

Trinity Tidings

A monthly newsletter for family and friends of historic Trinity Lutheran Church-Prairie, Illinois

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Pastor's Message:

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.” (Hebrews 1:1-2)

How does one hear the voice of God? How does one come to know the will of God? Where can one go to meet God and learn from Him? The world has all sorts of beliefs and opinions as to how this may be done, some seeking signs and wonders in nature, some trusting in science and technology to show us the way, some insisting that looking inward to thoughts and feelings is the only way.

“He has spoken to us by His Son.” The simple, yet profound, truth is that God has chosen to reveal Himself to the world through Jesus. God does not want His message to His people to be perpetually shrouded in uncertainty and confusion, so He personally has entered into His creation and spoken clearly to the world through His Son, Jesus.

This is the reason why Christmas and Epiphany are of such great importance to the life of the Church. In the person and work of Jesus, we hear the voice of God and come to know the will of God for us and for the world: His atoning death and resurrection, repentance and the forgiveness of sins, eternal life and salvation given by God as a gift to His people.

Whenever the Church gathers for worship, it is to learn of the words and

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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 2, 2025

Present: Pastor Hojnacki, Ken Fehr, Mark Liefer, Kathy Nagel, Dean Schoenbeck, Roger Liefer, Cliff Harms, Michael Koester, Danny Salger, and Lori Woods.

Opening: Chairman Ken Fehr called the meeting to order. Pastor led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were sent out to the board. With no changes or corrections, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dean reported that \$54,355 was collected for the Thanksgiving debt reduction. This was a good amount, but it did not cover our current debt of almost \$64,000. With additional expenses in November, we will only be able to pay off \$40,000 of the loan from Dieterich Bank. The carry out chicken soup netted \$3,805. We have exceeded our Mission Budget of \$15,000 by \$3,600. A motion was made, seconded and moved to accept the treasurer's report. Dean commented that most years our thanksgiving debt offering exceeds our debt, but this year it did not. Mark commented that this is a concern for the future of our school, with constant rising prices, and to keep good teachers, we need to have a plan. He just sent a letter to the church's that are in the COSLHS Association, asking that since COSLHS has closed, if they would consider supporting our mission here at Trinity School. Our school is important to our church families, but it's especially important to those unchurched families who are sending their children here, that we spread the love and grace of Christ to those children and their families. We have a mission right here. As discussed at the last meeting, a ballot vote will be presented at the annual voters meeting on whether we want to again set the mission budget at \$15,000. But this year, we propose that \$10,000 will again be designated for the SID and the other \$5,000 to pay for teachers' salaries here at Trinity.

Pastors Report: Pastor reported that attendance was varied, All Saints Day there were 178, and Thanksgiving Day there were 149 in attendance. The other weekends averaged about 120. In official acts, there was one baptism, Eleanor Zipfel, daughter of Lydia Mehring and Jason Zipfel on November 15. And one funeral, Rollie Dannenberg on November 23. The annual meeting is upcoming on Sunday, January 18. The following positions will need to be voted on, secretary, treasurer, trustees, elders, finance committee, and school board. If anyone would be willing to serve, please contact Ken Fehr.

Principal Report: Robin was unable to attend, but Pastor gave her report. Jeff Ficks, Southern Illinois District School Executive, visited our school and was impressed with our teachers and students. Police training for staff took place on Tuesday, Nov. 18. They discussed different lock -down procedures. Both girls and boys' basketball parent nights were held recently. The school board and staff will have a Christmas party on Dec. 19th. The School Board presented a check for \$5,000 for the debt reduction, which came out of the school activity fund (This was not included in the debt reduction number above). In addition, for all school fundraisers, the school donates back to the church at least 10%.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

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Council:

Elders Report: Nothing to report

All church groups should get their financial reports to Mark Liefer, as soon as possible, to have available for the voters meeting. Pastor is continuing to keep up the church membership lists, and we currently have 186 voting members.

