Trinity Topics
OCTOBER 2026

1245 El Camino Real
Burlingame, CA 94010

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

Every gift tells a story. Behind every check or dollar given to Trinity Lutheran Church is a heart that says, "I believe in what God is doing here." As we reflect on the generosity of those who support this ministry, I am reminded that giving is never just a transaction – it's a partnership. It's a shared commitment to the Gospel mission that binds us together as co-laborers in Christ.

When the apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, he thanked them for their "partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now." Paul saw their financial and prayer support as an active participation in God's Work. They were not bystanders funding someone else's ministry; they were partners, sharing in both the joy of service and the fruit of the harvest. That same spirit defines the relationship between you as members of the congregation and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Every donation, large or small, allows the message of Christ to each further than any one of us could go alone. Your generosity becomes a bridge between vision and action, between calling and capacity. Through your support, we can proclaim hope, equip staff and volunteer leaders, and nurture faith in countless lives. You make ministry possible.

But even more important, giving changes us. When we invest our resources in God's kingdom, our hearts follow. We move from being consumers of ministry to being contributors to God's ongoing story. Partnership in the Gospel is not simple about what ministries receive; it's about what we all become – a community bound by a shared mission and a shared Savior.

In the coming days, we will be putting together care kits for the homeless or those who have no means of purchasing necessary items. We will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child of Samaritan's Purse. We will be hosting people from all over the county for our Hymn Sing and High Tea. At the same time we're updating the electrical panel in the sanctuary, fixing the blinds in the Parish Hall and having the piano tuned in the front of the church. All of these items move the mission of the church forward!

As your pastor I have seen how the ministry of the Pre School has flourished and how this little school has become such an important part of our neighborhood. Your generosity fuels transformation. People's lives have been restored by the Holy Spirit, people have learned to pray, and people are joining together to be active in ministry.

Looking ahead as we stand at 75 years, we stand at a moment of great opportunity. The needs around us are immense but so is God's faithfulness. The same Lord who multiplied the loaves and fish is still at work multiplying the impact of our shared efforts today. Together, we can continue to bring light into darkness, love into despair, and hope into the places that need it most.

So, thank you – for giving, for praying, and for standing with your sisters and brothers in Christ in this sacred place. You are more than donors – you are partners in the Gospel, part of the living testimony of what God is doing through this congregation. May God bless you richly for your faithfulness.

