

TRINITY TIDINGS~NOVEMBER '24

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“WHERE ARE WE GOING”

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God will not forsake His
saints...*Psalm 37*

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS”

Dear Friends In Christ,

November has a few days of celebration in it. Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day are two of them. On **November 11, Veterans Day** we celebrate all men and women who have served in the Armed Forces.

On **Thanksgiving Day**, the fourth Thursday of the month, our government tells us to go and worship our God.

Another Day of celebration for the church is on **November 1, All Saints Day**. Martin Luther said several times that he was “*simul iustus et peccator*.” These words are in Latin. In English it means, “*simultaneously justified and sinner*.” Or as many like to put it, we are saints, (having been justified and forgiven), and sinner at the same time. All Saints Day is a day we celebrate the dearly departed. They have become justified saints. They can no longer sin. We are saints also when we are forgiven by God, and yet we continue to sin.

Here is the beginning of the blurb on the website 1517.org about this saying of Martin Luther:

The phrase, “simultaneously justified and sinner,” or *simul iustus et peccator* (*simul* for short), is a statement or confession concerning the Christian life in this world. While the saying is simple, unpacking its implications can take some time due to the number of doctrines which support it. Below is a look at both what is meant mean by claiming the *simul* as a confession, as well as an exploration of the doctrines this phrase confesses. I aim to provide a simple introduction to a topic which, all too often, has been sadly misunderstood.

A Confession:

It’s important to make the distinction between confession and doctrine to fully understand what being simultaneously justified and sinner means. For Christians, the word confession has two meanings. The first is a profession of faith or belief; the second is the admitting and repentance of sin. In both senses of the word, confession requires an acknowledgment of certain truths or realities. Historical confessions include the catholic creeds such as the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds, publicly presented documents like the Augsburg Confession or Westminster Confession of Faith, and teaching documents such as catechisms. Confessions are meant to be exclusive. Simply put, confessions in this sense are made up of doctrines or teachings.

By virtue of a confession’s affirmation of a particular doctrine or doctrines, they simultaneously include positive statements and exclude any antithetical teachings to what is confessed. For example, when one confesses with the Apostles’ Creed that Christ was truly God and truly man who rose from the dead, he or she also rejects the teaching that Christ remained dead and all the implications that carries toward his nature as the God-man. Following this principle, the *simul* makes several affirmations and rejections on the doctrines of sin/original sin, justification, and sanctification, to name a few.¹

Please go to the website printed below if you wish to read the rest of the article. May we celebrate all the faithful departed every All Saints Day and give thanks and praise to Jesus for making all of us saints.

Blessings,

Pr Bob

¹ <https://www.1517.org/articles/simul-iustus-et-peccator-what-does-this-mean>

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PLEASE NOTE: In the event of an emergency, and you cannot reach the church office, you may call Pastor Bob on his cell phone at 219-510-7288.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, with Pastor Bob, continues each week at 10:40am. All are invited to join him as we study "Let My People Go."

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. The new Bible Study—"The Chosen" began October 15th. All are invited to join us! For more information contact Jon Bush at ophiclides.tuba@gmail.com

ADULT CONFIRMATION continues to meet Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00pm. All are invited.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION meets Saturday morning at 10:30am in the Fellowship area with Pastor Bob. Sixth thru Eighth graders are welcome to attend.

COTTAGE MEETINGS Pastor is looking for people to host a Cottage Meeting in their home with about 10-12 people per group. These meetings will be to discuss what you are looking for in your future pastor. It will also be a chance to make suggestions on what service you are interested in doing for Trinity and the Pueblo Community. Pastor Bob will be at most if not all these meetings. Please let Pastor Bob know that you are willing to host a meeting and the date(s) that work for you. After we get the hosts, we will move on to filling the group up with the remaining 8-10 participants. Please note that the more of you that participate the closer we will get to calling the right pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church, School & ELA.

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Saturday Evening 5:30pm

Sunday Morning 9:00am

A time of fellowship follows each service.

