



Trinity
Lutheran Church
LCMS

AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER TIDINGS

Our Mission

“To share the good news
of Jesus Christ”



Our Vision STATEMENT

“To serve as God guides
us to bring people closer
to Jesus Christ through
worship, Bible
studies, prayer and
Fellowship”



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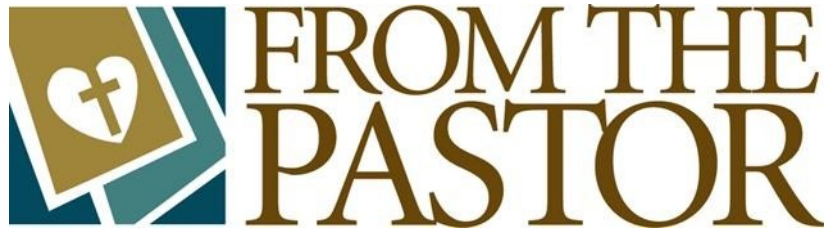
WORSHIP *with us*

**Sundays at
8:00 am & 10:30 am**



Sundays at 9:15 am





THE BODY MOVES FORWARD

The human body represents a myriad of miracles. I'm told that it consists of 206 bones, 639 muscles, 4 million pain sensors in the skin, 750 million air sacs in the lungs, 16 billion nerve cells – 36 trillion cells in all. The body is not a make-up of haphazard parts; it is put together in order to function. It is designed for living. We have eyes to see, ears to hear, hands to work, feet to walk.

It seems no coincidence, then, that the Bible regularly uses the image of a body to describe the church. To use but one reference, Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:27 - "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." God desires the church to be a strong, vibrant body, designed for living.

In one Peanuts cartoon, Linus is going through the routine with his hands folded and index fingers pointing upward, saying, "Here's the church and here's the steeple. Open the door," and flipping his hands open continues, "and see all the people." Lucy's typical caustic comment leaves him speechless, as she looks at his hands and says, "Sort of a small congregation." Although size is not what makes our bodies or our churches great, it can be an indicator of a church's vitality and life.

From a personal perspective (and one I feel other pastors would share) a full church stimulates enthusiasm in worship and service. It is much more uplifting to look over a sea of faces from the pulpit than a scattered few. A real concern during a vacancy or interim period is that church attendance may suffer and forward-moving plans for growth are put on hold until a new pastor comes. However, God still desires the body to move forward. It is designed for life.

The staff and leadership of Trinity have been determined not to merely tread water during this call process, but to swim forward with excited and deliberate planning for the future. The Lord calls each of us, as part of the body, to be present and accountable in the building of His kingdom. Its future does not depend on any one individual, but on the Spirit of our God. I believe in the future of this church. I believe great things can and will happen, and some of the best days are still ahead.

Peace,

Pastor Jack Mackowiak



"We live by faith, not by sight" 2 Corinthians 5:7

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Yes, the heat tells you that it is Summer in Florida. Despite the heat, we have been busy working:

- *We just held our mid-year congregational meeting.*
- *Pastor Jack Mackowiak continues to lead us in God's word and sacrament.*
- *The Call Committee has invited a Pastor Candidate to visit us on August 5th.*
- *Our Summer Family Gathering Luncheons after the 10am service on the last Sunday of each month during the summer have been well attended with lots of wonderful food and fellowship.*
- *We are blessed and happy to have a full Board of Directors with the addition of Wanda David and Sue Bailey.*
- *A Bible study on "Heaven" continues between services on Sunday.*

*I have been focusing on the concept of "CHANGE" in all my messages this year. CHANGE IS EVERYWHERE! The question is; How do we deal with it? The answer is to trust the Lord **completely** because he holds everything in his hand. Jesus has told us HE has conquered the world so DO NOT WORRY! Be at PEACE and be fill with JOY knowing that you are a child of God.*

HEAVEN awaits all who believe and live for Jesus Christ.

Continue to love your neighbor and pray for your elders, staff, pastor, board of directors, all who volunteer and our church as a whole, that we serve Jesus with JOY and FAITH.

