



Four motorcycles were bought with memorial monies for Pastor Kevin Cramm. The motorcycles were given to the pastors who serve in very remote areas of country of South Sudan. This will help them spread the Gospel to the people in the villages

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 16, 2025

(following the worship service)

Our annual meeting will take place on November 16 after the service. We will vote on the 2026 budget and election of new officers. Current officers and committee chairs will deliver their annual reports. Here is a list of officer positions for our Board of Directors: Congregation secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship Chair, Trustee Chair, Elders (3). Interested persons may speak to one of the present officers regarding the nature of the job. We would like to have a full slate of candidates for our annual meeting in November.

PRAY FOR TRINITY

“Pray without ceasing” 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Members of Trinity, take this advice from Paul. Pray for our church. Ask the Lord to send a new Shepherd for our flock. Ask the Lord to send us young families to fill our Sunday school and youth group, send us new members to sustain our mission here in Alamogordo, and guide our officers to manage our resources to keep us healthy. We have a responsibility to carry out God’s mission here, and we need His help. Please pray without ceasing for that help.

Dick Dommers, Elder

EVANGELISM

Name Tags: Help us all get to know each other better! If you need a name tag, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. You can choose between a magnetic or clip-on style. Your name tag will be placed in your church mailbox.

Tract of the Month: “A Simple Explanation of Confession” Confession changes between Christian denominations, making it a difficult concept to understand. What do Lutherans believe about confession? What sins should be confessed? What qualifies a pastor to forgive sins? And where does God's forgiveness come from? Answer all of these questions and more in this short, informative booklet. (CPH.org)

November/December Mission: The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) Help Share the Gospel. With your assistance, LHF gives books of the Lutheran faith to people around the world in their own languages.

Saturday November 15th ---Christian Culture Conference 2025: Lutheran Education for Two Kingdoms The Christian Culture Conference 2025 will be cast in the great room on Saturday, from **8:30 am to 5 pm on November 15th**. There will be **5 sessions**, each about 60 minutes; breaks will be provided between each session. **Continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the conference.** To assist us in gathering a headcount (for the food) **registration will be required** by signing up on the registration sheet in the Narthex.

Session Titles (not necessarily in this order) are:

- **Translating the Magdeburg Confession** (Rev. Dr. Christian Preus);
- **Natural Law: Classical, Lutheran, and Necessary** (Dr. Korey Maas);
- **Luther's View of Law & Gov't** (Rev. Col. John Eidsmoe);
- **The Lutheran Response to Tyranny** (Rev. Willie Grills);
- **Boots on the Ground: A Lutheran Look at Contemporary Policy Debate** (Rev. Fred Hinz).

Your servant in Christ,
Merry Zumwalt, Evangelism Committee

MORE THAN SKIN DEEP

Gratitude, said Martin Luther, is “the basic Christian attitude.” Yet gratitude is much more than a state of mind. Often it’s a decision, and it becomes an act of humility when we recognize our depravity — and our need for a Savior.

The 10 disgraced lepers who beg Jesus for mercy (see Luke 17:11-19) are described as *allogenes*, Greek for “outcast.” (All humans, sick with sin, fit that description!) The leper who returned to give thanks received more than just physical healing, according to Scripture. When Jesus says, “Your faith has made you well,” he uses the Greek that means “Your faith has saved you.” The grateful leper, recognizing his depravity, humbly decides to return and give thanks, knowing — through faith — that his skin and his soul have been healed.

TRINTIY EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

We have an active email prayer chain. If you have a need for prayers, please contact one of the prayer chain coordinators below. You can either call or email us. If you want to be part of the prayer chain group, let us know.

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NOVEMBER

As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, November invites us to pause, give thanks, and prepare our hearts for the season ahead. These announcements will help your congregation stay informed, inspired and connected all month long.

All Saints' Sunday: Honoring the Faithful - On Sunday, November 2, we'll observe All Saints' Sunday during morning worship. This is a time to remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith—family, friends and fellow believers who have touched our lives and pointed us to Christ.

Veterans Day: Thank You for Your Service On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation." Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

Thanksgiving Day: Happy Thanksgiving! On this national day of gratitude, we welcome you to worship with hearts overflowing in thanks — for our families, our communities and all the ways God blesses us. As Psalm 118 reminds us, "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" May our voices and spirits lift in praise and gratitude together this day.

Advent Is Almost Here: Prepare Your Heart - The season of Advent begins on The First Sunday in Advent, November 30th! Join us each week in worship as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ with hope, peace, joy and love. Watch for details about our Advent devotional and special services.



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

All donations will be accepted through November 23, 2025

Leave donations on the table in the Great Room

Trinity LWML and the Evangelism Committee are sponsoring Thanksgiving Food Baskets for 2025. This year we will be helping five families. Below are ideas to help you do your shopping for the Food Baskets. This list is just to help you get started, feel free to add your own items, but please, all donations should be shelf stable.

