

Trinity Tidings

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

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Message from Pastor Hojnacki:

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork."
Psalm 19:1

It has been seven years since the last one, but once again our area will experience a total solar eclipse on the afternoon of April 8. For a little less than two minutes, daylight will turn to darkness as the moon's orbit takes it directly between us and the shining sun, casting a moving shadow upon the earth.

An eclipse is an amazing feature of God's creation. The sun is substantially larger than the moon, yet also significantly farther away, yet in such proportion that they appear to be the same size to observers on earth. The orbits coincide in such a way that eclipses are rare but regular occurrences for us to observe; it is also remarkable how precisely this eclipse can be predicted – the exact size and track of the shadow, and the exact date, time, and duration of the occurrence, down to the second, calculated years in advance.

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Official Acts

Funeral: Mason Kinney, March 9

Baptism: Willow Heck, March 23

Confirmation: Khloe DuFrenne, Carter Lange, Hailey Voss, & James Wandro, March 24



Trinity Workers

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School Choir Director: Andrew Wiggenhorn

Teachers: Cassie O'Hara, Andrea Sattler, Alyssa Wetzel, Angie Trask, Andrew Wiggenhorn

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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting
March 5, 2024

Present: Pastor Hojnacki, Tim Luebkekmann, Mark Liefer, Kathy Nagel, Brenda Brewer, Byron Burmester, Robert Nagel, Marvin Stellhorn, Roger Liefer, Lori Woods, and Robin Booth.

Opening: Chairman Tim Luebkekmann called the meeting to order. Pastor led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from last month's meeting and the February 25 special meeting were sent out to all the Board. With no changes or corrections, a motion was made, seconded, and moved to accept the secretary report.

Treasurer's Report: Tim handed out the treasurer's report. Tim reported that Dean took \$65,995.56 out of the First Bank Brokerage account since it was not making hardly anything. There are still stocks in this Brokerage account, and we will decide later where to move that to since they are not managed funds and not doing very well in this account. The cash that we received is now in the General Fund. Some of that will be used for the shower upgrade in the parsonage and for the plumbing/septic expense at the school. We will decide after those are paid what we want to do with the remaining cash. Since we have gone over our mission budget the last years, it was decided to raise the COSLHS monthly payment so that the annual amount paid them will be \$5000, rather than the \$4618.20 assessment we are required to pay. Last year, with the assessment amount, plus the excess, we paid them a total of \$6176.68. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Principal's Report: Yesterday there was a bring a friend to school day since the public school was off and Trinity students could invite a friend. Next week there will be a Pre-K Kindergarten Roundup Open House. Packets were sent to Sparta and Waterloo preschools inviting families to come. Food and games will be provided. The schools Accreditation will be coming up soon. The school asbestos inspection, which is due every three years, will be done in early August. School will begin on August 13. In regards to the preschool playground, Larry Erdmann is checking on the different options for the base, something rather than gravel. All the school drains have been replaced. One problem was possibly the weight of the dumpster which might have collapsed the drains. So, the dumpster is moved to a different location.

Pastors Report: There were 9 church services in February. Lent started with Ash Wednesday being on February 14. There was one wedding, Sophie Richards and Matthew Fehr on February 24. There was one membership transfer out, Todd Salger to St John's Red Bud. Palm Sunday will be March 24, with 4 students being confirmed. The Youth Group will be holding their Confirmation Reunion that evening. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7:00. Easter will be March 31 with services at 7:00 am and 10:00 am. An adult instruction class will begin soon. This is for prospective new members and any current member who would like to attend and review what they learned in confirmation. Pastor is asking for volunteers to help with the editing of the church services. This editing needs to be done for the WHCO broadcast. The Elders have done this in the past, but it was agreed that someone who is more computer savvy might be a better option. It would usually be less than an hour a week to do this. If anyone is interested to help, they should contact Pastor.