Respectfully submitted.
Kathy Nagel, Secretary

Message:

deeds of Jesus that we might come to know and receive these great gifts. Like Mary of Bethany (Luke 10:39), we desire to sit at the feet of Jesus to be instructed by Him. By coming into the house of God and attending to the words of Jesus in the proclamation of His Word, God grants us this great gift each week.

Anna (Widows') Group

The Anna (Widows') Group meets on the third Thursday of most months. Our times vary, but we always have food or snacks and time for socialization and devotion.



The group is continuing its use of "Life After....Devotions for Widows," before we move on to our next book "Life Continues On...Devotions for Widows." Written by widows for widows, these devotion books include personal reflections, Scripture passages, and practical insights.

There are plenty of devotional books left for anyone who would like to join our group. All widows are welcome to join us. If you would like to be added to our contact list, please let Janice Cowell (618-340-1394) or Cheryl Sauerhage (217-313-6397) know so we can inform you of the time and place for our next meeting.

In the heav'ly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its
crown,
Thou its sun which goes not
down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

LSB Hymn 397 v. 5



January Birthdays*

January 1
Kenneth Schoenbeck

January 3
Adam Buch
Debra Stamm

January 5
Keith Burmester

January 6
Brittany Blow

January 7
Greg Hahn
Chloe Matzenbacher

January 8
Carol Crabill
David DesRoches
Tim Luebkemann
Robert Schoenbeck
Joe Seiber

January 9
Michael Liefer

January 10
Mary Miller
Ava Seiber

January 15
Heather Hojnacki
Conner Piel
Hannah Piel

January 16
Amber Harbaugh
Garrett Salger
Hayden Stellhorn
Peyton Turnure

January 17
Neal Rohlfing

January 18
Brian Mehring
Connie Piel

January 20
Joe Frederick
Lynne Koerber
Allyson Rohlfing
Savannah Salger

January 21
Miles Murphy
Chelsea Salger

January 22
Gregory Stellhorn

January 23
Gabriel DuFrenne
Tammy Kloepper

January 25
Jason Buch
Allison Hanna
Willow Heck
Kevin Lucht

January 26
Lisa Luebkemann
Ralph Nagel

January 28
Dennis Stamm

January 29
Dwayne Brewer
Clara Falkenheim
Hope Guebert
Mary Mehring

January Anniversary*

January 25
Jerry & Denise Schoenbeck



*If there are any edits, corrections, deletions, or additions to these lists, please notify Pastor Hojnacki so the church's membership computer program can be updated. Thank you!



Trinity Lutheran School

Dr. Robin Booth, Principal

Mission Statement:

To aid parents and the church by providing Christian education to nurture children in mind, body, and spirit.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- ⇒ January 6, 2026: School resumes
- ⇒ January 12-16: Map Testing
- ⇒ January 19: No school—MLK Jr. Day
- ⇒ January 26-30: National Lutheran School Week
- ⇒ January 30: Grandparents Day
- ⇒ January 30: Early Dismissal at 11:20 a.m.

Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

*God Sent His Son
Christmas Eve Children's Program
December 25, 2025*



Hymns

Recitations

Benediction

*...and give
you peace.*

Amen

*Micah 5:2
Luke 1:30-32
Luke 2:1-5
Luke 2:6-7
Luke 2:8-14
Luke 2:15-20
John 3:16*

Trinity Lutheran School Board meeting Nov 24th, 2025

Present: Jonathan Mehring, Cheri Lange, Charlotte Schnepel, Cheri Lange, Pastor Hojnacki, Julie Fehr

Pastor led an opening devotion

The minutes from Oct were approved as presented

No Sunday school report

Finance report was approved for September and October

Administrator's report: The Fall Festival was a big success, as was the Rummage sale. Girls basketball 8th grade night here at Trinity was well attended. Emily Mehring was our 8th grader who was recognized.

Old Business

Principal evaluations: We are waiting on a few staff reports to be submitted, and this will be discussed in January.

School Christmas program: Sunday, December 14th at 6 pm. BOE will have lemonade and the Trinity families are asked to bring desserts.

