

TRINITY CHIMES

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Who Knows

“Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.”

-from Esther 4:14

This edition of the Trinity Chimes comes to you as the church celebrates three significant commemorations: on October 31, Reformation Day, followed by All Saints Day, as well as the two year anniversary of my time serving as your pastor and teacher, on November 1.

Starting with the latter, it is a happy anniversary that we celebrate. It has been a joy to serve alongside you over these past two years and to share the ministry to which Christ has called us. Folks sometimes speak of the first couple years of serving a congregation as the “honeymoon” phase, and if that is so, it has been a good honeymoon. And perhaps the language of marriage is not too inappropriate to use as it relates to pastor and congregation for we are indeed called to partner together. But as good as our time has been so far, I’m excited for our future. Trinity Church faces many challenges, but we have much to build upon and to which to be thankful.

Which brings us to our second celebration, All Saints Day, a time to remember all those sisters and brothers in the faith who have gone on to be with the Lord. (It is the custom of Trinity to remember those saints who have gone on to the nearer presence of the Lord during this past year on Toten Sonntag, or Memorial Sunday, which we will observe on Nov. 21st.) All Saints Day is also a time for us to remember that the Saints who have gone on before us are not so separate from us. Therefore, in the beautiful words of a prayer,

Let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another

shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

All Saints Day is especially a time for us to remember that our faith exists because someone else has shared their faith with us.

Reformation Day is the day when many Lutheran and Reformed Christians, as well as others, commemorate the Protestant Reformation of the early 16th Century. We remember spiritual leaders like Martin Luther and celebrate how God’s Spirit worked in bringing needed correctives to church practices and beliefs. One of the maxims that arose following the Reformation, especially among the reformed churches was, *reformed and always reforming according to the Word of God*. The idea being that the church was not simply “fixed” once, but that it is always to be “formed” and reformed according to God’s Word and Spirit.

In the understandable joy of celebrating Reformation Day, however, the church needs also to lament the disunity and division that arose in the Body of Christ and the sad witness that disharmony shares with world.

Holidays, anniversaries, and commemorations give us an opportunity to stop and ponder, to look back from where we came and to look forward to where we are headed. Which leads me to this, all this commemoration brings to mind the provocative and inspiring words of Mordecai from the Hebrew Bible to his niece Esther, “Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” Who knows? Standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, built upon the solid faith of the saints before, reformed, and every being reformed by the Word and Spirit...may we continue to follow Christ

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Our vision is to help people find New Life in Jesus Christ!

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and serve this world that God so loves.

In Christ's Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tom

Crop Walk Update

Seventeen people from three area churches including eight people from Trinity Reformed Church participated in the CROP Walk sponsored by the Ridgewood Glendale Sunday School Association on October 2. Our church raised a total of \$1,000 for Church World Service and we wish to thank everyone who walked or contributed. Special thanks again this year to Hanna and Theo Hessenius who secured three generous donations from organizations that they belong to.



St. Matthias Midnight Runs

Midnight Runs bring needed food and clothing to homeless men and women in Manhattan. The first St. Matthias Midnight Run will be **Saturday, Nov. 27th**. To make the Midnight Run possible, we are asking people to donate usable clothing that is clean and in good shape. Men's clothing is especially needed: blankets, pants, sweaters, long-sleeve shirts, socks, footwear etc...are essential during these winter months. Also any toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes) are helpful. Please drop off donations at St. Matthias' Scouts Room M-F between 10-11:30 AM or contact Br. Michael to schedule a drop off time. For more information about the midnight runs or to participate on **Nov. 27th**, please contact Br. Michael at 718-517-3445 or email him at BrotherMichael@saintmatthiaschurch.net.

Fellowship Hall

The repainting of the fellowship hall is almost complete and the walls are now a cheerful shade of light yellow with white woodwork. We would like to thank the following people who helped out on one or more of the work days: Kurt Andreas, Andy, Liz, Alexander, and Nikolas Burzynski, Bob Bambach, Tony, Rosemary, and Anthony Famighetti, Pastor Goodhart, Don Gorham, Karl Kurtz, Peter Trautmann and Bill Voges. With a tight church budget, these people helped save a lot of money.

Special thanks to Andy, Tony, and Don who put in extra time and energy to make sure that the walls were properly prepared by doing a lot of scraping, spackling, and sanding and to Marieanna Trautmann and Linda Morton who kept us all going with the delicious lunch they provided for us!

Bible Study

A small group of people have been meeting in the fellowship hall on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for a Bible Study on the Book of Luke. After several weeks we are only into the third chapter because we get into some interesting discussions and ask a lot of questions. Please feel free to join us. We try to conclude our meeting by 8:30 p.m. at the latest.

