

How to Celebrate the Holidays without Spoiling the Kids

The holidays can be a tough time of year to keep your children from getting spoiled. From expensive toys compliments of the grandparents to Secret Santa at day care, the bounty your child receives can really add up. It makes it hard to keep them grounded and from expecting to receive a gift everywhere they go during the holidays. If you are struggling to teach your child gratitude this season, here are a few tips that might help.

4 Tips for Helping Children be Grateful During the Holidays

You can keep your child from get spoiled this season by setting a few ground rules:

Establish gift limits. This might be tough to do if your child is the only grandchild or if they have a lot of aunts and

uncles who enjoy spending time with them. But it is a necessary step in keeping your child from being overindulged this holiday season. It might be that you set a limit on how much can be spent overall on your children or that you work on setting boundaries as to how extravagant each gift can be. It won't do any good to limit gift giving to one per person and then have a long distance grandparent spend hundreds or thousands of dollars on just that one gift.

Get one, give up one. Another way to help your child better understand how lucky they are, is to pick a children's charity to donate to. For every new gift your child receives, they give up one gently used toy to donate to this charity. They can do the same with clothing. Talking about why sharing

their treasures is important for other children who aren't as fortunate.

Remember the reason for the season. Help your child understand the real reason behind the season. Encourage meaningful activities such as baking cookies with a grandparent, going Christmas caroling with friends and neighbors or volunteering at a local soup kitchen.

Watch how you express gratitude. Younger children model behavior they see, especially that of their parents. Make sure you express gratitude and appreciation for the blessings that come your way this holiday season.

Hopeful these tips give you a few ideas for helping your family enjoy a happy, healthy and grateful holiday season!

OPPORTUNITIES IN GOD'S WORD

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:00 a.m. This group uses the magazine "Good News", which is published by Concordia Mission Society. The editor is the former LHM speaker Wallace Schultz. There are several editions available in the pastor's study/office for anyone who would like to review a topic or use one for personal Bible study.

Ladies Bible study Wednesday 10:00 a.m. is a group of ladies mostly around young family age although all ages are welcome. This is a good place for mentoring also. Any time is a good time to join. The group is now studying Dwelling in God's Peace, where participants explore what the Bible has to say about the peace God provides,



how they can obtain it, and why Jesus said that peacemakers are blessed. Bible study and discussion questions written by Karen -Lee Thorp.

- If evenings are better, join us at the **Cottage Meetings** the last Friday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted at a member's home. Cottage meeting this month is November 30 and **needs a host.**
- **Pastor Snider's Sunday Adult Bible Study** is delving into to the Lifelight Series: Acts Part 1. The book of Acts records God's glorious actions among the first believers. It reveals the light of Christ, which spread by speech and scroll from Jerusalem down to today.

We hope to see all of you at one or more of these Bible Studies.

Evangelism and Stewardship

Ministry Fair

The Evangelism and Stewardship Team will host a Ministry Fair on Stewardship Sunday, November 18th.

This is a chance for our various ministries (choir,

Posse, etc.) to communicate what they're about, who they serve, and what kind of help/participation they're seeking. If you'd like a table at the fair, please let Kristin Myher know. Also, all members should plan on

browsing the fair to learn more about Trinity and it's various groups!

Save the Date (not yet on website)

Family Fun Day - Sunday, January 27th

Christian Ed

We are having lots of fun in Sunday School and if you are not there, we miss you! The kids have had some really fun activities and crafts as we delve back into the Old Testament and learn about how God creates a World and a People. We made beautiful Thanksgiving napkin rings to remind us of all we have to be thankful for. We have also done some fun experiments and the snacks are always worth coming for. Join us this Sunday!

The adults are working through the book of Acts.

Don't miss the cottage meeting this month on Friday, November 30th at 7:00 pm. We are still

looking for a host for this. What in the world is the cottage meeting you ask? It's just a short Bible study in the home of one of our members followed by snacks, desserts and fun fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Kids are welcome to come too. They can play together or watch a movie during the Bible study. If you are uncomfortable with leading a Bible study, we can recruit someone else to do that part for you. The snacks can be kept very simple too. Popcorn and cookies always works!

Our Children's Christmas program is next month on **December 16th** during church!

Would you, or someone you know, like to help with or direct this year's program? All it takes is a love of kids and a desire to share the amazing story of Jesus and you qualify for the role! Please save the date and plan to attend to support our Sunday School kids and teens. If you know of any Pre-School-6th grade actors or 7th-12th grade readers or stage hands, we'd love to have them join us too! Practices will start December 2nd during Sunday School.

