



HOLY
TRINITY
Lutheran Ministries
Growing in Christ...Serving with Hope

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP WITH US

8:00am Service - Traditional Worship in the Chapel

10:30am Service - Family Life Format (Praise Team)

ALL SERVICES - Communion Will Be Offered

For more info
on our ministry



Silence of the Lambs... the REAL Story.

I want to start by stating unequivocally that, as a Pastor, I am prohibited from making specific endorsements for any political office. (It's a long, non-profit threat I don't agree with, but it is what it is..)

Now... to the blunt point.

It was just announced that between 20 and 30 MILLION Christians will be sitting out this National Election. That gives me pause.

I am not sure how the Church of Jesus Christ in the United States of America came to this condition, but I am not so much appalled that persecution of Jesus People has produced this predictable statistic, but that we, the Christian Church in the United States has even remotely allowed that astronomical number to be considered in the polling percentages of our political cycle.

We just celebrated one of the most joyous days at Holy Trinity Lutheran Ministries where we reached beyond ourselves to be more than a collection of individuals, and a UNIFIED Body of Christ. Built on, of all things... FREEDOM!

"If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed".

So, on November 5th, I am asking you, as the unified Body of Christ, to exercise that freedom. Not given to you by men... but by God.

Some will say I am acting out of bounds as a Pastor. Well, I am also a patriotic American. My father (known as "the Colonel"), instilled in me during my first election experience that you must vote with your conscience, but if you don't vote... you have no voice and you get the government you deserve. It was 1980. Ronald Reagan would go on to win a now-historic and seismic victory. I did not vote for him. When it was over, the "Colonel" asked me, "Are you satisfied with your vote?" I said, "yes, sir". "Good. Well done. Your voice was heard." He never asked how I voted. He congratulated me on participating.

I wasted my vote on a guy named John Anderson (historical context: he won just 6.6% of the vote). I vowed never to waste my vote again. And I never looked back.

Two years later, I became a Christian. And I was told to be silent because Christians are opinionated, judgmental and moral-issue voters. I complied. For a long time this lamb was silent. Then, I watched my country decline. Why, I wondered?

Because a lamb was silenced.

I became highly political and an activist for my political beliefs. I began to attempt to persuade others to the platforms and policies I aligned with. I felt engaged. I felt I might actually make a difference.

And then... I became a Pastor. Now? I am prohibited from endorsing any candidate.

Again... A lamb had once again be silenced.

But not you.

If we allow 20 to 30 million Christian lambs to be silenced in this cycle, and society is plunged even more into a Post-Christian, Post-Scriptural Society that our Founders warned would come...

... only the silent lambs will be to blame.

In God's Name... VOTE.

- Your Pastor.

Check the Calendar

November

FLC in use on Tuesday evenings

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am - Worship
9:15 am - Bible Study
10:30 am - Worship

School

8:00am - 3pm Mon- Fri

Nov 5th

Election Day - School closed
6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - SMC

Nov 6th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

Nov 12th

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - SMC

Nov 13th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

Nov 20th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

Nov 21st

School Family feast setup (FLC)

Nov 22nd

School Family Feast

Nov 25th - 27th

8:00am - Camp (tentative)

Nov 27th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

Nov 25th - 29th

Thanksgiving break - No school

December

FLC in use on Tuesday evenings

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am - Worship
9:15 am - Bible Study
10:30 am - Worship

School

8:00am - 3pm Mon- Fri

Dec 4th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

Dec 8th

10:30am - Children's Christmas Program
(FLC)

Dec 11th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

Dec 13th

5:45pm - Foster Christmas party set up

Dec 14th

10:30am - Foster Christmas party

Dec 18th

5:30pm - Praise Team (FLC)

Dec 24th

7:00pm - Christmas Eve service

Dec 23rd - Jan 7th

Christmas break - No school

Offerings

GIVING RESPONSE - SEPTEMBER

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$36,054

NEEDED TO FUND BUDGET

\$45,080

Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than to receive"(ACTS 20:35)

GIVING RESPONSE - OCTOBER

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$29,494

NEEDED TO FUND BUDGET

\$45,080

The one who offers THANKSGIVING as his SACRIFICE glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God! (Ps.50:23)

Monthly Attendance

September

WORSHIP

704

SUNDAY SCHOOL

116

BIBLE STUDY

104

October

WORSHIP

727

SUNDAY SCHOOL

79

BIBLE STUDY

67

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor's Bible Study (**Family Life Center**)

"The Gospel According to Isaiah,
the OT Years"
Sundays - 9:15am

Young Parents **Sunday School**

(**Family Life Center classroom**)
Sundays - 9:15am
Facilitator - Simon Martin

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Children's Ministry



Classes for kids Kindergarten through 5th grade meet at 9:15 in the Family Life Center. We will be journeying through the New Testament starting with the Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth and ministry using the Enduring Faith curriculum from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).