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Council:

Elders' Report: Nothing to report

Trustee's Report: Nothing to report

School Board: The Trivia Night went well and brought in about \$2000. The School Picnic is coming up and the school board is planning on having a kick ball tournament and games after the school play to try to keep people around for a while. It was discussed about possibly having burgers or hotdogs available outside. The spring rummage sale will be held April 19- 21. Items can be brought to the school after April 1. The last day of school will be May 15, with graduation to be held May 23. All teachers are planning on staying next year, with two contracts being signed already. There was discussion on Robin Booth's salary. She is currently doing the principal, secretary, and kindergarten positions. It would cost the congregation a lot more if we would have to hire a kindergarten teacher. This was tabled until next meeting to get more information together.

Misc.: A letter was received from Wick's Organ Service, notifying that their annual fee will raise to \$700. This company maintains and tunes our organ.

The meeting was adjourned. Pastor led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Nagel

Message:

The sun and the moon are given by God to send light upon the earth, to generate heat, to induce tides, to perform all sorts of functions that sustain life upon the earth (including possibly things that we are not even aware of – it has been suggested that the moon's gravity protects the earth from asteroid strikes, solar particles help to deflect harmful forms of radiation, etc.). The sun and the moon are also given by God to mark the passage of time; the arrangement of orbits defining days, months, seasons, and years – the intervals of time by which our lives on earth are constantly ordered.

An eclipse is a fascinating show, intended to inspire awe in the hearts of those who witness it, and ideally, motivate them to want to know more about the God who created all things and set them into motion, and what He can teach us about the meaning and purpose of life on earth. Come and see...

"God's invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made."
Romans 1:20

April Birthdays*

April 3
Lisa Ratz
Paul Rehmer
LeRose Wandro

April 4
Cain Huegle

April 5
Nicholas Stamm
Seth Trask
Cora Worthington

April 6
Ronald Fehr

April 7
Matthew
Dannenberg
Jennifer Voss

April 9
Ella Trask

April 10
David Buch

April 11
Austin Krebs

April 15
Jacob Roberts
Angela Trask

April 16
Marie Everding

April 17
Stanley Burmester
Thomas Goetting

April 19
Logan Schoenbeck

April 20
Brie Kern
James Schnepel

April 21
Hannah Mehring

April 23
Kellen Herriman
Jean Voges

April 25
Caleb Mehring
Claudia Mehring

April 27
Sarah Fowler

April Anniversaries*

April 5
Matt & Amy Dannenberg

April 8
David & Jean Salger

April 12
Matt & Cindy Schaefer

April 13
Brent & Pam Piel

April 15
Kevin & Dana Salger

April 18
Dean & Sheila
Schoenbeck

April 23
Alan & Karla Mueth

April 24
Eugene & Margie Buch
Greg & Lynnette Elceser

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





With gratitude, thank you for the donations to Trinity Lutheran Church and the school roof fund in memory of Mason Kinney. Thank you!

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Thank you for the \$170 donation to the roof fund from the Trinity Lutheran School Activity Fund. It is very much appreciated!

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The fish fry committee thanks all those involved with our dinner. We are grateful to our volunteers who helped clean fish, fry fish, helped in the dining room, peeled potatoes, prepared food, for the students setting up our tables and chairs and to those who donated items and money.

Thank you again to the Stamm family for allowing us to use their shop for fish cleaning. We served over 460 people this year!

The fish fry would not be a success without all of you.



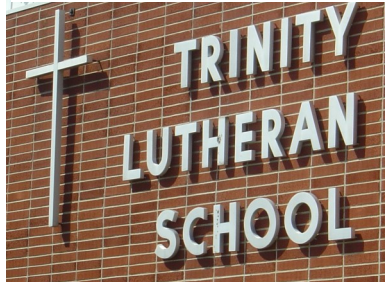
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ANNA (Widows') GROUP

We will meet on Thursday, April 18 for food, fellowship, and devotion. Tentative plans are to go to Lisa's Market Street Grille in Prairie du Rocher.

Watch the bulletin for more details to follow.



Trinity Lutheran School

Dr. Robin Booth, Principal

Mission Statement:

Making disciples of Jesus Christ by serving students, families, and the community through excellence in academics.