Pastor Schufreider

Celebrating 75 Years of Faith

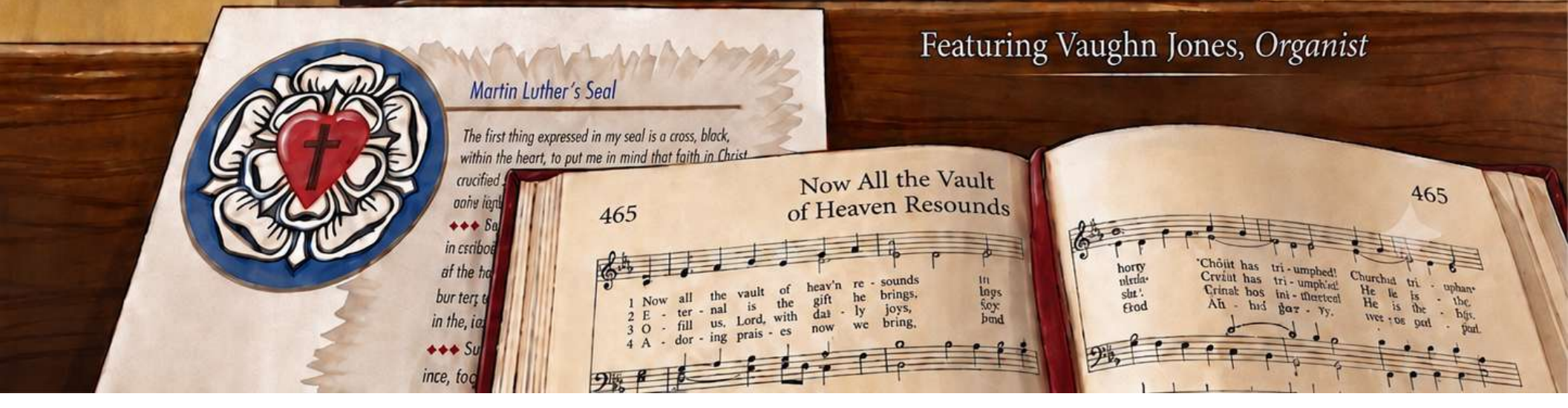
Trinity Lutheran Church

1245 El Camino Real, Burlingame

A Traditional Hymn Sing of Christian Favorites

Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 2:00 PM

High Tea to follow

Featuring Vaughn Jones, *Organist*

SERVING THE LORD IN

NAIROBI, KENYA

NEWS FROM THE ODEMBA FAMILY

September 2026

ANNIVERSARY GIFT

Pastor Schufreider and I have known each other for many years. He confirmed me in the faith when I was in eighth grade at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mountain View, California. I reconnected with him when I became a missionary. He invited me to speak at his two parishes, and both congregations have continued to support the mission work.

Recently, one of his parishes celebrated its 75th anniversary and chose to give its anniversary offerings and a special gift to Project 24 in Kenya. I am so thankful for this longstanding partnership and for the many faithful people who help spread the Gospel and God's love around the world.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

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Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa

One of the highlights of my home service was visiting LCMS Mission Central and having the opportunity to share about the Lord's work in Kenya with two visiting congregations. One of the congregations has a special ministry among South Sudanese people living in Iowa. It was a joy to hear about their ministry and share stories of what God is doing in Kenya. Although our ministries take place in very different settings, we were encouraged by the ways God is working through His people in both places.

My dad was able to join us for the visit, which made the day even more special. We enjoyed touring the barn, filled with fascinating cultural artifacts and items from mission work around the world, and visiting the Creation Museum. Our time with missionary Gary Theis was also a highlight. As we shared stories of God's faithfulness and the miracles we continue to see in ministry, we were reminded and encouraged by how God is at work in ways far beyond what we can see.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The mission work being done here in Africa*
- *For new missionaries to deploy to our field*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *A great home service, meeting new partners and connecting with old ones*
- *Silas and Rael's first day of fourth grade*
- *Celebrating my 50th birthday with family friends in Kenya*

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us*

New Partners

I am so thankful for these new partners who are now supporting the ministry here in Kenya: (clockwise) Calvary Lutheran, San Lorenzo, CA, Immanuel Lutheran, Batavia, IL,, Grace Lutheran, Escondido, CA, Trinity Lutheran, Ortonville, MN, St. Paul Lutheran, Blue Point, IL, as well as Grace Lutheran, San Mateo, CA and Immanuel Lutheran, Spirit Lake, IA (not pictured)

Thank you to everyone who made our home service such a joyful, welcoming, and memorable time. We are grateful for your encouragement, hospitality, and continued partnership in Christ!

Love from Kenya,

Britt, Micah, Rael and Silas

There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of Britt Odemba. Make checks payable to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

OR

Mission Central
40718 Highway E 16
Mapleton, IA 51034

On the memo line include *Odemba - Kenya*

Give securely from any device: lcms.org/odemba
Call a donor care representative: 888-930-4438

What Is the Shape of Your Cross?

Take up your cross, our savior said,
and follow me. But not all crosses are
voluntary. Some we would choose, but
others are given to us, not requested:
The cross of stress or mental illness, of a hurting loved one; the cross of being born in the wrong place, of the wrong color skin, of abuse at the hands of another. Some crosses we can leave by the side of the road, and should, moving on, as best we can. Others are glued to our shoulders. All we can do is bear them with grace and courage.
Not all crosses are taken up. Some crosses
are given. But we serve Him best who
bear His mild yoke, the poet said.
What is the shape of your cross?
Did you choose it? Can you bear it?
Should you? Is it the cross that your
loving God would have you take up?
Or is there another? Take up your cross,
he said, and then he did, taking all that
is broken and hurting in our world and
placing it on his broad, faithful, dying
shoulders. The shape of his cross, like
the shape of his Father's love, full of
the grace that sets our hearts free.
His cross, our yoke, so gentle and
humble, offering rest for our weary
souls, rest for our weary souls.

