

News from Christ & Trinity

October 2026

Monthly Newsletter

From Pastor Anne

On Saturday, October 3rd we will gather at the Sedalia Animal Shelter at 11:30 am for the Blessing of the Animals. This autumn tradition coincides with the Feast of St. Francis, observed annually on October 4th.

Francis was an Italian mystic, poet, and Catholic friar who founded the religious order of the Franciscans. He was part of a wealthy family in Assisi who took on poverty and devoted his life to God. My visit to Italy in June included a surprise trip to that beautiful and historic city which is located on the western slopes and foothills of Monte Subasio. The views from Assisi look down onto the surrounding valley of vineyards and olive groves. It is inspirational in its beauty, and, like many visitors, I felt so close to God there.

Francis reminds us that God is always close at hand. He believed that God is present in everything God created. He recognized a simple but profound principle of the sacraments believing that all creation has the potential to reveal something to us of the wonder of God. Every creature, every plant or tree or flower, is both a song of praise and a symbol of the God who creates and sustains all things. Francis composed this beautiful canticle to honor that belief.

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through all that you have made,
And first my lord Brother Sun,
Who brings the day; and light you give to us through him.
How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;
In the heavens you have made them, bright
And precious and fair.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
And fair and stormy, all the weather's moods,
By which you cherish all that you have made.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
Through whom you brighten up the night.*

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Sunday Breakfasts

We are offering free breakfasts to anyone in the community. Breakfast begins at 9:00 am. Please support this ministry by helping to cook, clean up, wait tables, and simply eating with our guests.

All Saints Sunday Preparation

In preparation for All Saints Sunday, November 1st, submit the names of loved ones who have passed away since last November to the church secretary. These names will be honored during our worship service.

Ladies Bible Study

Join us for an hour of Bible study led by Pr. Anne on Thurs. October 1st at 2 pm. All women are welcomed. Ladies from Calvary and Immanuel will also be attending. Copies of the Bible study are in the new Gather Magazine and will be available.

Celebrate Fall with a Wiener Roast

Join us for hot dogs and s'mores by the fire at our annual Fall Fest on Saturday, October 10th in our church yard. Hot dogs, buns, water, and s'mores will be provided. We'll begin around 5:00 pm. You may bring a dish to share if you wish. Bring a lawn chair and a friend and enjoy an evening around the fire!

Trunk or Treat

Christ and Trinity will be hosting another year of Trunk or Treat in our parking lot on Saturday, October 31st from 5-7 pm. Thanks to a Thrivent action grant, we will have money to purchase some candy for the event. If members would like to donate additional candy, we will have a box in the fellowship hall.

Plan on joining in on the fun by parking in the church parking lot and handing out candy from your car trunk. Sign up in the fellowship hall.

News from the Church Council

The council met on Sept 20th. Discussion included preparations for the Nov. 14th Empty Bowls event. The Fall Fest is set for Oct. 10th, 5:00 pm at Church. A bid from Foundation Recovery systems was reviewed. The technician will attend the next council meeting to explain a proposal. Warranty covered work will be completed on Sept. 24th. Betty Barnes, Pr. Anne, and Andrea Eppenauer will meet to discuss policies and procedures for use of the Church bus.

Pet Blessing

The Pet Blessing will be on Saturday October 3rd at 11:30 am **AT the Sedalia Animal Shelter**. Pets must be on leashes or in carriers please. We will collect Purina kitten chow, bleach, newspapers and funds for the Sedalia Animal Shelter. All are welcome.

Announcements

- Pastor Anne is offering Facebook Live Prayer and Devotions Monday-Thursday at 8 am on her Facebook page.
- The church office is closed Monday, October 12th for Columbus Day.
- November newsletter items are due to the secretary by Monday, October 26th.
- All church committees need to submit budget requests for 2027. Please place in the secretary's mailbox by November 1st.
- Pastor Anne will be attending a Clergy Conference October 5-7.
- Beginning October 1st, the price for altar flowers will increase to \$25. This price includes two floral arrangements delivered for the altar on Sunday mornings.