Church decorating will be this Saturday, Nov 29th at 8 am

Daryl and Tammy Salger have agreed to host the Trivia night here at Trinity, February 6th at 7 pm

The BOCE Christmas party is Friday, Dec 19th at 6 pm at the Pour Vineyard

The comments have been positive about the new banners and yard signs for Trinity athletes/students.

New Business

The church has asked if Trinity school would be willing to donate towards the 2025 debt.

Motions were made and approved to make a \$5000 donation to the church.

We have 2 BOCE members whose term is expiring and we have 3 new candidates to be put on the ballot for the January election.

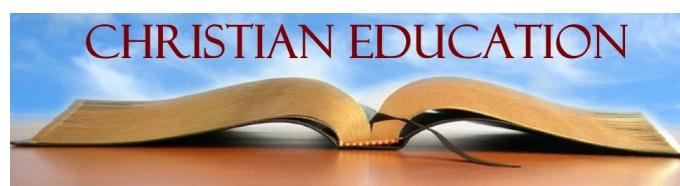
Looking ahead to the January meeting, we will set a date for the Kindergarten round up/Open house.

Girls A team Basketball will have a tournament Dec 5 & 6th here at Trinity. The Boys basketball OVC tournament will be here Jan 12, 13, & 15, with 2-3 games per night. Help will be needed for both tournaments.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Next BOCE meeting will be January 27th, 2026 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Fehr Secretary





Remembering this Christmas - 2025

In memory of Robert Rohlfing...Given by Jane Rohlfing

In memory of Clarence & Irene Piel, Oliver, Dorothy & Dale Kruse...
Given by Dale & Faye Piel

In memory of Harlin, Troy, and Jeff Guebert...
Given by Shirley Guebert, Tony & Lara Vause & family

In memory of A.J. Guebert...Given by the Sue Guebert family

In memory of Bob Rohlfing, Marlin Hitzemann, & Larry Luebkemann...
Given by Dale & Faye Piel

In memory of Erwin & Lois Nagel and Raymond & Florence Luebkemann ...
Given by Margaret Luebkemann

In memory of Marvin & Pearl Everding, Harlan Burmester, grandparents, aunts & uncles...
Given by Dale & Faye Piel

In memory of Ryan Rahming, Rosilta, Ernest, Ray, and Linda Nagel...
Given by Margaret Luebkemann

In memory of Virgil & Rosella Sedlacek, Alfred & Elda Guebert, Michael Guebert...
Given by the Sue Guebert family

In memory of Larry Luebkemann...Given by Margaret Luebkemann

In memory of Tom Herzog...Given by Mary Hamilton, Donny & Katelynn

In memory of the first Christmas...Given by Rich & Barb Mehring

In memory of Floyd & Helen Stellhorn...Given by Marlin Stamm

In memory of Oscar & Irene Stamm...Given by Marlin Stamm

In memory of Gilb and Leona Buch & Mayme Busche...Given by Sue Guebert

In honor of all the Blessings given to our family. Thank you, Jesus,...
Given by Marlin and Jeanne Stamm

In honor of my children and grandchildren...Given by Jane Rohlfing

In honor of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren...
Given by Margaret Lubkemann

In honor of my children, the support and prayers of family and friends, & the many blessings always given to us from our Lord and Savior...Given by Sue Guebert

In honor of Our Savior - Jesus...Given by Rich & Barb Mehring

If by chance we missed your sentiments, please contact Janice, or Sue to make sure they are honored and remembered. We will make sure they get into the next bulletin/newsletter.



How blessed and thankful we are for all the gifts and generous contributions this Christmas season! We sincerely hope you are pleased with how the church is decorated for Christmas and throughout the year. Please let us know, we welcome feedback.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.

~Trinity Flower Committee~

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.
Thessalonians 1:2

I would personally like to thank the flower committee: Janice, Lois, Catherine, & Beverly for their COUNTLESS hours of help in making our church look beautiful each year!!!

Thankful, Grateful, and Blessed beyond measure.... Sue Guebert



We would like to thank the people of Trinity Church and School for your kindness and generosity toward us once again this Christmas season. Your generous gifts of prayers, support, well wishes, food and goodies, and monetary contributions are all greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless our life together in Christ throughout the Year of Our Lord 2026.