In Christ,
Elizabeth Eppler

Devotion from LHM

John 8:31-32 - So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

A truck driver happened to glance out the window of his cab one afternoon and, to his amazement, saw a three-legged chicken trotting alongside. The trucker, unable to believe his eyes, stepped on the accelerator. Lo and behold! The chicken kept pace -- at 65 miles per hour.

The driver, sure he must be hallucinating, tromped down on the pedal still harder. As the semi barreled along at 85 miles per hour, the trucker rubbed his eyes in astonishment. The three-legged chicken passed him and kept going, disappearing down the highway.

Seeing a truck stop ahead, the driver slowed his rig and pulled

over. Some local farmers were there.

He told them about the three-legged chicken, and one of the farmers said, "I believe you. In fact, I raise 'em!"

The trucker was amazed. "How ... and why?"

"Well, I have three children," explained the farmer, "and they all fight over the drumsticks. So, I bred my flock until I got chickens with three legs."

"Oh. How do the taste?" asked the trucker.

"I don't know. I haven't caught one yet."

Some predicament. Yet so often we Christians find ourselves in the same dilemma. We refine, refine, and refine doctrinal statements and definitions. After much study and work, like that farmer, we get results. We find ourselves able to state exactly what God has

said, in so far as it's possible for our limited human minds. This concern for truth is good. Jesus promised, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

But the truth can free us only when and if we use it, when and if we practice what we have learned. St. Paul wrote, "The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Practice these things" (Philippians 4:9).

But too often, like that farmer, we fail to "catch" the benefits of our efforts. For instance, what good does it do to know that God answers prayer, if we never pray? Or if we pray only vague platitudes, not really expecting God to respond to our requests? What good does it do to know that Jesus defeated Satan for us, if we never use His victory to overcome sin and failure in our lives?





NOVEMBER 2018

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If you would like a link to the Trinity Google Calendar, email Lynda Minger with your request at lyndamngr262@gmail.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Betty Love 11/2
 Daniel Krueger 11/8
 Porter Hindman 11/10
 Joe Benkovsky 11/11

Russ Borders 11/11
 Tom Voltattorni 11/12
 Caroline Cadeau 11/15
 Jarred Snider 11/15
 Cha Snider 11/17
 Sharon Huetteman 11/25
 Tim Erisman 11/29
 Mitch Minger 11/29
 Dahlia Schlaff 11/29

Bryan and Amy Bickel 11/28



Dates to Note

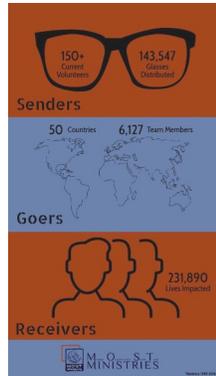
Craft Day 11/17
 8am—6pm
 Ministry Fair 11/18
 Thanksgiving Eve 11/21
 Tree Decorating 12/6
 Christmas Program 12/16
 Christmas Outing 12/16
 Family Fun Day 1/27

Mission opportunities with Most Ministries by Deb Dugan

A Most mission trip is scheduled for Tanzania, Africa on January 5-17. The trip is designed to train local women in a micro enterprise project of making feminine hygiene pads for the women living in the Arusha area. The trip is also designed to educate the local women about human trafficking; how to identify it and help prevent

it. These goals are dear to my heart and I will be part of a 9 member team to this area. I believe that God is directing this work and am very excited to be part of it. I ask for your prayers as I study in preparation for this adventure. If you seek the opportunity to serve in Most missions, please see Barb who recently

went on a dental and eye-glass mission trip to Nicaragua or myself for more information. There is always need for preparing glasses for mission trips as well which we do on a weekly basis in Ann Arbor.



Devotion continued

Sooner or later, theory must spill over into our practice. Sooner or later, theology must be translated into who we are and what we do. Thank God that His Spirit makes this possible. Thank God that His Spirit teaches us the truth through

His Word and frees us to "do the truth" once we know it. THE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, the truth is we often do not apply our faith in our lives. Forgive us our shortcomings and by Your Holy Spirit em-

power us to be the people we can be. In Jesus' Name. Amen. From The Lutheran Layman, April 1983 issue, "Three-Legged Chicken" by Jane L. Fryar

LWML Ladies Posse News by Barb Yek

November's Posse Meeting, will be Thursday, November 1 at 7 p.m. Hostess: Marilyn Altar Care for November: Joanna and Barb
 Please join us for our Annual

