



Trinity Topics

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“What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.”—*Psalm 116:12,14*

There are a few separate items I would like to write about this month. The theme of the **141st Diocese of Springfield Synod**, which met near the end of October, was outreach—that holy task the Lord God gave to us in our baptisms of telling the whole world what Jesus has done in our lives. I'd like to share some of the points the bishop touched on. Our diocese's new initiative is to transform how we think about mission. No longer is it enough to open our doors and ensure we are welcoming enough to guests that they decide to stay. Now we have to go out of our doors and meet people where they are. It should be emphasized that this is not in itself a mission to go out and argue people into our pews, though there is little doubt that a missional church is a healthier and perhaps growing church. Neither is it first a call to be mere benefactors to the wider community with contributions to worthy causes, though it will perhaps conclude in that. This mission is to go out as a community and form relationships with the city of Jacksonville, because it is those new friendships that will form the basis for new ministries. It is in our connections with our friends, neighbors, and coworkers where we will find the call of Jesus Christ to the Kingdom of God. Transforming how we think about doing church will take much prayer and reflection, and the most essential part will be in every one of us being able and willing to speak with clarity about God's work in our lives, through word and action. This is God's call to YOU!

On a tangentially related matter, pledge cards have been mailed, and I hope all of us consider making pledges or increasing our pledges for our **2019 Stewardship Campaign**. Giving to the Church of God is one of the ways we express our certainty that God is at work in our lives. It is an expression of our gratitude for God's mercy toward us. Should we not give abundantly because God has given so abundantly to us? It is also, on a more practical note, essential for the good operation of the parish, since it allows the Vestry to plan the budget for the coming year. I understand that money can be tight; pledges can be adjusted down or up depending on what happens in the coming year, and of course every little bit helps. I'd like to set for us the goal of increasing the average pledge of our parish by 20% this year—that is only an extra 75 cents a day for the average pledge and it would drastically shift the budget away from reliance on the endowment. Just an extra 75 cents a day from each family would allow us to expand parish programs into critical activities like outreach. This, again, is God's call to you.

Finally, **November 1** is the **Feast of All Saints**, which we will celebrate here at Trinity Church at **6 pm**. All Saints' Day is a great celebration of the uncountable ways we encounter the salvation of God in our fellow Christians. We can find inspiration and strength in our own mission because we can see in the saints that the Gospel of Christ is true. This year we will be again celebrating with our friends from St. Luke's, Springfield, and Father Shawn Denney will celebrate the Holy Eucharist. It will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. The following day, **November 2**, is the more somber observance of **All Souls' Day**, which we will celebrate in the chapel at **10 am**. This is an opportunity to remember those friends and family that have died. We can remember that they still have space in our lives while entrusting them to the never-failing mercy of the God of Life. Please fill in one of the forms on the table in the lobby to have your loved ones remembered in the Eucharist and consider attending this service.

+ Fr. Zach

News & Announcements

All Saints' Day

The evening service will be at 6 o'clock. Archdeacon Shawn Denney and members of St. Luke's will join us. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall after the service.

All Souls' Day

The *Book of Common Prayer* refers to this day as the "Commemoration of All Faithful Departed." The service will be at 10 o'clock in the Lady Chapel on Friday, November 2. At this service we will remember the Faithful Departed. There are forms on the table in the lobby if you wish to have your loved ones remembered by name.

Operation Christmas Child

The ECW will be collecting shoeboxes with children's gifts at its November meeting. Each box also requires a \$9 fee to ship. There is a display in the Parish Hall with more information on what is needed.

Our Local Author & Columnist

Bob Underbrink never ceases to work on research projects. Now Trinity Church is blessed to have a copy of his compilation of letters he wrote home from Germany in the summer of 1945. His mother had donated them to the State of Illinois Library, and Bob went to read them and make copies. His letters give both a personal and historical insight into the Second World War. We will leave our copy on the table in the basement Library.

Christmas Luncheon & Bazaar: November 30 & December 1

It's time to start planning!

- Luncheon: 11 and 12:30 (Helpers are needed in the dining room and kitchen.)
- Holiday Shoppe: Bring in gift items. Helpers are needed.
- Gourmet Table: Baked goods and pantry items are needed.
- Book Sale: Helpers are needed.

Please don't wait to purchase tickets (\$12 each) for the luncheon. Contact the Parish Office.

The Readings for the Sundays in November

	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
November 4	Ruth 1:1-18	146	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
November 11	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17	127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
November 18	I Samuel 1:4-20	16	Hebrews 10:11-25	Mark 13:1-8
November 25	II Samuel 23:1-7	34	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37

News & Announcements, *cont.*

A Special Thanks

It has been tradition for the Choir to present Mary Wilson with a gift of appreciation. Again this year Mary asked that she receive no gift, but rather that a gift be made to the Hurricane Relief Fund of the Episcopal Relief & Development. A check for \$100 was sent in her honor.

Doorbell Dinners

Coordinator K-Lou Ashmore would like to thank those who helped deliver the dinners the week of October 15 - 19: Kip & K-Lou Ashmore, Jim & Janet Cisne, Owen Cisne, John Clancy, Chuck Crim, Paula Herget, Helen Keaton, Kirby Kittner, Donna Metcalf, Hilda Radcliffe, Dana Ryan, and Alice Tracey. Thanks to all of you! Our next week of duty is January 21-25, 2019.

Pledge Mailing

The pledge letter with a card and envelope was mailed on October 11. Extra copies are available on the table in the foyer.

Jacksonville Community Food Center

December 9 will be the Church School's traditional Advent Food Collection.

Dana Ryan contacted the Salvation Army to find out what is needed for their Christmas Food Baskets.

Items in the following list can be donated as soon as possible:

instant potatoes	egg noodles	green beans	corn
stuffing mix	mac n cheese	fruit salad (can)	pumpkin pie mix
evaporated milk	cereal	Jello	Cool Whip
butter/margarine	sugar	flour	rolls

We do not have the space to store the perishable items, but other items can be left in the boxes provided in the upper hallway.

Congratulations!

Alec Welch, son of Rhea, is a junior at Illinois College with a major in Computer Science Software Creation, where he also works in the Information Technology Department.

Deaths

John Power died on October 9, 2018. He was a dedicated usher in this Parish and will be greatly missed. His service will be on March 20, 2019, here at Trinity Church.

Margaret Bellatti died on October 10, 2018, four days shy of her 100th birthday. The Burial Office for Margaret was on Sunday, October 14. Her love for and support of Trinity Church through the decades can be a model for us to follow.

Richard Snodgrass died on October 13, 2018. Dick and his wife Patricia were regular attendees of our 8 o'clock service.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

****If you have news you wish to share, please contact the Parish Office.***

**Pledge Sunday
is November 4.**

*Please make every effort
to return your pledge card by this date.*

Trinity Fellowship

This year we are studying
the History of Trinity Church.

**Tuesday, November 6
7:00 pm**

ECW

Build Your Own Salad Supper

**Monday, November 12
5:30 pm**

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, November 20

7:00 pm

**Friday and Saturday
November 30 & December 1**

Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAYS:

November 4:

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

November 11:

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

November 18:

The 26th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

November 25:

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost
(Christ the King)**

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

WEEKDAYS AT 10:00 am

Friday, November 2:
All Souls' Day

Wednesday, November 7
Wednesday, November 14
Wednesday, November 21

Thursday, November 22:
Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, November 28

Friday, November 30:
St. Andrew

**ALL SAINTS' DAY, November 1:
Evening service at 6:00 pm**