Important dates:

- April 1: No school
- April 5: Progress reports go home
- April 8: Eclipse
- April 19: School improvement day (11:20 dismissal)
- April 26: Family Fun Night (food, games, meet the teachers)
- April 30: Field trip to Grizzly Stadium (RSVP by April 4)

<https://youtu.be/s96tY5xDJUE>

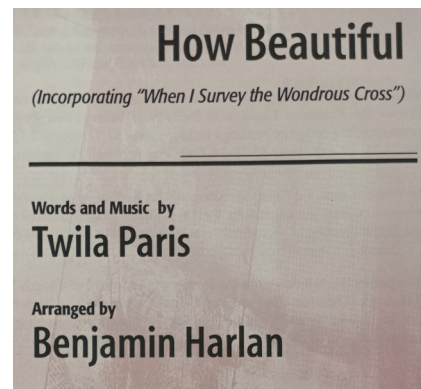
Watch a fun 1 minute, 16 second video about Trinity Lutheran School! Check it out and SHARE it with others.

Thank you, Ms. Wetzel



JOINED IN JESUS

Four members of Trinity Lutheran School’s special singing group, Joined in Jesus, enhanced The Order of Matins service on Sunday morning, March 17, 2024 with the musical piece entitled “How Beautiful.” Thank you, children!





**Total Eclipse of the Sun
Monday, April 8, 2024**



Protect your eyes!
Use **ONLY** appropriate special purpose solar filters (eclipse glasses) designed for viewing the sun: ISO 12312 - 2
Ordinary sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe.

Enjoy this historical event!



Altar Guild Schedule

April 7: Rosalyn Thies & Sharon Langrehr
 April 13: Jane Rohlfing & Margaret Luebkekmann
 April 14: Lexi, Brie, & Emily Luebkekmann

Acolyte Schedule

April 7: Trent Sternberg
 April 14: Jaden Kadlec
 April 21: Carter Lange
 April 28: Chelsea Salger

Usher Schedule (for the week of...)

April 7: Matt Piel
 April 14: Michael Koester
 April 21: Daryl Whelan
 April 28: Dean Schoenbeck

May 5: Roger Liefer
 May 12: Doug Stamm
 May 19: Tim Luebkekmann
 May 26: Youth Group

**Older Adult Retreat
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Camp Wartburg**

Theme: "God's Gift of Life to the Fullest," based on John 10:10.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Travis Scholl, Lutheran Senior Services.

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., including Bible study, lunch, service projects, and camp activities.

Cost: \$35 to attend
To register, contact Faith Morris, 618-939-7715 or faith.morris@lcs.org



Spring Rummage Sale

There will be another rummage sale coming up at Trinity April 19–21, 2024.

Take this opportunity to repurpose the treasures you find as you do your winter/spring cleaning!

Collection of items will begin April 2.



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Newsletter Deadline:
Please submit items for the May 2024 issue of Trinity Tidings by April 22...articles, information, recognitions, pictures, etc.

mmliefer@htc.net
618-615-3091 (cell/text), 282-2072 (home)
Hard copies accepted.

2024 Trinity Lutheran Church Servants Directory

*indicates member of Church Council; All elected positions are for a 3-year term All area codes are (618)

*CHAIRMAN

(1)Tim Luebkmann 317-4452

*VICE CHAIRMAN

(3)Mark Liefer 282-2072

*SECRETARY

(2)Kathy Nagel 973-6290

*TREASURER

(2)Dean Schoenbeck 317-4988

Email - treasurer@trinityredbud.com

*FINANCIAL SECRETARY

(3)Brenda Brewer 920-8353

*ELDERS (3 YEARS)

(1) Byron Burmester 340-2089

(1) Robert Nagel

(2) Larry Erdmann 785-2281

(2) Marvin Stellhorn 615-5889

(3) Darrell Salger 781-5390

(3) Roger Liefer 201-7613

*PASTOR

Pastor: Rev. Scott Hojnacki

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*PRINCIPAL/SCHOOL SECRETARY

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Andrew Wiggernhorn (5/6)

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Andrea Sattler (7/8)

Email: asattler@trinityredbud.com

Michaelann Rahn (cook)

CUSTODIANS

Michaelann Rahn (school)