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NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Our prayers have been with the following members and friends who have been ill and/or hospitalized: Marsha McDaniel (neighbor of Evelyn Daberkow) Alice LaRose, Rick Arguto, Cash Blanchfield, David & Connie Boden, Norma Larson, Linda Fenwick, Faralyn Koncilia, Shirleen Pape, Mindy, Stephanie Lowell, Roxann, Stephanie Fisher, Brad Ritter, Amy Coulson, Connie Elson, Cathy, Rich Graves, Jacob Freeman, Cindy Schmidt, Pat Sanley, Rose Sears, Rick & Anita Lawrenz, Marcie Wright, Victor Voss, Henrietta Voss, Ty Butcher, Melanie Trujillo, Joyce Michelli, Lucille Cochran, Adela Schmidt, Sophia DeSalvo, , Shirley Ranus, Marlene Graves, Jeanive Solheim. May God continue to strengthen and heal them. We continue to pray for Christopher and Iona as they welcome a teenager to their family.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1---Aaron Bolt	13---Terry Daberkow
Norma Larson	Shiloh McKissick
2---Connor Huth	Tēdra Pavelski
3---Sarah Bolt	20---Bill Gamache
4---Connie Elson	Tyler Klein
6---Randy Daberkow	21---Alan Moske
10--Adriana Walmer-Miller	24---Steven Lancaster
11--Earl Graves	28---Corrie Wiggins
	29--Donna Weiser

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1--Gary & Connie Elson
 27--Terence & Debby Daberkow
 30--William & Connie Gamache

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS!

God's blessings to Sandy Fisher and Halee Thibault, grandson of Lucky and Jannett Schneberger, as they are united in marriage November 2.

May God's blessings shine upon you as you continue your walk with the LORD!

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The one who kneels before God can stand before anyone. Anonymous

TRINITY SCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY NEWS

"ENDURE"

Heb. 12:1-3, "...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, ...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and prefecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross...Consider him who **endured** from sinners such hostility...so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

EXCITING UPDATES FROM OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

What a busy and exciting month October was for us! We kicked things off in beautiful Breckenridge at our annual Rocky Mountain District event. It was a wonderful opportunity for learning and connection, and we left inspired!

As we wrapped up our first quarter, we are thrilled to report that our students are thriving. One of the highlights this month was our adventure at Colon Orchards in Canon City. The students had a fantastic time exploring the pumpkin patch, learning about apples, and tasting homemade apple cider! They navigated through the corn maze and enjoyed delightful hay rides, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

We also had a successful Trunk or Treat event this month, with 16 creative trunks participating. It was heartwarming to see our community come together in such a festive spirit, and the turnout was fantastic!

While we did not take home the title for Best of Pueblo, being named a runner-up is a tremendous honor. Being in the top three among private schools speaks volumes about the dedication and hard work of our staff and the incredible spirit of our school community.

We had a blast during our Halloween party! It was a fun-filled celebration including games, crafts, and, of course, plenty of candy and treats. A special thanks to all who helped with donations for Operation Christmas Child. Your support is greatly appreciated, and your gifts are sure to be enjoyed by children throughout the world! Trinity students helped to pack the shoeboxes on Nov. 6th.

Our annual craft fair, Treasures at Trinity, will take place on Sat., Nov. 16th. Please stop by, and find some treasures to keep and gifts to share.

Trinity Lutheran School is also looking forward to our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 22nd before leaving for Thanksgiving Break. It is always such a blessing to enjoy delicious food and delightful conversation with our Trinity school families. School will resume Dec. 2nd.

As we enter into this year's holiday season, we want to wish you all a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

God bless you!

Dr. Derion Ibarra & Miss Vannoy

CONGRATULATIONS ELA Director JoAnn COLLINS. JoAnn received the ELA Director of the Year Award for the Rocky Mountain District at the Church Workers Conference in Breckenridge October 9-11, 2024

MORE GREAT NEWS!!! ELA won the **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD** for approximately the 5th year in a row! What an accomplishment! For **MOST INTERACTIVE** Dr. Ibarra won first and was very closely followed by Mrs. Montez in second place! **CONGRATULATIONS!**

CAPTAINS Meeting-November 7th at 3:30pm in Fellowship Hall. These meetings are for all Trinity adults, (Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles and Friends.) Goal is to support the school and staff through volunteering, fund raising, and organizing events.

BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00pm. First meeting is November 7, 2024.

TLS FIRST QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERING of \$373.72 was donated to a Trinity graduate who has been diagnosed with cancer.

TRUNK OR TREAT was very successful. This was a great outreach opportunity to the community having over 400 trick or treaters coming through the line! This was all possible through the participation of everyone: decorating a trunk, hosting games, providing treats, and participating in the event. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoeboxes are being packed by the students on Wednesday, Nov. 6th.