Paul Stieber

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Board of Directors:

Paul Stieber—Chairman
Wayne Greenwell—Co-Chairman
Rusty Ryan—Treasurer
Joan Egeland—Secretary
Wanda David—Member at Large
Susan Dailey—Member at Large
Carl Kruger—Member at Large
Michael Vencion—Member at Large



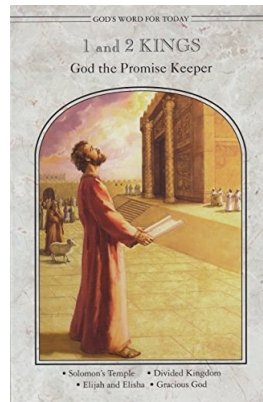
ALWAYS FAITHFUL BIBLE STUDY

The Always Faithful Bible Study small group will begin a new series of lessons from God's Word for Today. We meet on the first and third Tuesday morning from 10:00 am. to 11:30 am. in room 3. Our next study will begin on September 2, 2025. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me so that I can have materials prepared. There is no cost to you. Thank you, Jan Garner.

God's Word for Today: 1st & 2nd Kings

A wise and powerful king. A magnificent temple and palace. Moral weakness and spiritual corruption. The splitting of a dynasty. Weak and ineffective rulers. Attempts at reform. National ruin and regret. Foreign invasion. And then?

This story is not the creation of a brilliant writer of contemporary fiction, it is the true record of God's Old Testament people, a record inspired by the Holy Spirit. In 1 and 2 Kings you will learn:



- how the world can allure us away from heavenly blessings;
- how the world can allure us away from heavenly blessings;
- how God goes to great lengths to redeem His people;
- that in spite of their disobedience, God keeps His promises through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Schedule and Lesson Outline:

Sept. 2	Lesson 1 - Solomon, Israel's New King	Jan. 6	Lesson 6 - Elisha
Sept. 16	Lesson 2 - Solomon's Temple	Jan. 20	Lesson 7 - Reforms in Israel & Judah
Oct. 7	Lesson 3 - Solomon, a Faith Lost	Feb. 3	Lesson 8 - A Parade of Weak Kings
Oct. 21	Lesson 4 - The Divided Kingdom	Feb. 17	Lesson 9 - Israel Falls
Nov. 4	Lesson 5 - Ahab and Elijah	Mar. 3	Lesson 10 - God Rejects Judah



Trinity's Men's Ministry meetings resume Monday, September 1st at 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars

The Men's Ministry meets the first Monday of each month. Stop by for fellowship, Bible study and breakfast!!! We hope to see YOU there!



Trinity Couples "SIMPLE SUPPERS" is holding their re-organization meetings on September 14 & 21 before each service.

Please watch the bulletin for announcements in September about reorganizing.

Questions: you may contact Kay Jacobson or Paula Zumaris.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Knit together
IN LOVE.

COLOSSIANS 2:2, ESV



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group is happy to announce that after taking the summer off, they will resume their monthly meetings in September in the East Conference Room in the Fellowship Hall from 9am-11am. Dates of the meetings are September 25 & October 23, please put these dates into your calendars.

You are welcome to put your completed shawls into the designated tub on the floor of the closet, and take any more yarn any time the office is open

Monday through Thursdays 9am—3pm.

Join this group of friends for fun and fellowship at the Oakwood Restaurant at 10:50am on the last Saturday of each month!

Friendship



See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Reach out to Joan Herro if you have questions.

LUNCHEON *The next luncheons dates are as follows:*

August 23, September 27 & October 25

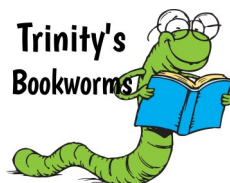
**Trinity
Singles**

Trinity Singles meet on the 3rd Friday of every month @ 5:00pm at various local restaurants.

Look for details in weekly Announcements!

Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex.

We have a great time...Come join us!