From Pastor Anne, Continued

*How beautiful is he, how merry!
Full of power and strength.
All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Sister Earth, our Mother,
Who feeds us in her sovereignty and produces
Various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.
The Canticle of the Creatures (1225)*

Francis teaches us that humanity is connected deeply to the cosmos and that our connection is a profound way to encounter God. Caring for creation like Francis, then, is both a call for all humanity to be attentive to this connection and to be good stewards of all which so beautifully anchors our relationship with God. Blessing our dear pets and those at the shelter who are waiting for homes is a fitting way to acknowledge our blessed connection to God's creatures. Grace and Peace, *Pr. Anne*

Empty Bowls

We will host the 3rd Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser to benefit Open Door on Saturday, November 14th from 5-7pm in the fellowship hall.

Tickets are \$25/adult, and includes a handmade or unique bowl, soup or chili, homemade bread, dessert and drink. (Children's tickets are \$10 and do not include a bowl.) Linda Jo Huber will provide piano music. There will be door prize drawings throughout the evening and a silent auction.

Sign up in the fellowship hall to help with homemade soups, breads, and desserts. We also need volunteers to help serve at the event and a clean-up crew.

If you have questions, please talk to Beth Olson (666-270-7491) or Pr. Anne. Help us spread the word about this event. Tickets and flyers are available in the fellowship hall.

Voices of Prayer Event

Christians from all over Sedalia will gather to pray for our community at the first *Voices of Prayer* event. It is a part of the series of community fellowship events organized by the Psalm 133:1 Committee in support of One God. One Worship., a community-wide worship service set for 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, 2027, at the Mathewson Exhibition Center on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

Voices of Prayer will be held from 6:00-6:30 pm, Saturday, October 3rd at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1322 W. Broadway Blvd. Please join us as we prayer for our community, our congregations, and the world.

O how good and pleasant it is when kindred dwell together in unity Psalm 133.1.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Join us each Wednesday this fall beginning September 16th at 6:30 pm. You may join by using the following Zoom link or by calling the phone number and entering the meeting ID and passcode. All are welcome!

Note: We will not meet on October 7th.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5381659387?pwd=dIBWOTdGKzZFWkJER0xLbUxqem1aZz09>

Meeting ID: 538 165 9387, Passcode: 2101

Or, phone in by dialing 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 538 165 9387 Passcode: 2101

Though troubles assail us
And dangers affright,
Though all friends should fail us
And foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us,
Whatever betide,
The promise assures us,
"The Lord will provide."

John Newton, "The Lord Will Provide," 1779.



Set clocks back on October 31st

Prayer Requests

Karen Randall, Barb Freund, Floyd Hatfield, Mel Satnan, Luke Vogler, Becky, Martha, Roger, Tim, Ryan Peters, Betty, Lars and Kay, Connie Shoemaker, Lavern, Scott Arnold, Rick Morrison, Gerald Hunton, Carol Benner. Continue to pray for our home-bound members: Sandra Graf and Val Hoon. Let us also remember Mouniratou from Burkina Faso, and those who serve our country in the armed services, peace corps and missions.

Happy Birthday!

- 11 Warren Dey
- 14 Rusty Ream
- 15 Lauren Cox
- 16 Alicia Hartley
- 17 Cathy Hatfield
- 26 Jenni Ohare
- 27 Darren Levin
- 30 Paul Williams

Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Greg Willson & Julie Willadsen
- 20 Greg & Tricia Wehrman

A Single Thought

Although my memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior.

~John Newton

Readings for Sundays in October

October 4 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20
- Psalm 19
- Philippians 3: 4b-14
- Matthew 21: 33-46

October 11 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

- Exodus 32: 1-14
- Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23
- Philippians 4: 1-9
- Matthew 22: 1-14

October 18 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

- Exodus 33: 12-23
- Psalm 99
- 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
- Matthew 22: 15-22

October 25 – Reformation Sunday

- Jeremiah 31: 31-34
- Psalm 46
- Romans 3: 19-28
- John 8: 31-36

Praying Our Way Forward

As we discern together our best way forward as a congregation, I ask for all of us to be in prayer for God's hand in all that is before us and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *O God, you have drawn us together into this community of faithful disciples. Help us to keep following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever we are. We ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit and for the wisdom and strength to follow where the Spirit guides us. In Jesus' name. Amen!*