Susie Dannenberg

BOARD OF FINANCE

(1) Grace Koester

(1) Jeanie Stellhorn

(1) Rosalyn Thies

(2) Sheila Schoenbeck

(2) Pam Piel

(2) Kerry Lucht

(3) Karen Liefer

(3) Cindy Schnepel

(3) Bethany Kinney

COS LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Cheryl Sauerhage

Diane Schoenbeck

TRINITY CHURCH MUSIC DIRECTOR

Sarah Koester 282-4265

*TRUSTEES

(1) Eric Rohlfing 282-5773

(1) Ralph Nagel 540-9972

(2) Kolan Schoenbeck 304-4605

(2) Matthew Fehr 317-0148

(3) Daryl Whelan 201-7334

(3) Danny Salger

*BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(1) Jonathan Mehring 363-0066

(2) Lori Woods 792-4749

(2) Julie Fehr 698-9760

(3) Charlotte Schnepel

(3) Cheri Lange

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Sue Guebert 977-3142

Elaine Cunningham 282-3449

Janice Cowell 340-1394

Lois Eckert 282-8241

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

Rebecca Juelfs 967-7601

Lisa Luebkmann 713-7125

Meetings

Church Council – 1st Tuesday of each month

Elders – 1st Tuesday of each month

BOCE – 4th Tuesday of each month

Trustees – Arranged by trustees

Youth Group – 2nd Sunday of each month after church

Sow & Grow – 2nd Tuesday of each month

Quilters – Weekly quilting – meets 1st Wednesday in the months of May, Sept. and Dec.

Remembering on This Joyous Easter

~ 2024 ~

- In honor of our 40th Anniversary...Given by Larry & Beverly Erdmann**
 - In memory of A.J. Guebert...Given by Sue Guebert**
 - In memory of Glennon & Elaine Goetting...Given by Dwayne & Brenda Brewer**
 - In memory of Tom Cowell...Given by Janice Cowell**
 - In memory of Mason Kinney...Given by Ken & Julie Fehr**
 - In memory of Melvin Juelfs...Given by Ruth Ann Juelfs & family**
 - In memory of Mason Kinney...Given by Ken & Julie Fehr**
 - In memory of Mark Lange, Eric Lange, Glennon & Elaine Goetting...
Given by Aaron Lange family**
 - In memory of our nephew/cousin Mason Kinney...
Given by Matt, Amy, Dillon & Dalton Dannenberg**
 - In memory of Rich Ruhmann, Nick Althoff, and Kenny Weilbacher...
Given by Wayne & Sandra Ruhmann**
 - In memory of our mom/grandma Geri Whelan...
Given by Matt, Amy, Dillon & Dalton Dannenberg**
 - In memory of Marvin, Ruth, & Bradley Johanning...
Given by Matt, Amy, Dillon, and Dalton Dannenberg**
 - In memory of Alvin & Lucille Koester...Given by Michael & Sarah Koester & family**
 - In memory of Alfred, Elda, Mike, Virgil, & Rosella...Given by Sue Guebert**
 - In memory of our grandparents Lester & Carol Kneeland, Robert & Margorie Beineke,
August & Mathilda Koester, and Raymond & Clara Prange...
Given by Michael & Sarah Koester**
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- In honor of the 2024 Confirmands, especially Khloe DuFrenne...Given by Janice Cowell**
 - In honor of the marriage of Mathew & Sophie Fehr...Given by Ken & Julie Fehr**
 - In honor of our children Dillon and Dalton Dannenberg...
Given by Matt and Amy Dannenberg**
 - In honor of our dad/grandpa Ronald Whelan...
Given by Matt, Amy, Dillon & Dalton Dannenberg**
 - In honor of Dwayne & Brender Brewer and Peggy Beitel...Given by Aaron Lange family**
 - In honor of our parents/grandparents Roland and Susie Dannenberg...
Given by Matt, Amy, Dillon & Dalton Dannenberg**
 - In honor of my grandson James Wando for his confirmation...Given by LeRose Wando**
 - In honor of my children, family, friends, and the many blessing from our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ this past year...Given by Sue Guebert**