James E. Laurence
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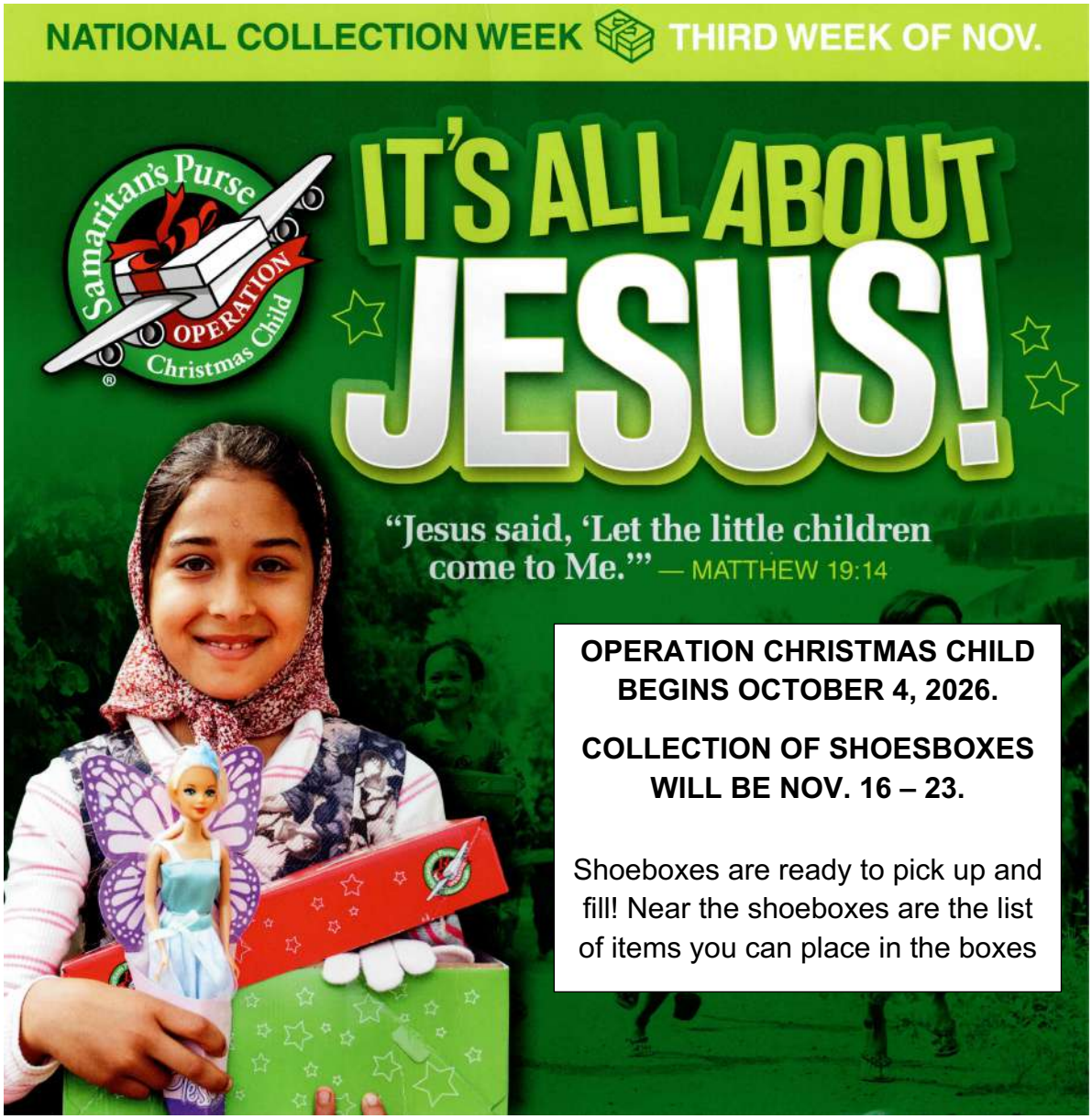
JOIN US TO
PACK SHOEBOX GIFTS!
Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION
Christmas Child


NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK
THIRD WEEK OF NOV.
Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION
Christmas Child
IT'S ALL ABOUT
JESUS!
"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me.'" — MATTHEW 19:14
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BEGINS OCTOBER 4, 2026.
COLLECTION OF SHOESBOXES WILL BE NOV. 16 – 23.
Shoeboxes are ready to pick up and fill! Near the shoeboxes are the list of items you can place in the boxes

Gift Suggestions
to Get You Started

Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with **the Good News of Jesus Christ** as expressions of God's immense love for a child. ***So be sure to make them*** …

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item to delight the child, such as …

- Soccer ball with pump
- Dolls and stuffed animals

FULL: Fill with school supplies and personal care items, such as …

- Pens, pencils, crayons, and notebooks
- Sunglasses and flashlights

PERSONALIZED: Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer. Include a note of encouragement and photo of you, your family, church, or group to further personalize the gift. These personal letters often are children's favorite shoebox items!