--Pastor and Heather

I want to thank all the Trinity carolers and school children that came to Garden Place at Red Bud with cards and gifts.
LeRoy Stamm

Memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church were received in memory of Roland Dannenberg and Darlene Poenitske.
Thank you!

Donations were received in memory of Darlene Pour— to Trinity Lutheran Church (with some of the funds designated for painting the entry doors).
Thank you!

A donation was made to the Cemetery Fund by Shirley Guebert in memory of Harlan Guebert.
Thank you!

2025 Christmas Angel Tree

In memory of Jeff & Troy Guebert, Matt Dannenberg...Given by Kristy & Jason Piel
In memory of Harlan Burmester, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Piel, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Burmester, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Burmester, Mr. & Mrs. Ludwig Piel...Given by Dorothy Burmester
In memory of Glennon & Elaine Goetting...Given by Dwayne & Brenda Brewer
In memory of James & Mildred Crabill, Erwin & Irene Buch...Given by Don & Carol Crabill
In memory of Richard & Connie Buch and Donny Buch, Jim, John, Kenneth & Dean Crabill, Donna Jean Smith and Joan Mathers...Given by Don & Carol Crabill
In memory of Allen Schnepel...Given by Cindy Schnepel
In memory of Paul & Leona Salger, Wilbert & Mildred Fehr...Given by Ron & Betty Fehr
In memory of our family & friends spending Christmas in heaven...Given by Gene & Margie Buch
In memory of Alfred, Ruby, Kevin & Amy Stellhorn...Given by Guy & Kathy Nagel
In memory of Darlene Poenitske...Given by Ken & Julie Fehr
In memory of Vernon & Jane Lucht...Given by The Orville Heller Family
In memory of Jo Ross...Given by Orville Heller Family
In memory of Ruth, Karen, Katherine and Daniel Nagel...Given by Kenneth Nagel
In memory of Alfred & Ruby Stellhorn, Ralph & Rosanna Ruhmann...Given by Wayne & Sandra Ruhmann
In memory of Gary Nurnberger, Oliver & Olga Stellhorn...Given by Luann Nurnberger
In memory of Richard Everding...Given by Marie Everding & family
In memory of Bruce Thies...Given by Rosalyn Thies
In memory of Fred O. & Anita Salger, Harold & Lillian Thies...Given by Rosalyn Thies
In memory of Robert Rohlwing...Given by Jane Rohlwing
In memory of John DesRoches, Arlin & Selma Stellhorn...Given by Edna DesRoches
In memory of Oscar & Irene Stamm...Given by Dennis & Deb Stamm
In memory of our loved ones gone to be with our Savior, Jesus Christ...Given by Susie Dannenberg & family
In memory of Arlin & Selma Stellhorn, Vernon & Dorothy Schnepel, Allen Schnepel, Rollie Dannenberg & Mason Kinney...Given by Marvin & Jeanie Stellhorn
In memory of Melvin Juelfs, Arlin & Selma Stellhorn, Louis & Olga Juelfs...Given by Ruth Ann Juelfs
In memory of Marvin, Ruth, Brad, Ronald, Geri & Matt...Given by The Rohlwing family
In memory of Tom Herzog...Given by Mary, Donny & Katelyn Hamilton

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In honor of the students of Trinity Lutheran School...Given by Andrea Sattler
In honor of my children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren...Given by Dorothy Burmester
In honor of my children & grandchildren...Given by Cindy Schnepel
In honor of our children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren...Given by Ron & Betty Fehr
In honor of Jason, Kristy, Jared, Melissa & Ada...Given by Dale & Faye Piel
In honor of our family & friends spending Christmas here with us...Given by Gene & Margie Buch
In honor of Robert & Kathy Nagel, Laura & Jeff Heinrich...Given by Kenneth Nagel
In honor of my granddaughter Aria Davis...Given by Luann Nurnberger
In honor of my children & grandchildren...Given by Jane Rohlwing
In honor of my sons and their families...Given by Edna DesRoches
In honor of our children & grandchildren...Given by Dennis & Deb Stamm
In honor of my children and their families...Given by Ruth Ann Juelfs





Thank you to all the carolers! We appreciate you taking time to spread Christmas joy to the assisted living facilities of our church members.

