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Dear Friends;

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As I write this letter I am aware that Autumn has arrived with its' rich bounty and colorful beauty. Just outside my window the first golden leaves of fall are frolicking in a cool breeze giving a crisp start to the day. In a few weeks the trees will be bursting with color and we will be gathering in our church for our seasonal services to give thanks to our God for our many blessings.

I am reminded of an elderly woman I used to visit. She had been housebound for several years due to severe arthritis and other health problems and yet she was an inspiration to me because she was always cheerful. She explained to me the source of her joy: "*Every morning when I open my eyes the first thing I do is look up at the corner of my room and count my blessings.*" And then she would add: "*Count your blessings count them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.*" She would then begin to list all the ways in which she was currently being blessed. It was an incredibly humbling experience to hear her giving thanks when the quality of her life had been so drastically diminished.

Gratitude, such as this woman exhibited, is a good practice and keeps us honest. After all, we are not the self-made people we like to think we are. We are Gods people, and God is the author of all the good things that come our way. If we remember that, we will be less inclined to live selfishly, and we will have a willingness to share what we have with those who are less fortunate. We will also be more inclined to live joyfully in spite of our circumstances.

I couldn't possibly count all the many ways in which God has blessed us at Trinity since January through the generosity and goodwill of so many of you, so I will simply list some of the *more recent* highlights:

- Our Choir has wonderfully increased in sized (male tenor and bass voices are still needed)!
- A new and attractive Website is about to be launched.

- Our Selection Committee is beginning to interview prospective new Incumbents.
- We are taking part in the Diocesan Fund Raising program, “Our Faith, Our Hope: Re-imagine Church”, knowing that the funds raised will help Trinity and other parishes update ministries, office equipment, buildings, and programs.
- Our Servers Guild has grown. Check out their “Bios” in Happenings!
- Canon Frances Lightbourn’s “Thoughts from my Chair”, a popular column in “Happenings”, is now a blog, with readership around the world!
- The Front Door of the Church has been stripped of 20 layers of old paint, revealing the original Mahogany. Together with the new steps and soon-to-be installed railings, this is a beautiful memorial to Verdi Wallwin, much loved member of Trinity for many years.

For greater detail on these and other items of interest, please refer to “Happenings”, our parish Newsletter.

In conclusion, this is a busy time and a busy place, evidence that God, in his goodness, is calling us forward into the richness of Christian life and ministry. With that in mind, Reverend Janet and I hope you will join us this Thanksgiving season, and take part in our celebration of the goodness of life in this world. The dates and times of the services are listed at the end of this letter.

Faithfully Yours,

Elizabeth +

The Rev. Elizabeth Morley
Interim Priest-in-Charge

***“All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
so thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.”***

Hymn # 258 Common Praise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sept. 23: “Kids’ Turn” Information Night 7 p.m. Trinity Auditorium
A Support Group for children of Divorcing Parents
Actual program to begin on Nov. 18th for 6 weeks.

Sept. 14 to Nov. 30th : Bible Study Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians
Every Wednesday at 12:15 or 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1st:

- **7:45 a.m. – Trinity Men’s Breakfast** in Auditorium.
Speaker: Dr. John Warnica *“How I Met the Flying Dinosaur”*

- **5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner**
In Auditorium (pay at the door) For **all** the family.

Sunday, Oct. 2nd Harvest Home Services at 8 & 10 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9th Thanksgiving Services at 8 & 10 a.m.

October 12th .Anglican Church Women Deanery Day 9 a.m. to 3 p.m

October 28 and 29 Nearly New Sale in Auditorium

October 27 – “Set Up Day”, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

October 28 – Sale – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

October 29 – Sale – 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Nov. 5th 5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
In Auditorium (pay at the door) For **all** the family.

Nov. 6th Remembrance Services at both 8 and 10 a.m. Services

Nov. 27th “Advent Lessons & Music” at 10 a.m.

Dec. 3rd 5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
In Auditorium (pay at the door) For **all** the family.

Dec. 18th “Christmas Lessons & Carols” at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services at 7 and 10 p.m.
Christmas Day Service at 10 a.m.