



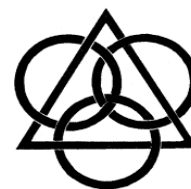
Trinity Topics

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“What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?” Psalm 116:12

Since coming to Trinity Church I have been struck again and again by the number of people who have been members of this community their whole lives. Some of us had grandparents who attended this church. Others have been members for decades. For so many of us, Trinity Church has always been there. As year after year comes and goes, Trinity Church has been a constant in the life of Jacksonville—it has been the place where countless souls have come to hear the true Gospel of Christ proclaimed and have been refreshed by the grace of God.

Those of us who have gone before gave their time and treasure to the community as a testimony of their faith that Trinity Church would always be there. The next time you are in our sanctuary, try counting all the plaques. They are everywhere—on the walls and doors, under the windows, and etched into the communion plate. So many souls believed that God was at work in their lives, and they reflected it by contributing to the worship of the Lord in his Church in solemn confidence that the generations that followed would see these plaques and also have faith in God.

It's November, which means it is stewardship season once again. How will you ensure that Trinity Church will always have a place in the heart of Jacksonville? Contributing financially to the life of our church is about more than keeping the lights on and paying your rector's salary. It is about ensuring that Trinity Church stands for another 50, another 100, even another 200 years. It is about ensuring that the Gospel of Christ continues to be preached to a world desperate for the Living God. It is about reflecting your confidence that Jesus Christ died for you, and is alive for you, and in this very moment is offering his grace to you if you will believe.

I am very happy to report that, at least for the time being, the finances of our community are fairly secure. Yet for Trinity Church to not only endure, but to thrive and grow, it will take disciplined and generous contributions from all of us—contributions of our prayers, our time, and, yes, our incomes. It is that time of year when all of us must pray, go over our finances, and decide how we will support this community of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

The Rev. Zachary D. Brooks, Rector-Elect

News & Announcements

Maintenance update

Work is almost complete on the HVAC project and the upkeep of the Parish Hall. We have been able to reoccupy a couple of the basement level rooms already. The entire project should be completed within the next two weeks.

Keys

Remember that new locks have been installed in order to secure all exterior doors and to make them up to date with codes. These require the use of new keys. If you need a new key, please sign one out with Deacon Zach or Jo Ann in the Parish Office. This new key will only open exterior doors; you still need the old key for interior doors.

Parish Directory

Copies of the Parish Directory are available in the Parish Office.

Synod

The Diocese of Springfield convened its 139th Synod in Edwardsville, on October 21, which involved deep discussion about the upcoming changes to our constitution. When these changes are passed, Trinity Church's diocesan designation will change from "parish" to "Eucharistic Community." This change in vocabulary signifies a deep change in how our diocese will operate. "Parish" will take its older meaning as a geographical designation. All souls in our geographical area will be our "mission" as a community. Which means it is time we start thinking about how we, Trinity Church, will make all the people of Jacksonville our mission. Jesus calls us to go out of our doors to proclaim his Gospel to all people—everyone one of us has a part in that task. I look forward to discerning together what form this new mission will take.

John Hayter, Trinity Church's Synod Delegate, and Deacon Zachary Brooks represented Trinity Church.

CROP Walk for Hunger

Trinity Church had seven walkers participate on the October 16th Morgan County CROP Walk at Community Park. The annual walk, sponsored by Church World Service, raised funds to help end hunger on both a community level and an international level.

Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by around 60 walkers will benefit food programs in Morgan County. Walkers wore "walking partner cards," which included information about some of the people who have benefited or will benefit from CROP Walk funds.

Members of the Parish donated \$420.

All Saints' Day & All Souls' Day

On Tuesday, November 1, Archdeacon Denney will celebrate this Principal Feast with the Holy Eucharist at 6 o'clock in the evening. Members of his parish, St. Luke's, Springfield, will join us. As we did on Ascension Day when we had a similar joint celebration, a light supper will be served in the Parish Hall after the service.

Supply Priests

Father David Boase will celebrate The Holy Eucharist with us on Sunday, November 6. Archdeacon Shawn Denney will celebrate The Holy Eucharist on November 1, All Saints' Day, at 6:00 pm, and on Wednesdays, November 2, 16, and 30.

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child

The ECW will be collecting shoeboxes with children's gifts at its November meeting. Each box also requires a \$7 fee to ship. There is a display in the Parish Hall with more information on what is needed.

New Directions

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches encourages people to donate goods to the warming and cooling center (New Directions) in the month of November. Items needed are: paper plates, bowls & cups, bottled water, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies for bathrooms, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, trash bags, and dish soap. We have a basket in the upper hallway for your donations.

Doorbell Dinners

Coordinator Adah Mitchell would like to thank those who helped deliver the dinners the week of October 17 to 21: K-Lou Ashmore, Deacon Brooks, Charles Frank, Melissa Evans, Carole Hack, Newton Mitchell, Gayle Pollock, Hilda Radcliffe, Dana Ryan, Alice Tracey, and Ryan Worrall.

Pledge Mailing

The pledge letter with a card and envelope was mailed on October 14. Extra copies are available on the table in the foyer.

Death

On Tuesday, October 25, 2016, **Harriett Bradney** died.

*May her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

Congratulations

Lucas Walter, son of Joey & Meg Rathert and grandson of Jim & Paula Herget, was born on September 30. Welcome to the world, Luke!

Scott Crim, son of Chuck and Joann Crim, a Senior in Business Administration at McKendree University, was crowned 2016 Homecoming King. Congratulations!

Important Events to Note:

Tuesday, November 1: All Saints' Day

Members of St. Luke Parish, Springfield will join us for the 6:00 pm Eucharist.
Read the article on page 3.

Sunday, November 6:

Pledge Sunday

Tuesday, November 8:

Trinity Fellowship meets at 7:00 pm.
(Dessert is served from 7:00 – 7:30. The study is from 7:30 until 8:30.) We are studying
The Call by Rev. Adam Hamilton.

Monday, November 14:

ECW

Build your own salad. Bring a salad ingredient. Lettuce and beverages are provided.

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 15:

Vestry Meeting at

7:00 pm

Friday and Saturday, December 2 & 3:

Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon

The ladies in the Holiday Shoppe would like you to start bringing items for the sale. Antiques, fine china & glassware, and like-new gift items are always needed.

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2016

November 1:

All Saints' Day

6:00 pm: Holy Eucharist

November 6:

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist

November 13:

The 26th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &
Holy Communion

November 20:

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &
Holy Communion

November 27:

The First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &
Holy Communion



Wednesdays at 10:00 am:

The Holy Eucharist

November 2: **All Souls' Day**

November 16

November 30: **St. Andrew**

Morning Prayer

November 9

November 23