Coffee Hour

Our Sunday morning coffee hours are going very well and they give people a chance to get to know one another better. We want to thank everyone for the cakes that they bake. Everyone enjoys home baked cakes.

We also want to thank the volunteers who serve and clean up. Clean up doesn't take long since we now have a dishwasher. We need more people to sign up to help. Studies show that volunteering can improve your health. Volunteering helps you to be physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy. It makes you feel good. Try volunteering and sign up to help. If you have any questions please speak with Linda Morton.

Ladies Aid Cake Sale

The Ladies Aid/Frauenverein will hold their Cake Sale on **Sat., Nov 20th** from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There will be baked goods and a sale table. Over the years we have come to know that these home baked goods are truly delicious-so support the sale and enjoy your favorites!

Irische Weisheit in deutscher Sprache

Nimm dir Zeit, um zu arbeiten!
Das ist der Preis des Erfolgs.

Nimm dir Zeit, um nachzudenken !
Das ist die Quelle der Macht.

Nimm dir Zeit, um zu lesen!
Das ist die Grundlage der Weisheit.

Nimm dir Zeit, um zu spielen!
Das ist das Geheimnis der ewigen Jugend.

Nimm dir Zeit, um freundlich zu sein !
Das ist der Weg zum Glueck.

Nimm dir Zeit, um zu lachen!
Das ist die Musik der Seele.

Translation

Take time to work. It is the price of success.
Take time to reflect. It is the source of power.
Take time to read. It is the foundation of knowledge.
Take time to play. It is the secret of eternal youth.
Take time to be friendly. It is the way to happiness.
Take time to laugh. It is the music of the soul.

Mission Impact: Congregational Ministry

On Saturday, October 23, Pastor Tom and Bobby Murphy joined with about 100 other Reformed Church members from around the Regional Synod of New York at the Greenville Community Church (RCA) in Scarsdale for the Regional Synod's annual fall gathering Mission Impact: Congregational Ministry. There, they joined with other church leaders in hearing about and learning how churches from around the synod are doing mission, engaging their communities, meeting needs, and being revitalized as congregations. Various topics and sessions included hunger and poverty, homelessness, prison ministries, environmental justice, differently-abled ministries, and racial/social/sexual justice. Bobby and Pastor Tom hope to share with Trinity some of what they learned and were inspired by in the weeks and months ahead.

Stewardship and Finance Report

<u>Expenditures for Month of</u>	<u>September 2010</u>
Personnel Expenses	5231.00
Utilities	281.00
Ministry/Supplies	48.00
Maintenance	100.00
Spiritual Life/Outreach/Advertising	33.00
Other Disbursements	3065.00

Total Expenditures 8,758.00

<u>Receipts for Month of</u>	<u>September 2010</u>
Weekly Envelopes	5072.00
Weekly Plate	151.00
Benevolences	530.00
Memorial Fund*	250.00
Special Offerings	88.00
Other Receipts	100.00

Total Receipts 6191.00

***Includes donations to Memorial Fund and Building Repair Fund.**

Stay tuned...

Please check your bulletins for time and place of the November 21st Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Worship Schedule for November

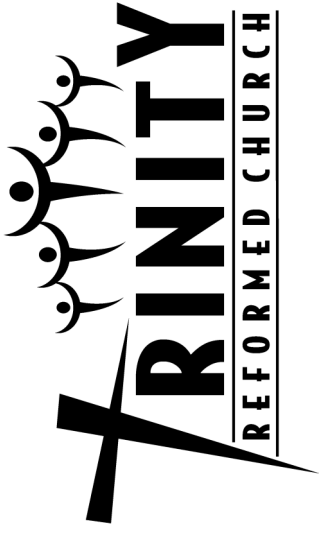
November 7, 14, 21, 28 —Regular Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m.

* Communion will be celebrated on November 1

* Prayer Meeting each Sunday at 9:00 am

* Junior Church each Sunday at 10:00 am



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Bible Study 7:00 pm	4 UPC Soup Kitchen 4:00 pm	5 UPC Soup Kitchen 4:00 pm	6
7 Worship Service with Communion 10:00 am Daylight Savings ends	8	9	10 Bible Study 7:00 pm	11 Consistory Meeting 7:30 pm	12	13
14 Worship Service 10:00 am	15	16	17 Ladies Aid Meeting 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	18	19	20 Cake Sale 10pm-2pm Couples and Friends 6:00 pm
21 Worship Service 10:00 am Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service Toten Sonntag	22	23	24 Bible Study 7:00 pm	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28 Worship Service 10:00 am First Advent	29	30				
				Their Daily Bread collection 1st. Sunday of the Month	Junior Church Sundays at 10:00am.	Prayer Meeting Sundays at 9:00 am.