Thank you and Merry Christmas





Northern Lights—Trinity Lutheran Church, Prairie
Thank you, Kathy Nagel

Church Remodeling

A group has been meeting on a monthly basis to prepare for the upcoming church remodeling project. This project may begin this year (2026) during the summer. Plans are being made to present the group's ideas to the congregation during the annual meeting on January 18, 2026.

There are no future group meetings scheduled at this time. Future meetings will depend on the outcome of ideas during the annual meeting.
POC: Tim Luebkemann

Chair Cart Available

One old chair cart remains. If you (or anyone you know) is interested in it, please contact Mark Liefer (618-967-8773). It is donation only...price is not set.

If there is no interest this month (January, 2026), it will be posted on a local buying site (such as MarketPlace).



Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit items for the **February 2026** issue of Trinity Tidings by January 22...articles, information, recognitions, pictures, etc.
I try to reply to all messages, voicemails, and texts to confirm receipt.
If you do not receive a reply from me within a day or two,
please contact me again.

Note: Items submitted after the deadline date may not be included in the issue.

Thank you!

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Hard copies accepted.

Altar Guild Schedule

January 1: Cathy & Michelle
January 4: Lois & Grace
January 10: Sheryl & Faye
January 11: Amy & Nicole

Acolyte Schedule

January 4: Not available
January 11: at time of printing.
January 18: Not available
January 25: Not available

Usher Schedule (for the week of...)

January 4: Michael Koester
January 11: Daryl Whelan
January 18: Dean Schoenbeck
January 25: Roger Liefer

February 1: Doug Stamm
February 8: Tim Luebkemann
February 15: Youth Group
February 22: Jeff Mehring



Christmas Season 2025 at Trinity Lutheran Church
Photo credit: Kathy Nagel



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**

“O Holy Night”
Duet:
Deaconess
Elizabeth Koester &
Mary Mehring.
Sarah Koester,
pianist



Christmas Morning Divine Service

Handbells: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
(right)

Family Choir: “Bethlehem Morning”
(below)



Psalm 98:4
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the
earth;
Break forth into joyous song and sing
praises!

*Thank you for your beautiful songs &
praises!*

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
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GENERAL FUND

Balance November 1	8,221.39
INCOME:	
General Fund Envelopes	27,206.00
General Fund Plate Offering	1,147.25
Mission Envelopes	2,550.00
Missions - Plate	251.25
Donation	5,450.00
Thanksgiving Debt Reduction	54,355.00
Fidelity, Pershing, Ed Jones, Schwab	1,000.00
Chicken Soup	3,805.00
Tuition	5,134.00
Trinity Activity	1,510.00
Thrivent Grant	629.00
Memorials	70.00
Rent	350.00
Health Equity Credit	349.86
Total Income	103,807.36
EXPENSES:	
Assessment-COSLHS	416.66
Federal Withholding & SS	6,045.01
IL Dept of Revenue	1,512.73
Monthly benefits/life,disab/retire	8,609.21
Illinois Secure Choice	172.96
Health Equity Fee	13.20
Brotherhood Mutual (church and school insurance monyhly premium)	1,433.59
<i>Employee self retirement savings</i>	127.15
Salaries	27,315.30
Supplies	184.13
Concordia Publishing House (LW, Wafers, Candle fuel)	170.10
Dieterich ACH Fee (payroll)	9.90
Osborne Office Eq. (copier lease)	404.74
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - Church	303.59
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - Parsonage	225.05
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - School	876.56
Dieterich Bank LOC payment	500.00
Cotton's Inc (Ice melt)	67.96
Prime Cutting LLC (grass mowing)	610.00
AW SVCS (water testing service)	100.00
Teklab Inc. (water testing)	388.25
Reliable Sanitation	300.90
Hart and Associates (payroll service, Jan. thru Oct.)	1,560.00
So IL Radio -WHCO	120.00
Culligan Water (water treatment)	24.00
Wicks Organ	699.00
Total Expenses	52,189.99
 Balance Novemeber 30	 59,838.76
Dieterich Line of Credit	48,835.58
Liefer Line of Credit Balance	15,061.30
Total Loans	63,896.88