Finally, Colder Temperatures Are Coming. Just a reminder that with the cold temperatures we will still be taking the students outside. Coats, gloves, scarves, and hats are recommended to keep your child warm while a recess.

TREASURES AT TRINITY is November 16th from 9:00am-3:00pm. Many crafts, homemade foods, and unique gift ideas will be available. Treat yourself, family and friends to specialty home-crafted items. Come support your school and the many crafters that will be there.

THANK YOU!!!

- **"...GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS,** that he lay down his life for his friends."
John 13:12-13
- **THANK YOU** to our veterans for their love and sacrifice to God, country, and us .
- **A VERY SPECIAL HEART FELT THANK YOU** to all my brothers and sisters in Christ for your prayers well wishes, comfort, concern, and fine food. You are greatly appreciated and Earl and I thank God for each and every one of you. My surgery on Monday, October 28th will hopefully be the final one taking care of the issue.

OTHER HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS:

MEALS ON WHEELS is looking for volunteer drivers to help deliver over 350 meals to Homebound Seniors Tuesday-Thursday. Please call Dorothy Tracey at 719-533-3425 if you are interested in volunteering.

START YOU DAY with the October-December **PORTALS OF PRAYER** ready for pick-up. Get your free copy by the mailboxes now!

CHURCH UP DATE

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Gaide and Pastor Hauter began the meeting with prayer. Members in attendance were Kris Bruun, Pastor Hauter, Tom Gaide, John Aggson, Scott Harberts, JoAnn Collins, Janelle Sheppard, JoAnn Russ, and Evelyn Daberkow. The minutes from the September council meeting were approved.

JoAnn Collins, Director, Board of Early Childhood Education – JoAnn gave a brief update of the ELA. We currently have 18 children in Pre-K, with 9 in the morning and 9 in the afternoon. There are 6 in the Preschool room, with more coming next week. We have a wait list in the Toddler room, with 4 in attendance now.

President Gaide reviewed the items to be brought to the voters meeting next Sunday:

- Our constitution has been revised and will be reviewed by voters on Sunday.
- The list of voting members has been reviewed and updated by the elders. The full congregational list of members will also be updated by the elders, but this does not need to be done right now.
- A motion was brought by the elders to extend Pastor Hauter's contract for an additional six months. The original contract runs through April 2025. This will extend his contract to October 2025 and will be voted on at Sunday's voters meeting.

John Aggson, Board of Trustees – John described the current status of our roof repairs. The gutter and drain close to the 1st – 2nd grade classroom have been cleared. Derion Ibarra has received a quote of \$4250 from Jeremy Halfacre to do a temporary fix for that area. We still need to repair the roof over the old gym (where the five school classrooms are located), as the room at the end of the hall has serious water damage. John has inspected the sink in the altar guild area. Because of the age of the pipe, it would be quite difficult to repair without tearing out the wall.

Jeff Schuster, owner of the corner property that was occupied by Pueblo Community College, has inquired about renting parking spaces in our back lot. He is interested in six or seven spaces for his next tenant. We need to check with city zoning to make sure renting to him would not impact our parking requirement. John will also negotiate with Mr. Schuster on the price for parking. He also has security patrolling his property and has volunteered to have them walk around our property as well to discourage any overnight "sleepers".

John also reported that we have hired Angel Walker back as our custodian. He made a motion that we authorize her pay at \$16.00/hour. This is a budget item that will also be brought to the voters meeting on Sunday.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer led by Evelyn Daberkow, reading from Philippians chapter 4 – "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Ann Russ, Secretary

CHURCH VOTERS MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2024

President Tom Gaide called the meeting to order and Pastor Hauter opened with prayer and a devotion. 18 members were present. Minutes from the July voters meeting were approved.

Pastor Hauter – Pastor invited everyone to sign up to attend a cottage meeting. He encourages us to be a community. We are a WE. We work together, not as individuals. He also encouraged us to be positive.

We had one baptism in September, Kayliegh Gibson.

His current Bible study will be completed soon. He has two students in confirmation class. Lucky Schneberger stated he is giving confirmation lessons with Mary Thompson. She is attending flight school here in Pueblo as part of her military training and plans to become a drone pilot. She will be done with her training on November 6.