Money donations can be placed in the offering plate, Mark the envelope "Food Baskets"

Questions? Talk to Nora Sotak or Merry Zumwalt

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Yams

Marshmallows

Canned or Dried Beans

Rice

Canned Vegetables

Canned Soup

Stuffing Mix

Broth (chicken and beef)

Pie Crust and Pie Filling

Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Canned Chicken, Ham

Tuna

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Macaroni and Cheese

Crackers

Sugar (white and brown)

Flour

Oil

Muffin/Cake/Brownie Mix

Apple Sauce/Canned Fruit

Cereal

Jell-O

Pudding Mix

Bottled Fruit Juice

Shelf Stable Milk

Dish Soap

Paper Plates

Paper Towels

Napkins

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSION LEAGUE (LWML)

The **2025 LWML Prayer Service** is based on the Beatitudes, found in Matthew 5:1–12. Here at Trinity the prayer service will be held on **Saturday, November 8th at 10 am.** Refreshments will be served following the service. Susan Kelly will be the service leader with Cheryl Richey assisting. The hostesses for the day are Susan Kelly and Bev Van Duyn.

The Beatitudes are some of the most beloved words of Jesus. In them, Jesus highlights people in various situations of life, situations that are not always easy to endure — or even envision — as a child of God. Yet, our Lord calls the people in each condition “blessed” and assures each of them of their place in the kingdom of heaven. As you hear the precious Beatitudes from our Lord and pray for people in the various stages of life, may you indeed be blessed and encouraged in your life of faith. May your mind be drawn to the work of Christ, His life, and His death and resurrection which bless you each day until He brings you home to the kingdom of heaven forever.

October was a busy month with our first meeting followed by LWML Sunday and Bake Sale. Susan Kelly installed our two newest officers: Yvonne Steeby (Vice President) and Nora Sotak (Secretary). Many projects were discussed and sign up sheets for various activities and hostess duties were completed. We will be hosting the Circuit Pastor’s meeting here on Tuesday, November 4th. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided, as well as communion set up.

Holidays are fast approaching. Nora Sotak and Merry Zumwalt are taking care of the Thanksgiving baskets. (See article in Trinitarian.) Church and tree decorating will be done at **10 am on Saturday, December 6th**, followed by a short devotion and bring your own brown bag lunch. Come and join us-work, fun, and fellowship. Sunday, December 7th is the church Christmas party sponsored by the Education Committee so make plans to join in the celebration.

Yours In Christ, Vicki

THE KNOCK AT HIS HEART

As a doctor examined a 4-year old boy, he thought it would be interesting to let the lad listen to the beating of his own heart. With the listening device in his ears and the probe on his heart, the boy was asked, “What do you hear?”

The boy, who attended Sunday school regularly, responded, “is that Jesus knocking?”

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NOVEMBER 2025 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Nov. 2 Matt Anderson
Nov. 9 Robert Rentschler
Nov. 16 Bob Klose
Nov. 23 Matt Anderson
Nov. 30 Dick Dommers

SERMON

Nov. 9 Bob Klose
Nov. 23 Dick Dommers
Nov. 30 Matt Anderson

LITURGIST

Nov. 9 Matt Anderson
Nov. 23 Bob Klose
Nov. 30 Robert Rentschler

TELLERS

Nov. 2 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose
Nov. 9 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon
Nov. 16 Yvonne Steeby &
Becky Worley
Nov. 23 Vicki Leonard &
Joyce Macon
Nov. 30 Dick Dommers &
Merry Zumwalt

HOSTS

Nov. 2 Linde Van Cleave
Nov. 9 Hannah Keeler
Nov. 16 Cheryl Sandenaw
Becky Worley
Nov. 23 Matt & Cindi Anderson
Nov. 30 Nora Sotak &
Tom Blackmon

USHERS

Nov. 2 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Bev Van Duyn
Nov. 9 Susan Kelly, Norbert Sanchez
Glen & Christine Schlehuser
Nov. 16 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Bob Thede, Tammy Thede
Nov. 23 Gerald Moore, Sandy Klose
Cameron Maltz, Irvin Torres
Nov. 30 Volunteers

SOUND TECH

Nov. 2 Jim Kline
Nov. 9 Vicki Leonard
Nov. 16 John Davis
Nov. 23 Cindi Anderson
Nov. 30 Jim Kline

NOVEMBER FLOWERS

Nov. 2 Lola Ableidinger
Nov. 9 Jim & Diane Kline
Nov. 16 Bob & Sandy Klose
Nov. 23 Robert & Stacy Johnson
Nov. 30 Dick & Jan Dommers

NOVEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Robin Haymes
Susan Rentchler

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Merry Zumwalt

MUSIC

Michael Cortez