**AUTUMN BRINGS
COLOR—FUL
LEAVES BOOKS**

The Bookworms try to read a variety of different genres. Anyone (member or friend of Trinity) is invited to read and discuss one or all with us. We discuss the books on the first Wed. of the month at 1:30pm in Classroom One. You are asked to find a copy of each book on your own, however we often pass around copies we find. It is often said that we might not pick up a particular book on our own but are really glad we did! Our next set of books covers many eras, countries and topics. Questions? Call Carol Keenan.

AUGUST 6: "Things We Cannot Say" by Kelly Rimmer A romantic novel that takes place in Poland during the Nazi Invasion of WWII. I added it to my top 10 list!

SEPT. 3: "Safely Home" by Christian author Randy Alcorn. We enjoyed his trilogy several years ago. If you did the Revelation study in BSF, this book is a MUST for you. It includes many references to the Bible as it shows the persecution in China and how this travesty influences the life-choices of two Harvard room-mates. Although written in 2001, it is so appropriate for today and one our Government should read!

OCT. 1: "The Lost Child" by Kathleen McGurl." Going back and forth between 1912 and 2022 we join an archivist who is trying to help survivors of the *Titanic* solve century-old mysteries of lost family members through an old notebook. Although a flashback type novel, it is fascinating and easy to follow. This is a recently-published book so begin NOW to put it on hold.



COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE

Established in 2003, the Community of Gratitude, Inc. located behind the Ocklawaha United Methodist Church at 13335 Volkmann Avenue, Ocklawaha, provided food to 12 households in the first month. Currently they serve nearly 900 households and 2,850 individuals in the following zip codes: Ocklawaha 32183, 32179; Weirsdale, 32195; East Lake Weir 32133; The Forest/Silver Springs 34488 and Umatilla 32784.

When the neighbors, previously referred to as clients, approach the facilities, they are met by a trained volunteer, who will complete an intake interview to verify their eligibility. The immediate need is apparent as more families, and members of registered families, are using the food bank for food assistance.

The facility currently has approximately 25 volunteers. The volunteers organize and stock items, place food items into grocery boxes, deliver boxes to the vehicles, enter information into the database, and other administrative duties. A recent visit with the Director of the Community Gratitude explained that there is plenty of opportunity for volunteers to work in various capacities.

Trinity Lutheran's congregation provides volunteers who deliver our donations. The donations are delivered on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Thursdays-1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, and Saturdays-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The sign up list is located in the Narthex, **HOWEVER**, we are blessed in that we have volunteers who have volunteered for each month in 2025. Please watch for the 2026 volunteer list, which will be made available in the coming months.

Ms. Sharon Brewer, Executive Director for the Community of Gratitude's Food Bank, wants everyone to know how much she, the volunteers, and of course, the "neighbors" appreciate the support and donations that have been received from Trinity Lutheran Church.

Director Brewer is looking forward to a long and productive relationship with our congregation.

Community of Gratitude is happy to inform us that the Del Webb Spruce Creek Golf and Country Club Residents is collecting donations for them! They are delighted to add this Del Webb community to the "Community of Gratitude" family!!!

Del Webb residents: There is a container located in the foyer of the DW Horizon Center where you may place items for the Community of Gratitude. It will be picked up by a Del Webb Community of Gratitude volunteer and transported to the facility. If you are a resident of

Del Webb, please check directly with resident-Jim Steinmark at 352-299-0606 for information.

For all other information you may contact Jim or Director Sharon Brewer at her office number 352-288-3499 or at her cell number 586-876-5350.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). All women of Trinity Lutheran Church are members and are encouraged to serve others through mission, education, inspiration, and service. We invite you to attend our meetings and learn what we are all about as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Psalm 100:2 our motto.

The LWML board is busy planning the activities for our fall season. Please watch the bulletin for more information. Our fall flyer will also be released soon and will have more complete information. We are looking forward to an exciting fall lineup of events!