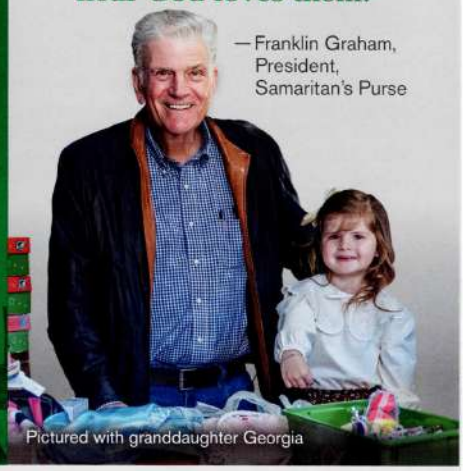
You Can Even Learn Where Your Shoebox Went!

A donation of $10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, and shipping gifts to equip local churches for evangelism and discipleship.

If you give that donation online through **Follow Your Box**, you can discover the country destination of your gift!

"Every box is an opportunity for a child to hear God loves them."

— Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse



Pictured with granddaughter Georgia

VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE.

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SHOEBOX LABEL

MARK FOR BOY OR GIRL:

BOY

GIRL

MARK THE CORRECT AGE CATEGORY:

2-4 Years Old	
5-9 Years Old	
10-14 Years Old	

600-809-3B6

NOTE: *You can still use this label even if you choose not to activate the tracking.*

To Donate and Follow Your Box, **SCAN THE QR CODE** on the label **OR** enter the nine-digit code beneath it at **samaritanspurse.org/activate**.

Your donation can also be mailed via the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

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California-Nevada-Hawaii District

LWML CNH Zone 8

FALL GATHERING

Grace, Strength and Love Abound

God is Always With Us

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
-Psalm 46:1

Speaker:
Yene Wolteji
CEO & Founder – Bridging Initiatives International
Sacramento, CA

Bible Study Leader:
Rev. Kevin Hempe
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Pacifica, CA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2026
10:00AM - 1:00PM

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
4400 Coast Highway
Pacifica, CA 94044

Help us bridge the gap!

$15 Registration
9:30am-10:00am

MORE INFORMATION

musicalme523@yahoo.com
www.bridgingii.org

How You Can Help:

Donate these **non-perishable & non-expired** items at your local participating LCMS church for our ingathering for *Bridging Initiatives International:*

- Pop-top canned chicken, tuna, and salmon
- Canned soups, stews, chili & ravioli
- Peanut butter & nut butters
- Granola & protein bars
- Individual fruit cups and applesauce
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Dry grains and pasta
- Canned beans and vegetables
- Powdered milk and juice boxes

Birthdays this month:

10/10 Dominic Sangalli

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9:15 am – Zoom Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:45 am– In person Service	5	6 10:00 am – Bible Study	7 10:00 am – Bible Study (Zoom)	8	9	10 9:00 am – Trinity Work Day
11 LWML Mites Sunday 9:15 am – Zoom Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:45 am– In person Service 12:00 pm – Council Meeting	12	13 10:00 am – Bible Study	14 10:00 am – Bible Study (Zoom)	15	16	17
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USE OF CHURCH SPACE & SCHEDULING CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2026

Key:

Library:	L	Baden Hall:	BH	No. Parking Lot:	NP
Sanctuary:	S	Parish Hall:	PH	So. Parking Lot:	SP
Kitchen:	K	Youth House:	YH		
		Organ Loft:	OL		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:30-2:30 pm – Organ practice (OL) 1:30 – 5pm – After School Pgrm (PH)	2 1:30 – 5pm – After School Pgrm (PH)	3
4 9:30 am – Sunday School (L) 10:45 – In person Service (S)	5 1:30-5 pm – After School Pgrm (PH)	6 9:15-10:00 – children's chapel (S) 10:00 – Bible Study (L) 11:15-12p – Organ practice (OL) 1:30 – 5pm – After School Pgrm (PH)	7 1:30 – 5pm – After School Pgrm (PH)	8 1:30 – 5pm – After School Pgrm (PH)	9 1:30 – 5pm – After School Pgrm (PH)	10 9:00 am – Trinity Work Day All areas
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Footnote:
Only events and space-use requests submitted to the church office by the second-to-last business day of the preceding month will be included in this calendar.