Classes are offered according to grade level:
Kindergarten and 1st grade meet in classroom #2
2nd and 3rd grades meet in classroom #3
4th and 5th grades meet in classroom #4

Other dates to note:

December 8: Church and School Children's Advent/Christmas Program
December 14: Christmas Party for kids in Foster/Kinship care

Nursery/ Child Care Available

8:00am service - Nursery in the front hallway (Main building)
Bible Study hour and 10:30am service - 1st classroom
(Family Life Center)

Upcoming Events



Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, Nov. 30th
Volunteer needed to coordinate event

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 8th @10:30am



Foster Family Christmas Party

Set up on Friday, Dec 13th 6:00pm
Party on Saturday, Dec. 14th 10:00am
Volunteers still needed both days

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, Dec. 24th
@ 7:00pm



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I am noticing the preschool kids are learning about letters, numbers and how to play with friends. Their teachers remind them they are God's masterpiece. One Saturday there were lots of them in the parking lot dressed like their favorite superheros, book characters, and sports fans playing games and getting bags full of candy. Some of the church ladies even gave out tattoos. Seemed like everybody wanted to sit on hay bales and ride behind the big tractor. I think they might have been looking for the Firetrucks, Ambulances and Police cars that usually make a quick rest stop at the church.



I get to learn a lot too being the HT church/school mouse. For example, I now know what an Oktoberfest is. It's a day when lots of the people who come to church early and others who came late arrive all at the same time to sing songs, listen to the Pastor, and say Amen. There were so many people they had to build a new entrance using doors from a church in Germany that had A Mighty Fortress is Our God inscribed on them. It must not have come with keys as people liked standing by the door to take pictures, but no one ever opened them.

There were puppets talking about it being the wurst day inviting everyone to eat bratwurst out on the pavilion saying that made it the best day. Kids were scurrying about visiting a real fire truck, jumping in a Jump house, getting their faces painted and even painting teeny tiny pumpkins. At one time all the people were drumming on the tables to find out who won the pie contest. The winner looked to me like the lady who likes baking not just pies but Italian cookies, and cakes for the teachers at the preschool. If you know her, can you ask her to use the church kitchen so I can help with clean up!

Speaking of clean up, people around here moved lots of tables and chairs for what they called Unity Sunday. I never knew they had so many red chairs! They filled up the whole gym. One Saturday people showed up to do more cleaning: washing sidewalks with big hoses, getting windows squeaky clean and even moving a big mountain from the front corner so the lawnmower men can have races in the front yard.

I would like to thank all the people who recently brought socks for those who need them, supplies for the First Responders Substation, food for the Community Blessings Box, and all the items they brought for the people in North Carolina affected by Hurricane Francine.

You people are learning how to live generously just like it says in Philippians 2: 1-8.



By the way, try not to be so neat...I know how to clean up too.

Church Mouse



Serve the Lord with gladness. Psalm 100:2

Thank you for your donations of items for Fair City Health and Rehab residents in Franklinton during September and the socks during "Soctober" for Fair City and for Foster Children. These items will be well appreciated by the recipients.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Nov 11, 9:30 am: Monthly Meeting at New Life Lutheran Church. Activity: assembling Thanksgiving gift bags for the residents at Fair City Health and Rehab in Franklinton

Nov 16, 9 am: Saturday, Meet at New Life Lutheran Church in Folsom to carpool to Franklinton to distribute Thanksgiving gift bags to residents. All are welcome to help distribute gifts and meet the residents.

Dec. 7, 12 noon: Christmas luncheon

May 2-4, 2025: 2025 LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District Retreat @ Eagle Ridge Conference Center and Resort in Raymond, MS, near Jackson. "Journey to Faith: The Trip of a Lifetime" - a trip with a special passport filled with blessings, a journey to Faith with maps, skits and Bible Studies.

Registration is open from Oct. 27-Jan 27. 63 registered people are needed by Jan. 27 to hold the event. See LWML table for forms and information. Some financial assistance is available.

June 26-29, 2025: 41st Biennial LWML Convention @ CHI Convention Center in Omaha, NE. Get a group of friends together to plan to attend for a mountaintop experience and lots of activities with women and men from all over the world. There is a possibility of chartering a bus to pick up riders in the New Orleans area and then a stop in northern Louisiana for passenger pickup. The more passengers, the cheaper the rate. Contact Leslie Koenck, President of LWML LA-MS District at lkoencklwml@gmail.com for more information.

All women are invited to participate in every LWML activity.

Remember your mites support mission grants in our district and worldwide, spreading God's love and His Word to those in His harvest fields. Thank you for your mite donations.

Check out these websites for information:

LWML National - www.lwml.org Get updates on current mission grants and what is happening at the national level, planning for the National Convention in Omaha, plus so much more

LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District - www.lwml-lams.org Read "The Mission Voice" to see what is going on in our district—(look for faces and names you may recognize)

LWML Young Women in Mission - www.lwml.org/young-women See how young women ages 20s-30s can get involved with LWML

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