Our meeting schedule for the fall is as follows:

Tuesday, September 23 at 6:00pm—Soup Supper

Tuesday, October 28 at 1:00pm

Tuesday, November 18 at 12:00pm

Saturday, December 6 - this is our Red Boot Tea (time to be determined)

As always, if you have any questions or new ideas, please see one of the board members. Our board includes: Ada Jarmosevich, President; Arlene Stackhouse, Secretary; Barbara Fuehrmeyer, Treasurer; Sharon Peters, Patti Paxton, Pamela Bremer, Sharon Ahrens, Edna Moore, Jan Garner, Sharon Pruszynski, Joyce Lindstrom, and Mary Ellen Taylor.

LWML Mite Box Collection

1st Sunday of each month!



If a contribution cannot be made at the beginning of the month, it can be made at any time. The Mite Box is always available in the Narthex.



The *Christian Cancer Care Blessings (CCCB)* project is a ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) of Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) striving to make living with cancer more comfortable through God's love and blessings.

CHRISTIAN CANCER CARE BLESSINGS (CCCB)

A cancer care bag, also known as a chemo care package, can provide comfort, entertainment, and practical items for someone undergoing cancer treatment. Key items to include are those that address common side effects like nausea, dry mouth, and fatigue, as well as those that offer comfort and a sense of normalcy during a challenging time.

Here's a breakdown of ideas for a cancer care bag:

Comfort and Relaxation:

- ♦ Blanket or throw: Soft and cozy, ideal for staying warm during treatment or at home.
- ♦ Neck pillow: Helps with comfort during long treatment sessions or while resting.
- ♦ Eye mask and earplugs: Useful for blocking out light and noise during naps or treatment.
- ♦ Warm hat or scarf: Helps with temperature regulation, especially if experiencing chills.
- ♦ Socks: Soft, non-skid, comfortable socks to keep feet warm and cozy.

Entertainment and Distraction:

- ♦ Books, magazines, or puzzles: Provides a way to pass the time during treatment or while recovering at home.
- ♦ Journal and pens: Encourages reflection and provides a place to record thoughts and feelings.
- ♦ Adult coloring books and colored pencils: A relaxing and mindful activity.
- ♦ Hard candies or lozenges: Soothes dry mouth and provides a pleasant taste.
- ♦ Lotion and lip balm: Helpful for dry skin and chapped lips.
- ♦ Hand sanitizer: Important for maintaining hygiene during treatment.

Cancer Care bags are available at the Welcome Desk, Coffee Bar, Fellowship Hall and church office upon request and free of charge.

Cancer Care bags can be mailed as well. Contact Jan Garner for more information.



Soon our days will be getting cooler and thoughts will begin turning to Christmas! As we draw near to that time, let's remember the joy of sharing with children far away the blessings of a life with Jesus Christ! Yes, it's time to think Operation Christmas Child and our shoebox ministry!

Every shoebox should include school supplies (spiral notebook, pencils, pens, markers or crayons, erasers, pencil sharpeners, scissors and string backpacks).
Now is a great time to take advantage of back-to-school sales!

Hygiene items: toothbrushes, washcloths, combs and hair brushes.
NO Soap, Toothpaste or Shampoo.

Make your box "FUN": card games (UNO, Crazy 8's), tic-tac toe, checkers, etc.

Boys (and girls too) love cars, flashlights, jump ropes, soccer balls, stuffed animals

And....oh the smiles a new doll can bring to a little girl, while craft items such as pony beads and embroidery or elastic thread are joys to older girls.

Even clothing items bring smiles (t-shirts, sweatpants, underwear, socks)

And don't forget to add a note of peace & joy for the child.

Mark your calendars.....Trinity Church is once again pledging to bring more shoeboxes to more children. Each box is a symbol of God's love, hope and joy. Each box provides the opportunity for a child to learn about the Gospel, to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to dedicate a life to sharing the Gospel to others. *We will officially kick off Operation Christmas Child Shoebox season on September 21.*

Keep an eye open to weekly announcements for more information! And remember, the best part: the joy of bringing smiles to children as they learn the Gospel. For more information:

Contact Marilyn DeTizio.

Declare His glory among the nations!

Psalm 96:3



OUT OF TOWN? NOT COMFORTABLE SHOPPING?

You too can participate in Operation Christmas Child with “ADOPT-A-BOX”

(suggested donation: \$25)

We will fill the box for you and send it on its way with others from our Church. The donation will cover the cost of items selected for your box and the donation for shipping and materials.