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BUILDING FUND

Balance November 1	3,505.40
INCOME:	
Donation Remodel Fund	25.00
Donation Building Fund	50.00
Interest	2.67
Total Income	77.67
EXPENSES:	
Total Expenses	0.00
Balance November 30	3,583.07
Allocated Funds:	
School Memorials	914.86
Cemetery Fund	983.95
Church Remodel	175.97
CD#3=14112.86 CD#4=217296.94 CD#5=15000.00 CD#6=5900.00	
Total Allocated Funds without CD's	2,074.78
Total Allocated Funds in CD's 4 CD's Church Remodel	252,309.80
Non Allocated Funds: (Building Fund general use)	1,508.29

MISSIONS

Mission Commitment	15,000.00
Envelope Offering	2550.00
Plate Offering	251.25
Total Offering	2801.25
 COSLHS Monthly Assessment	 416.66
Southern Illinois District	0.00
Excess funds not allocated	10,000.00
Total Offering to date	4,024.35
Exceeded Commitment	18,607.62
	3,607.62

Dean Schoenbeck, Treasurer

Class Schedules Resume
Youth Confirmation Class: January 4
Wednesday Bible Class: January 7
Adult Information Class: January 8
Sunday School/Bible Class: January 11

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Comm.	2	3
4 <i>No SS/BC</i> 10:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Comm. 7:00 p.m. Youth Conf. Class	5	6 <i>Epiphany</i> <i>School Resumes</i> 7:00 p.m. Elders 7:30 p.m. Church Council	7 7:50 a.m. Chapel 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilting	8 6:00 p.m. Adult Conf. Class	9	10 5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Comm.
11 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Comm. 7:00 p.m. Youth Conf. Class	12	13 7:00 p.m. Sow N Grow	14 7:50 a.m. Chapel 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilting	15 6:00 p.m. Adult Conf. Class	16	17
18 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 1:00 p.m. Voters' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Youth Conf. Class	19 <i>MLK Day</i> <i>No School</i>	20	21 7:50 a.m. Chapel 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilting	22	23	24 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
25 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m. Youth Conf. Class	26	27 7:00 p.m. BOCE	28 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilting	29	30 <i>Grandparents' Day at School</i>	31

Editor's Note:

As I continued my walk down grade school memory lane this month, I found my old constitution book! In addition to the 57-page book (right), I found a few of my old U.S. and IL constitution mimeographed worksheets and tests—hundreds of questions.

Here are a few random questions:

- The three qualifications for the office of president are:
- Name five duties of the president:
- The highest court in the land is:
- The lowest federal court is:
- Name three crimes which would have to be tried in a federal court:
- Our country's first set of laws was called:
- By the end of 1791 (how many) amendments had been added to the Constitution:
- The power to coin money is in the hands of:
- Write the Preamble to the Constitution.
- Write the President's Oath of Office.
- Write the Pledge of Allegiance.
- On the accompanying map of Illinois, locate the following places and place a heavy dot. You must be within one inch to receive credit: Kaskaskia Island, Ohio River, Wabash River, Chicago, Springfield, Chester, Lake Michigan, Cairo, Kaskaskia River and the Illinois River.
- Take a matching Constitution vocabulary test (about 134 words)

I recently asked Mrs. Sattler if the constitution testing requirement was still in effect. Yes, indeed. Students will begin studying when they return from Christmas break. (Oh, oh!)

I am ashamed to admit that I do not remember many (MANY!) of the answers that

I wrote on my papers. Has some of the information changed in the past 57 years? Maybe! (The list of Presidents/Vice-Presidents ended with Lyndon B. Johnson/Hubert H. Humphrey in my constitution book [copyright 1965].) Maybe I should, but I have no plans to retake the constitution tests! Whew! I do, however, wish the 8th grade students all the best!!!! Study hard...