Pastor has submitted his quarterly intentional interim report to the district. This included information on what kind of pastor we want and need. He stated we need a pastor with strengths in outreach, leading Bible studies, and uniting the church, school, and child care together.

Janelle Sheppard for JoAnn Collins, Director, Board of Childhood Education – We currently have 18 children in Pre-K, with 9 in the morning and 9 in the afternoon. There are 7 in the Preschool room. We have a wait list in the Toddler room, with 4 in attendance until we get an assistant.

Kris Bruun, Treasurer – Kris submitted a summary of our income and outgo. Our first check from the Home School Enrichment Program has been received in the amount of \$10,750. Additionally, Principal Ibarra has secured a grant from the Southern Colorado Community Foundation for \$30,000. This has greatly improved our financial situation.

John Aggson, Board of Trustees – Roof leaks continue to plague us. We previously replaced the roof with the exception of the roof over the old gym (where the five school classrooms are located). It is this old roof that needs our attention now. John estimates it will cost at least \$50,000 to

replace, due, in part, to the high cost of labor to move the gravel on the roof.

We have hired Angel Walker back as our custodian. Lucky Schneberger made a motion that her salary be set at \$16.00/hour. Janelle Sheppard seconded his motion and it was approved.

To improve security on our property, John is looking to install a grate on the Lincoln Street stairway that leads to the basement. He is also looking at options to secure the area by the library.

John stated that Jeff Schuster, owner of the corner property that was occupied by Pueblo Community College, has inquired about renting parking spaces in our back lot. He is interested in six or seven spaces for his next tenant. John will be checking with city zoning on our parking requirements and then negotiate with Mr. Schuster on the price for parking. Mr. Schuster has also volunteered to have his security team walk around our property to discourage any overnight “sleepers”.

Scott Harberts, Board of Elders – They have updated the voter member list and removed individuals if they have not attended a voters meeting in more than a year. Randy Daberkow and Earl Graves have replaced the outdoor American and Christian flags. Scott made a motion for Lucky Schneberger to be named as our representative to the next convention. This was seconded and approved.

Evelyn Daberkow for Derion Ibarra, Principal, Board of Education – The teachers were at the district conference last week. She was pleased to announce that JoAnn Collins was awarded the Early Childhood Director of the Year.

Tomorrow, October 21st the students will be going to the Colon Orchards Pumpkin Patch in Canon City. The Trunk or Treat is set for Friday, October 25, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. There will be no school on November 1 for parent-teacher conferences. They will be packing boxes soon for Operation Christmas Child.

Principal Ibarra has recommended a classical education curriculum program for our school that the board will be reviewing in the weeks to come. Tom Gaide encouraged the board to make sure all our teachers have an up-to-date certification.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- JoAnn Russ reviewed the changes made to our constitution and bylaws, as recommended by the district. Lucky Schneberger seconded the motion brought from the council to approve these changes. Randy Daberkow questioned why a change was proposed to eliminate the need for a new voter to wait until the next meeting before that person can vote. After discussion, Randy moved we leave the prior wording in the bylaws requiring new voters to wait until the next meeting before voting. Scott Harberts seconded the motion, which was approved with a unanimous vote.
- Scott Harberts brought a motion from the elders to extend Pastor Hauter's contract for an additional six months. The original contract runs through April 2025. This will extend his contract to October 2025. Kris Bruun seconded the motion, which was approved by the voters.
- Tom Gaide pointed out that our election for officers will be held in December. We really need a new president and a vice president. Cathy Coffey noted that the men in the congregation need to step up to their responsibilities.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with singing the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Ann Russ
Secretary



THOUGHTFUL THINKING

Love is not big-headed. It is big-hearted.
George Sweeting

*The more time I spend keeping my eye on **who** God is, **His** perspective, **His** goals **for** me, the **more fun** I have, the **more joyful** I feel, the **more peace** I have.*
Michelle Akers

"It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits and humbly to implore His protection and favor."
George Washington



Thank you all so much for providing me with your notices, news, and announcements, for *Tidings* and the weekly newsletter in a timely manner. It is good to know that we can share your news and announcements with your church family.**Items included in the weekly newsletter are needed by Thursday, hopefully by noon.** *Tidings* items are needed by the 25th of the month. God bless you and thank you!

In His Service and with His Love For All,
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