Please complete the form below and enclose with your payment.

All requests need to be received by November 2. Thank you!

Contact Marilyn DeTizio for more information.

ORDER FORM

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – ADOPT-A-BOX

Name: _____ Phone: _____

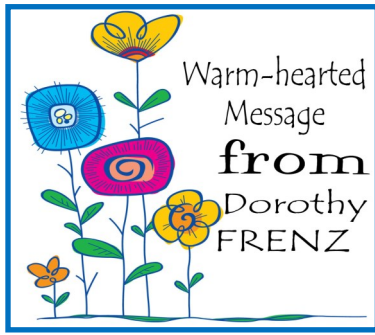
Email: _____

No. boxes: _____ x \$25.00 = _____

(checks payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church)

Requests for “Adopt-a-Box” must be received by November 2.

Thank you for blessing a child with God’s love!



Dear Altar Guild members and Elders:

After 30 wonderful years—20 of them here at Trinity as Chairperson of the Altar Guild, the time has come for me to step down from this role.

Effective September 1st, Candy Holtman will graciously take over the responsibilities. I have full confidence in her and know she will serve with the same dedication and heart that has always been shown. It has truly been a blessing to work alongside each of you. Your support, friendship, and faith have enriched my life in ways I will always treasure.

While I will miss being involved in the day-to-day work of the guild, health concerns are making it necessary for me to step back. God willing, I do hope to still be around especially if my eyesight continues to allow me to drive!

*Thank you again for everything.
Blessings and love to you all.*

*In HIS service,
Dorothy Frenz*

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - "Sacrificial Giving Brings Freedom"



Strange as it seems, money and possessions, which should be among the blessings of life, have tied more people in knots, caused more ulcers, and sent more people scurrying to the psychiatrist than we'll ever know.

This is largely because those who live by the rule of the pocketbook, or checkbook, find it easy to act as if God did not exist. They try to solve all their problems by the use of their material possessions. Not having enough money to meet their needs, they become tense and anxious, and wind up tied and bound by their lack of faith. If they look to God at all, they see him through the wrong end of the telescope.

Giving a meaningful percentage of one's income to his or her church is not a cure-all. It isn't intended as such, but it is a step in the right direction. Why? Because it helps a person to develop a right perspective. It ultimately frees him or her from the shackles of faithless fear.

Sacrificial giving is an acknowledgement that God is alive and at the very center of our lives. It helps us recognize that all our money, ability, our very lives, belong to God. These things are trusts from God, to be used as He would have them used. This is bound to result in an incredible freedom that can never come to the people who think they must do everything for themselves.

Since the wrong attitude toward money and possessions can so quickly lock our spirits in a prison of our own making, a right attitude can free us just as quickly. Of course, no one can talk you into a right attitude. It will only come through worship, prayer, and one particular, specific act that will help you prove to yourself that you really believe God is at the center of your life.



JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Gather, dear hearts, in joyful praise,
To lift our voices, our souls to raise.
In harmony sweet, with purpose divine,
Join the Music Ministry, let our spirits shine.

Join The Trinity Choir, come one and all,
Together in faith, we answer His Call.
With melody pure, our hearts align,
In the Music Ministry, our love will shine.

With instruments bright and hymns of old,
In every note, His story is told.
Let every heart beat in time with His grace,
As we share the message of His boundless embrace.

Through trials and joys, in shadows and light,
We sing of His goodness, our guiding light.
Inviting the weary to join in the song,
In fellowship strong, a place to belong.

So lift up your voice, let the praises resound,
In this sacred space, His grace will abound.
With hearts of joy, let us boldly proclaim,
Join the Music Ministry, in His holy name.

Ring, O bells, with joyous grace,
Echo love in every place;
Heaven's chorus, bright and true,
Calling all to worship You.

On Sunday morning, as we rise,
Lift our hearts above the skies;
With each chime, the heavens sing,
Peace and hope, the bells will ring.