Harvest Dinner on Saturday, November 3 at 5 pm. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the gathering area. A Free will offering will go to help our own Deb Dugan who is going on a MOST sewing mission

trip to Tanzania in January. Please keep Deb and her team in your prayers as they prepare for their trip and during the time they are gone. Special Guest Speaker at our

Prayers of Trinity

Praise and thanksgiving:

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to You, our God, now and forever! Hear us who pray in peace in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. O God, Holy and eternal, who did permit us to enter into the fellowship of that holy suffering by which Your dear Son, our Savior, conquered sin and death; grant that we may celebrate the remembrance of His passion with true devotion, accept the cross as his disciples, and thus fulfill Your holy will; through the

same Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray for those among us who are in special need of your guidance and healing:

- Shut-ins--Lorena Luckhardt, Caroline Cadeau, Al Jacoby
- Don Johnson, Don VanGorden, Joshua Czapiewski, Carolyn and Joe Benkovsky, Dianne and Rudy Vik, Dennis Miller, Jordan Keen--strength and health
- Continued healing: Mary

Meyer, Joanne and Bob Hickman, Don Keiser.

- Judy Lasko, Lorena Luckhardt, John Martinowicz, Julie Haggerty, Robin Fletcher, Kyle Knipp, Don Fogel, Ava Allen, Tracy Brohmen, Kenny Cadle, Carol Thompson, Sarah Burns, Libby in their battles with cancer.

For the soldiers here and overseas who are still protecting freedoms, our own and others in the world.

“ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK, AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU.

FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES; HE WHO SEEKS FINDS; AND TO HIM WHO KNOCKS THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED.”

MATTHEW 7: 7-8



Garden of Gethsemane - modern times

LWML Ladies Posse News *continued*

dinner will be Sarah DePriest from MOST. Sarah will share about MOST and her recent mission trip to South Africa. She will also talk about what Deb can expect on her trip.

It will be a wonderful evening of good food and fellowship. Hope to see you there. Invite your friends too!

Craft Day

Our next craft day is Saturday, November 17 from 8 am to 6pm. Join us for a fun relaxing day of working on your favorite craft. This is an outreach tool as well as a great time, so reach out to your friends, or if you know someone that is unchurched, this is a great event for that as well!

There will be plenty of food and snacks all day long provided for you! Suggested donation for the day is \$20

Angel Tree

We will be participating with WellSpring again this year to purchase Christmas gifts for Children and some adults who may not otherwise receive any gifts at Christmas. It is one of the ways we at Trinity can share with others the Joy of Christmas and the Love of God, by sending His own son, Jesus to be our Savior. Watch for the tree to be up around Thanksgiving.

The bulletins will have more specific details as the time gets closer.

Poinsettia's

We will be decorating the altar with poinsettia's again this Christmas.

Watch for your order forms in your mailboxes the beginning of December.

Future dates to mark on your calendars!

Thursday, December 6th, the Posse would like to invite everyone in the congregation to join us for our Tree Trimming & Decorating the church for Christmas Party. We will begin with a light supper at 6 pm, and then listen to Christmas music as we do our decorating.

Advent worship service & soup suppers on Wednesday December 5, 12, & 19

Sunday, December 16 will be our annual Christmas Outing. This year we will be going to Northridge Church to see "The Glory of Christmas" Many of you have already purchase tickets & plan on going. We do have 4 tickets left for anyone else interested in going.

Please see Kristin Myher to let her know if you want these tickets.



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Life Chain

Fellow Life Chain participants I am very thankful for our witness today and for the weather that cooperated with our purpose of silently proclaiming God's desire for His people to treasure life from the moment of conception to natural death. My prayer is that our witness was blessed by God in touching the hearts of those who participated and those who drove through Pinckney and read our signs. Our chain was a small part of a national witness that has been taking place for 31 years throughout our na-

tion. The first life chain in 1987 had 2000 participants. Thirty years later, in 2017, over 1500 cities participated making a visible Life Chain throughout North America. Our witness is a vehicle through which God can impact lives and I pray you were moved as much as I was to be a part of this message.

Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts on ways that we can further spread the message of the sanctity of life in our annual Life Chain. Please encourage your friends, family, church family and Pastor to

share this message in the pulpit. Your witness is God blessed.

If you desire more information about this annual witness, please look at nationallifechain.org

Thanks again for your participation today and I look forward to witnessing with you next year.

God's blessings,
Debbly Dugan



THE WINTER SEASON IS APPROACHING

If there is bad weather and you are not sure if there will be church or church function that day,

please call the church office 734-878 5977 before you leave.

If a church function is being cancelled we will put it on the message machine.

It will be on Facebook as well.

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