

TRINITY NEWS

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Do we think that all the political wrangling will end soon? It has been the case it seems where you can't turn on anything: T.V., radio, or computers without some kind of political ad. My grandfathers, both of whom lived and worked through the great depression of 1929 - 1937 and WWII used to say: "No matter who gets elected, we all have to get up and go to work the next day". I know, many of us are retired or are survivors who depend on pensions and Social Security, so let's just say that the day after election day, life goes on . . . we have a living Lord to serve . . . a great God who has all matters under control.

I confess that I have my doubts about God's control. Do we just say that . . . do we feel we *must* say that because we have no other ideas? Or do we say that in order to shift blame for disasters. The news lately is filled with ominous forecasts of financial disaster. True, the collective psychology of no-confidence has precipitated a massive exit from the financial markets, causing historically record plunges in valuation of major companies, i.e. the stock market averages . . . the "Dow". Did God do this . . . or is this of human origin? That's a no-brainer. Certainly humans, with no regard for the laws of God, had a major hand. What laws of God? How about Commandment 9, concerning a "false witness". Generally held to be the felony of perjury, we believe it extends to all lying. Was there deception (lies) in mortgage promises? How far "up stream", meaning the collation of many of these into larger "mortgage backed securities", did the false witness go? How about the 10th Commandment, dealing with covetousness, or the inordinate desire to acquire something belonging to another. It's a type of psychological idolatry. We obsess about things - we want to be rich etc. How much of that motivated the financial planners making merchandise of people's lives? National economies have reaped the results of all this. Prudent lenders hold back on any loans . . . any commercial operations . . . And the economy stalls. Jobs vanish. All due to lies. I'm sure finger pointing will stop after it no longer becomes politically advantageous, but the whole trauma points up the Biblical principle of restraint. Mankind *needs* the laws of God! As a nation we have dismissed this idea from our public lives. God's "control" has permitted us to go our way . . . without control . . . and isn't it a very nice situation. Pray for the nation. Pray for control. Pray for one another. See you in church.

Pastor Dave

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER [A five Sunday month]

Nov. 2 [Daylight Saving Time ends]

Joshua 3: 7-17 or Micah 3: 5-12; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37 or Psalm 43
I Thessalonians 2: 9-13 ; Matthew 23: 1-12

Nov.9 Trinity's Veteran's Memorial Service - 3: P.M.

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78 : 1-7 I Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13

Nov. 16

Judges 4: 1-7 or Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18; Psalm 123 or Psalm 90: 1-12
I Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

Nov. 23

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 or Psalm 95: 1-7a; Ephesians 1: 15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46

Nov.30 Thanksgiving Weekend Sunday - The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 I Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13: 24-37

TAKE THE ROBE OFF CORNER

[Politicians and Politics] **

"Anybody who wants the presidency so much that he'll spend two years
organizing and campaigning for it is not to be trusted with the office."

- David Broder

"Have you ever seen a candidate talking to a rich person on television?"

- Art Buchwald

"Politics is not the art of the impossible. It consists in choosing between the
disasterous and the unpalatable."

- John Kenneth Galbraith

"Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want,
and deserve to get it good and hard."

- H. L. Mencken

** *"The Portable Curmudgeon"* Jon Winokur, Editor



BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, November 10th at 1:00 pm in the Library Lounge.

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Broek Cooks will have Minestrone Soup available for pick-up on December 7th. An order form is on the hall bulletin board.

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JACOBA CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, November 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Deena Zolkiwsky.

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Jacoba Circle will be conducting its annual pet food drive from Nov. 30th through Dec. 21st. Items needed:

- Canned cat and dog food
- Dry cat and dog food
- Treats
- Kitty litter
- Grooming supplies
- Toys
- Monetary donations

Questions? See Deena Zolkiwsky.

Psalm 95:2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

"Come Ye Thankful People Come" - Henry Alford is the author of this hymn. His church was located in a little farming village where he visited every home and taught the Bible in a simple manner. This hymn was written for the English Harvest Festival, published in 1844, the British version of our American holiday.

"Before the winter storms begin, gather in the harvest and be thankful for what God provides. Let us sing joyfully with thankful hearts!"

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Sunday, November 9, 2008 - 3:00 p.m.

A special program "Veterans Day Remembrance"

Plan to attend this program and the refreshments that follow.



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- 3. Emil Habeeb
- 6. Bill Sorg III
- 10. Bunny Adams
- 11. D. J. Coppola
Art Lederer
- 17. Tina Wich
- 29. Ana Diaz

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers, our members and friends who cannot be with us on Sunday.

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| Joanna Agnone | Doris Hiebeler |
| Ruth Carreno | John Hussar |
| Marianne Clark | Pastor Rosie and |
| Corey Coleman | Dennis McLelland |
| Joan Cornish | Sally McGahey |
| Jim Dever | Luke Nikorak |
| Christopher Flood | Margaret Rubas |
| Jill Gaddis | Resi Sheppard |
| Emil Habeeb | Leona Wagner |
| Belle Hayles | Henrietta Wermann |
| | Marie Wermann |

All U.S. Servicemen and Women



FALL BACK - SPRING FORWARD

Saturday, November 1st - before you go to bed, remember to set your clock BACK one hour. (Extra sleep time!)



Thanksgiving
Eve Service

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday, November 26, 2008
at St. Luke's RC Church - 7:30 p.m.



Sunday, November 30th is the first Sunday of Advent. Celebrate the Lord's Supper as we worship at 10:00 a.m.


NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Sunday, November 16th





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
2.	3. Consistory 7:30 pm	4. VOTE Every Tuesday	5. Every	6.	7.	8.
9.	10. Broek 1 pm Jacoba 7:30	11. Veterans Day	12. Wednesday	13.	14.	15.
16. *NEWSletter Deadline	17.	18. Choir	19. Bible Study 7:30	20.	21.	22.
23.	24.	25. 7:30 p.m.	26. Community Thanksgiving Service 7:30 pm	27. 	28.	29.