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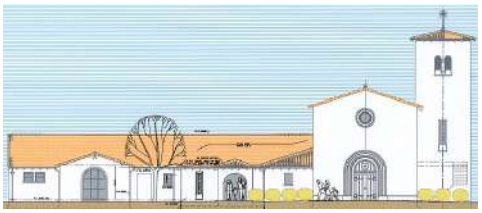

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TRINITY WORSHIP SERVICES (on-line)

Zoom service remains for now at 9:15 am for those who are not able to make it to church

Sunday Service:	**Meeting ID: 436 149 3761** (Sundays at 9:15 am) Password: 350350
Link:	https://zoom.us/j/4361493761?pwd=YnFHZWpPWXpJV2dZeTErZkpmbHFMUT09
Bible Study:	**Meeting ID: 748 5065 6109** (Wednesdays at 10:00 am) Password: 8QPuWG
Link:	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74850656109?pwd=WDF4RUo5WCtVclBPbklaNlk3am12QT09
Archival:	https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLygfLSNvAxYLoZUDZRRR78wEIy9tojh7G

Courtesy of First Lutheran Church of South San Francisco

Worship Schedule

(IN-PERSON)

Sunday School		***Worship***	***Bible Study***	
Sunday	9:30 – 10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Tuesday	10:00 am

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Trinity Lutheran Church *of* Burlingame

Trinity Lutheran Preschool

October 2026 Newsletter

Phone: (650) 580-2349
preschooloffice@trinityburlingame.org

Last month, we welcomed some new friends and families to our school. We are so happy to have them as part of our classroom community! This month, we are excited to celebrate our **Harvest Festival and Halloween Parade** together.

Thank you to all the families who came to our **Back to School Night**. It was wonderful meeting everyone and having the opportunity to share more about our Montessori curriculum. We hope you enjoyed learning about our classroom and experiencing some of the classroom jobs that your children do each day.

We love seeing the children happy, engaged, and making progress each day. They have been enjoying our neighborhood walks, sharing their books every Friday, and expressing their creativity through artwork. We are also beginning to see the children build new friendships, learn to work together, and develop a strong sense of community.

We look forward to another wonderful month of learning, exploring, and growing together!

Dates to Remember

Oct.5 (Monday)	World Teacher's day	Celebrating our teachers
Oct.12 (Monday)	Teacher's In-Service Day	No School
Oct.18(Sunday)	Sunday Singing	10:45-12:00
Oct.30 (Friday)	Halloween Parade	9- 9:30- Main Building 9:40- 10:10- Annex Building(Regular school)
Nov.11- (Tuesday)	Veterans Day	No school
Nov. 14 (Saturday)	Montessori Boothcamp	9-11 am (Childcare is available)
Nov. 25(Wednesday)	Thanksgiving potluck (Lunch)	Half day only (8-1 pm)
Nov. 26- 27	Thanksgiving Break	No School

Curriculum for the Month

Bible	God's Love, The Bible, Jesus is our Savior
Peace and Holidays	Kind Deeds, Columbus, Fall, Emotions,
Cultural	7 Continents, 5 Oceans/ Weather/ Landscapes/ Seasons
Botany	Kinds and Care of Trees and Plants,/Leaf /Pumpkin/ Apple/ Harvest/ Carnivorous plants
Zoology	Vertebrates/Invertebrates/ Carnivores/ Herbivores/ Omnivores
Sensorial	Square, Pink Tower and Brown Stairs
Math	Cards and Counters, Spindle box Beg. -6-10, Mid- Teens Adv.-1-100-
Language	d, s, l , Beg.-sounds Mid.-Blending Adv.-Cvc
Practical Life	Pouring wet/dry – water transfer, tonging, hammering, scooping, leaf pressed and rubbing
Artist of the Month	Wassily Kandinsky/ Halloween Art
Music and Movement	Guitar and rhythm sticks/ Silence Game/ Béla Viktor János Bartok
Spanish words	Days of the week/ Months of the year/ Weather- AVD- Seasons,
Mandarin words	Numbers and Basic Shapes
ASL	Greetings
Outdoor	Sensory and outdoor art

Teacher & Classroom Updates

We are excited to share a few teacher updates with our families!