Oh, let the drums of joy beat strong,
In holy harmony, we belong;
With every strike, our spirits beat,
To lift our hearts, the sound complete.

As one we stand, no soul apart,
With every beat, we share our heart;
In rhythm found, our praises soar,
Devoted drummers, evermore.

So join the circle, hand in hand,
Together we shall take a stand;
For in this place of love and grace,
The Devotional Drum Ensemble finds its place.



HURRY! WE SAVED YOU A SEAT!

The Music Ministry is looking for new members. Whether you would like to sing in the choir, ring in the hand bells, drum in the drum ensemble, or all three. We have just the right opening for you. You do not need prior experience or need to know how to read music. We will teach/show you what to do. There are many ways to share the gifts that God gave you and one is by making a commitment to the Music Ministry at your church.

Our choir rehearsals will begin on August 20th at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will have a brief Welcome Back/Organizational meeting with refreshments followed by a brief rehearsal to prepare music for Sept. 7th. We will rehearse again on Wednesdays, August 27th and September 3rd. The choir will sing at both services on September 7, 2025.

The Sisters in Christ Quartet will begin rehearsals on August 27th at the new time of 12:00-1:15.

The Bells of Trinity will begin rehearsals on August 27th from 1:30-2:30.

The Devotional Drum Ensemble will begin rehearsals on August 27th at the new time of 2:45-3:30.

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful and rewarding ministry, please contact me (call or text) at 352-598-2048.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you.
Jan Garner, Music Director



The Music Ministry

Fall Schedule

WEDNESDAY REHEARSAL GROUPS & TIMES

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

12:00 – 1:15 Sisters in Christ

1:30 – 2:30 The Trinity Bells

2:45 – 3:30 The Devotional Drum Ensemble

4:00 – 5:15 The Trinity Choir

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

4:00 – 5:30 Cantata Rehearsal

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Cantata Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Cantata Program w/Dinner





Trinity's Hospitality Ministry has been cheerfully hosting "Summer Family Gatherings". The purpose of these gatherings is to bring the Trinity family together to celebrate our blessings, with food and fun!

The first three events have been a blast!

Don't miss the two remaining gatherings on Sunday, August 24 and the final one September 28. On these dates we will have only ONE SERVICE at 10:00am with the Gathering afterwards.

We need each other as we live out our lives as a church and our belief in Jesus Christ as our Savior.

Please plan on attending and enjoying the two remaining Summer Family Gatherings!!!

No need to sign up -- Just show up!!!



You are invited to check out the assortment of reading material in our church library.

The following categories and more are available for you to borrow:

Christian living, inspirational, fiction, global missions and more!!



SADDLEBROOK RECREATION CENTER

Saturday, September 20, 2025

11:30am—2:30pm

Groups 1, 2 & 3

Sign up in the Narthex or email villagenotary@aol.com



Trinity's prayer groups are busy praying for our church families and friends. This page is dedicated to those who wish to send a thank-you to everyone who takes the time to pray for them! This is a new addition to our Tidings beginning with this issue. Please continue to send your appreciation message and they will be printed in the next Tidings!!

Brigitte and I would like to thank the congregation for all your cards, letters, phone calls and above all, the prayers after Brigitte's heart attack in Cleveland.

Your love and concern was greatly appreciated.

Vic and Brigitte Stevens



Trinity Family:

I and the family wish to thank each of you for all the thoughts, well wishes and most especially the prayers. You all helped immensely during an incredibly difficult time, while our father, Stanley, was on his long journey back to his heavenly home.

Thank you.

Your Sister in Christ,

*Your Sister in Christ,
Carol Confer & family*

*To my Trinity Family and Friends...
I sincerely thank all of you who called me, sent cards, visited me and prayed for me after my foot surgery. You all are such a Blessing to me and Trinity.
My love to all, Kitty Evans.*

Thank You to my Trinity family for all the prayers, love and support shown since Dan passed away. The many cards, calls, memorial gifts and acts of kindness have meant more than you could know. A special thank you to my Secret Prayer Pal, God's love shines in you.

God Bless you all.

Joyce Lindstrom

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART