank you for your understanding and encouragement as we work to make this transition as smooth as possible.

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## Your Gifts In Action ~ World Hunger / ELCA Good Gifts

Since 1974, hundreds of thousands of people from across the church have contributed more than $650 million to support ELCA World Hunger. By providing food to meet people's immediate needs and equipping communities to foster long-term change. Part of this ministry is ELCA Good Gifts.

**1. Choose your gift** You may already have received the 2026 catalog. If not, choose from the website goodgifts.elca.org/ gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of others. You can also call 800-638-3522. The animals of God's Global Barnyard are our most popular, and support sustainable development ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, resources and much more.

**2. Get a card** If your gift is in honor of a friend or loved one when you give online, you'll have four greeting card options to choose from and personalize at checkout. You can also order cards from the catalog.

**3. Where your money goes** The projects have been planned by listening to our partners. Each community receives exactly the kind of support it needs and none of what it doesn't. Nearly 90% of gifts directly support programs. You can watch one of many videos showing the impact of your gifts at https://bit.ly/4mrYVyf When you give to Trinity, you give to Lutheran Campus Ministry

# NOVEMBER 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|---|---|---|
| **1**<br>9 am Education for All<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Fellowship<br>11:30 am Preschool Sale | **2**<br>9:30 am Trinity Readers<br>12 pm Sermon Discussion<br>6:30 pm Male Spirituality | **3**<br>7:30 am Men's Breakfast<br>5:30 pm Soc/Eco Justice<br>6:15 pm FP Soc/Eco Justice |
| 8<br>9 am Education for All<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Fellowship | 9<br>12 pm Sermon Discussion<br>6 pm Property<br>6:30 pm Male Spirituality | 10<br>1:30 pm Reel Reflections<br>4:30 pm Birdhouses<br>6:30 pm Exec Council |
| 15<br>8:15 am Turkey Round Up<br>9 am Inter-Gen Activity<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Fellowship<br>11:35 am Faith Formation | 16<br>12 pm Sermon Discussion<br>6:30 pm Male Spirituality | 17<br>5:30 pm Pub Theology<br>6:30 pm Council |
| 22<br>9 am Education for All<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Fellowship<br>11:30 am Cong Mtg | 23<br>12 pm Sermon Discussion<br>6:30 pm Male Spirituality | 24<br>5:30 pm JET |
| 29 Advent 1<br>9 am Education for All<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:30 am Fellowship | 30<br>12 pm Sermon Discussion<br>6:30 pm Male Spirituality | Dec 1<br>7:30 am Men's Breakfast<br>6:15 pm FP Soc/Eco Justice |

## Assisting in Worship

**November 1:** Don Garman
**November 7/8:** / Cherlyn Gorsky
**November 14/15:** / Larry Almeida
**November 21/22:** / Rich Fennig
**November 28/29:** / Rick Aust

| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4**<br><br>5:45 pm Bells<br>6:45 pm Choir | 5<br>9:30 am Bible Study<br>11 am Clergy Meeting | **6**<br>10 am Quilting | 7<br><br>5 pm Worship<br>5:45 pm Fellowship |
| 11<br><br>5:45 pm Bells<br>6:45 pm Choir | 12<br>9:30 am Bible Study<br><br>3:30 pm FP GetTogether<br>5 pm Finance<br>6:15 pm FP Co-Op | **13**<br>10 am Quilting<br><br>6:30 pm TGIF | 14<br>9 am Fall Clean Up<br>9 am Spring Creek Trl. Clean up<br>10 am Sharing Losses<br>12 pm Sweet Treats<br>5 pm Worship<br>5:45 pm Fellowship |
| 18<br><br>5:45 pm Bells<br>6:45 pm Choir | 19<br>9:30 am Bible Study<br><br>6 pm Chap 2 Read<br>6:30 pm Hebrew BS<br>7 pm Immigration | **20**<br>10 am Quilting | 21<br><br>5 pm Worship<br>5:45 pm Fellowship |
| 25 | 26 Office Closed<br>Happy Thanksgiving | 27 | 28<br><br>5 pm Worship<br>5:45 pm Fellowship |
| 2<br><br>5:45 pm Bells<br>6pm Advent Service<br>6:30 pm Soup Supper<br>6:45 pm Choir | 3<br>9:30 am Bible Study<br>11 am Clergy Meeting | 4<br>10 am Quilting | 5<br><br>5 pm Worship<br>5:45 pm Fellowship |

# Small Groups

**Sermon Discussion** enjoy a discussion of the weekend sermon to share where we see God present in our lives. Join us most **Mondays at 12 pm** in Fireside Rm.

**Male Spirituality** carrying on the work of Fr Richard Rohr and Illuman we will utilize the power of ritual, image, and story to expand the depth and breadth of love in ourselves to make a difference in the world, using a circle of structured sharing. Join us **Mondays at 6:30 pm** in Room 5.

**Bible Study** meets **Thursdays from 9:30-11 am** in Room 2. This year we are studying the women in the Bible. All are welcomed! We will NOT meet on November 26 (Thanksgiving), December 24 (Christmas Eve), or December 31 (New Year's Eve).

**301 Quilters** meets **Fridays from 10 am-12 pm** in Room 2. NO experience needed, NO need to have been coming last year, NO worries. We're a fun and caring small group that has a purpose of aiding those in need.

**Men's Breakfast** all men are welcome to join at the Breakfast Club (Ft. Collins) for discussion and fellowship on the **1st Tuesday (November 3) at 7:30 am**.

**Reel Reflections** (**Tuesday, November 10 at 1:30 pm**) Will view movies together and then discuss them immediately following. We will be exploring how these products of our culture challenge or affirm our faith. No prep is necessary. Our movie selections are limited to those in the public domain or with the PRR (Public Performance Rights) designation, including popular releases, classics, documentaries, and animated films. End time no later than 5 pm, usually earlier.

**Birdhouses** Join us **Tuesday, November 10 at 4:30 pm** in Room 2 to build and decorate bird houses and feeders to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. Ages 8 and up invited!

**301 FP Get-Togethers** meets the **2nd Thursday (November 12) at 3:30 pm**. The location is picked closer to the date, so watch the e-News for details. All gatherings are informal and no RSVP needed.

**TGIF** Come, kick back, relax, and enjoy an evening connecting with others from the Trinity family and meet new faces! Bring yourself, an appetizer/dessert and a beverage you'd like to share. If you have questions and or would like to sign up to host, contact Liz Johnson or 402-320-3699. **Friday November 13: Peter & Sara Mullarkey at 6:30 pm**. An RSVP to the host is appreciated but not necessary to attend.

**Pub Theology V.3** meets the **3rd Tuesday (November 17) at 5:30 pm** at Odell Brewing Company. We will explore a variety of texts and discuss how we live out our relationship with God and support each other along the way.

**Chapter Two Book Group** is an open small group for 301 Faith Partners and the wider community, new participants are always welcome to join the casual discussion. No long-term commitment required! If you have trouble finding any of the books and would like Trinity to order a copy for the library, please let Maddie Fairfax know any time. **Thursday, November 19 at 6 pm** to discuss *One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This* by Omar El Akkad. No meeting in December join us again January 28!

**Hebrew Bible Study Old Testament meets the 3rd Thursday (November 19) at 6:30 pm** in Room 2. Ever read something from the Old Testament and wondered what in the world is going on that someone was writing this? Ever wondered about the history and context of the Old Testament? Come and participate in learning the history and context of the Hebrew Bible while diving into scripture passages!

**Small Groups cont ...**

**Little Pantry** November reminds us of giving thanks for time with family and friends. Thank you to the members in the 301 Faith Community who generously donated non-perishable and cash donations. As the Advent Season approaches, the annual Reverse Giving campaign will once again invite us to open our hearts and give generously to those in need. More information to come in the December Tidings. God Bless!

**Trinity Readers** will meet on **Monday, December 7 at 9:30 am** in the Fireside Rm to discuss the novel *The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See.* It is a historical fiction that takes place on the island of Jeju. It's a story of Friendship between Mi-ja, the daughter of a Japanese collaborator and Young Sook, the apparent heir in a family of Haenyeo. From Japanese rule to modern era and the decades between, the two become close. The relationship, however, is strained because of their backgrounds. Any questions, contact Cheryl Smith, 970-218-5750.

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## Looking Ahead!

**Shared Children's Christmas Pageant** on **Sunday, December 13** with a cookie reception to follow. Speaking of cookies, please bring your favorite cookie to share during Fellowship. We will be using Trinity's Worship link for this service.

**Poinsettias** You are invited to remember family and friends this Christmas with a suggested donation of $12 for poinsettias that we will display right before Christmas. Your name and intentions ("In memory of …" "In celebration of …", etc.) will be listed in the Christmas bulletins. If you would like a poinsettia to take home or to a shut-in, they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis after the Christmas services of all three congregations are over. If you would like to remember or celebrate someone with poinsettias, please email Amanda by **Monday, December 14.**

**Christmas Eve Worship Services** **Thursday, December 24 at 3 pm & 5 pm** Candlelight Service. Staffed nursery will be available at the 3 pm Service

**Holiday Office Hours** The Trinity office will be closed from **December 24-January 3**; however, staff will still be working remotely if needed, to complete their weekly tasks. Office voicemails and staff emails will be checked periodically, if there is an emergency or an immediate need, please call the after-hours emergency number 970-400-7252. This closure over the Christmas break allows Trinity staff time to spend with family and friends during the holiday season, coinciding with a slower business period. It also provides a chance for staff to rest and return to work refreshed in the new year.

**Year End Contributions** Please get your 2026 donations in early! You will be able to put your donations in the offering plate the weekend of December 26/27 and they will count for 2026. For those of you with internet access, you can easily make your donation through our website at trinitylutheranfc.org (until midnight 12/31). Do you use the Venmo platform? We are listed as @Trinity-LutheranFC. If you prefer to mail your contribution, please be aware that check theft has occurred, we strongly encourage in-person or online giving whenever possible. If you do mail your donation, ensure it is postmarked by 12/31/26.

# Council Meeting 15 September 2026

*Linda made a motion to approve the August Council Meeting minutes as revised. All voted to approve these minutes.

Discussion was then held regarding a date for the Congregational meeting to be held in November. Barbara made the motion to set the Congregation meeting on November 22 after the 10:30 service.

Following the setting of the date for the Congregational meeting was a discussion for topics for the meeting. The ideas for topics were: Indigenous Land Acknowledgement, MFP (Ministry Financial Plan), Election of Council members for next year. It was suggested that for this meeting bagel and cream cheese would be a great option to have available for members.

Joey then presented information from the Finance Committee. He provided 4 attachment that gave information on the finances of the church. As expected, congregational giving was down for the month of August. It is expected that for 2027 the approximate monthly congregational giving will be around $485,000. The current trend is $420,000.

The MFP was next on the agenda for discussion. There is a 6.5% or $30,000 increase budgeted for Congregational support. This is based upon inflation and the additional support budgeted for our youth. (ELCA National Youth Gathering)

Pastor Rick discussed that it would be a good idea to have a budget for the Small Groups. This could be $300 for the year and added to the Faith Formation Ministry budget. As this sounded like a good idea, there was no other discussion. Joey made the motion to add an additional $300 to the Faith Formation Ministry budget for 2027 for use by Small Groups. All approved to add this to the budget of Faith Formation Ministry for use by Small Groups.

Pastor Kaari provided an update on the liquidation of the items from the pre-school dissolution. Phase I-Internal Ministries (Small Groups)- This ends October 1. Phase II-Internal sales to 301 members. Phase III-Sales to local non-profit preschools. Phase IV-Sales to General Public All monies received from the sales will be put in a designated fund for future ministries. The Audio Visual in the cry room was discussed as there is an issue that needs to be addressed. There will be a review with a plan and a given deadline. As the next Coop meeting is Oct. 8th, the deadline will be given for the plan and then moving forward the Property Ministry will be have the final say.

On August 31,a small group was held regarding the Land Acknowledgement. There is a draft but not yet a final version but the final is being worked on. Paul brought up the idea as to how this will be used; the 301 congregations using it the same, each one using it separately, or leave it up to the Ministries. The parking lot will start it's 'renovation' on Sept. 21st. The work will take place in sections and will take approximately 5 days. The projected schedule is that on the 28th and 29th sealing will take place and possibly on the 29th this could mean closure. There will be handicapped spaces for limited mobility. Communication will be provided to the congregation regarding specific dates.

The discussion of SafeLot will be going to the City Council and it has been indicated that they are in favor of this program. There seems to be no dissention on the philosophy. No Public Meeting date has been set.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Lambert, Council Secretary

## LuMin Campus Minister Installation Party

Installation party to welcome our new official campus minister, Victoria Burkett! We will meet for our usual dinner on **Wednesday, November 11 at 6pm**, followed by desserts and a night of classic LuMin games and celebration from 7-8pm. If you plan to come, we kindly ask that you RSVP using the Google Forms link on the attached poster. We hope to see you there!

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## The heart, hands & feet of God

Thank someone who has lived out their faith by sharing their gifts and made a difference in the church OR community, please email Amanda, amanda@trinitylutheranfc.org.

Your support ($646) directly helps your neighbors escape homelessness and gain much-needed housing stability. We believe in a home for every family and your support shows that you share that same belief. Because of your generosity, local families are able to move from just surviving to thriving! Thank you for making such an incredible impact. ~ Neighbor to Neighbor

Thank you for your kind offering of $282 to Global Refuge. With more human beings displaced every day by violence, scarcity, and a changing climate, our work of welcome is needed more urgently than ever. Once again, thank you. ~ Global Refuge

I want to sincerely thank you for your recent $242 donation. This generous gift is vital to our mission of reducing the impacts of homelessness through collaborative, compassionate street based approach. Your gift directly funds our street outreach services that build trusting relationships with clients, businesses, service providers, first responders, and community members. These efforts help address community concerns while connecting individuals to the care and support they need. Please know that your gift is an investment in a thriving, caring, and inclusive Fort Collins. ~ Outreach Fort Collins

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