- **Ms. Ashpreet Kaur** will be moving to **Junior Casa**, where she will be working with **Ms. Brenda**.
- **Ms. Michelle** will be returning to **Senior Casa**, where she will be working with **Ms. Vandy**.
- Please join us in warmly welcoming our **new teacher, Ms. Carmen Koplem!** She will be joining **Bambini** and working alongside **Ms. Sonia**.

We are excited about these changes and look forward to another wonderful year of learning and growing together! 🌱❤️

Welcome to our friends:

Bambina – Adelynn Chang

Senior Casa- Aiden is coming back from vacation in Korea

🌟 **Congratulations, Ms. Jam Eyvazov!** 🌟

Celebrating Ms. Jam's CSCCE Feature

We're excited to share that our Preschool Director, **Ms. Jam Eyvazov**, was recently featured in the **Center for the Study of Child Care Employment (CSCCE)** newsletter!

With nearly 10 years in early childhood education, Ms. Jam is passionate about children, families, and supporting educators. She especially treasures getting to know each child's unique personality and watching them grow and learn.

We're so proud of Ms. Jam and grateful for all she brings to our **Trinity Lutheran Preschool** community.

Congratulations, Ms. Jam! 🎉❤️

Read Ms. Jam's feature in the CSCCE newsletter

Upcoming Events:

World Teacher's Day- (Monday- October 5)

Let's celebrate our wonderful teachers! Children are invited to bring a **small note, card, or drawing** to thank their teacher and show their appreciation. ❤️

Sunday Singing- October 18, Sunday Singing

Halloween Parade, October 30, Friday 9:00 am – 11:00 am

(9 :*15am* for the Main building and 9:45 am for the Annex) We will be celebrating the coming of Fall. On October 31st, children may come in costume for the parade at school at 9:15 am and 9:45 am. Parents cannot accompany their children in the parade. Parents may walk beside or behind line of the children. After the parade, we will continue with a snack, and an art activity/game. As for the costume themes, no scary/spooky costumes, or weapons please. Considering our efforts to teach them about our physical world (reality), we are encouraging parents to find a costume for your child from real world themes. Some suggestions: What they want to be when they grow up (doctor, dentist, construction worker), bible theme, fall theme (pumpkin, scarecrow, fall colors), Living/Non-living (animals, planet, trees, sun, ocean, wind, moon, cars, trucks, airplanes, athlete, mailman, robot, knight). The best costumes do not need to be expensive.

Your child can come in their regular clothes and change when you get to school in the bathroom. For children who are coming in with their costume, please ensure that you also

bring a set of regular clothes they can change into. You may bring special fun snack (store bought) for the party, and some candies/ goody bags for our Trick or Treat Activity. This will be a fun event to celebrate Fall!

Trunk or Treat

We would like also to ask for parents(At least 5 parents in each building) to volunteer to help us do the trunk or treat activity within the parking lot. The parents can dress up as well and have their trunk ready for giving treats. We would love everyone to participate in this event. It would be fun for parents to meet other parents and help for distributing treats to our children. Also, please bring some treats to share for everyone.

Please message or see Ms. Jam if you're interested.

Jack O' Lantern Making

We would like to ask each family to bring one medium size pumpkin before October 20. Pumpkin will be used by your child to decorate and will display in our respective building. Thank you!

Reminders:

Book Sharing every Friday
Please bring your child's favorite book to share every Friday. This will help them boost their confidence to show their favorite book and share it to their friends. This will allow everyone to be able to practice public speaking and be confident in standing up in front of their friends in circle time.

Please check your child's supply of extra clothes and label each item with their name. Coats/Jackets/Boots – need to have your child's name.

Please Park only at the designated area, do not block the crosswalk.

We all ask you please inform us if you be late to pick up your child – After 5:30 pm.

Please CHECK IN and OUT and sign your signature.

Thank you for your consideration.