*We would like to thank everyone for the many donations this year celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ this Easter. A special thank you to Red Bud IGA for the very pretty lilies made available to us each year.
Trinity Flower Committee...Psalm 115:15*

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
February 2024

GENERAL FUND

Balance February 1		30,508.94
INCOME:		
General Fund Envelopes	24,642.00	
General Fund Plate Offering	857.50	
Mission Envelopes	120.00	
Missions - Plate	248.00	
Thrivent	582.00	
Fidelity, Pershing, Ed Jones, Schwab	1,650.00	
Tuition	6,870.00	
Memorials	105.00	
Donations	1,050.00	
Cash from First Bank Brokerage	65,995.56	
Total Income		102,120.06
EXPENSES:		
Assessment-COSLHS	419.56	
Federal Withholding & SS	5663.74	
IL Dept of Revenue	1248.72	
Insurance Deductibles	181.09	
Brotherhood Mutual (church and school insurance monthly premium)	1235.75	
Employee self retirement savings	164.78	
Salaries	22929.11	
Gateway FS - propane	3205.38	
Monthly benefits/life/disab/retire	8573.86	
J & J Septic	745.00	
Utilities - Church	515.70	
Utilities - Parsonage	209.03	
Utilities - School	663.21	
Osborne Office Equipment	356.00	
WHCO - broadcast	120.00	
Reliable Sanitation	571.25	
Culligan Water, water treatment	309.25	
American Water, water test	20.00	
Concordia Publishing House	115.99	
Transfer to Student Aid Fund	130.00	
Illinois Secure Choice	340.88	
Total Expenses		47,718.30
Balance February 29		84,910.70
Line of Credit Balance		\$0.00

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
February 2024

BUILDING FUND

Balance February 1			10,929.29
INCOME:			
Building Fund	50.00		
Cemetery Fund	25.00		
School Roof	230.00		
Interest	0.76		
Total Income		305.76	
EXPENSES:			
Total Expense		0.00	
Balance February 29			11,235.05
Allocated Funds			
Beautification Fund	313.57		
School Memorials	914.86		
Cemetary Fund	2,150.71		
School Roof	2,952.41		
Church Remodel	239.56		
CD#1=13078.23 CD#2=20482.47 CD#3=13159.78 CD#4=201164.38			
Total Allocated Funds without CD's			6,571.11
Total Allocated Funds in CD's 4 CD's Church Remodel		247,884.86	
Non Allocated Funds (Building Fund General Use)			4,663.94
Liefer Loan Balance (loan start date 9-1-23)			26,092.20
2% interest 2-1-24 thru 2-29-24			41.46
Liefer Loan Balance 2-29-24			26,133.66

MISSIONS

Mission Commitment			15,000.00
Envelope Offering	120.00		
Plate Offering	248.00		
COSLHS Monthly Assessment		419.56	804.41
Southern Illinois District		0.00	1,932.15
Total Offering to date			2,736.56
Balance of Commitment			12,263.44

Dean Schoenbeck, Treasurer

April 2024

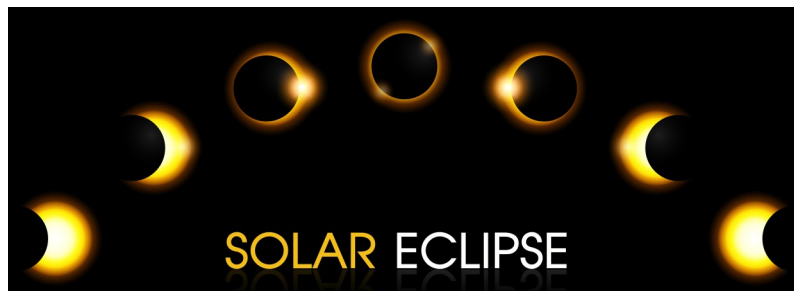
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No School	2 7:00 p.m. Elders 7:30 p.m. Church council	3 7:50—Chapel 10:30—Adult Bible Class 12:30—Quilting 7:00 p.m. – Adult Information Class	4	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. – Youth Confirmation Class	8 Eclipse	9 7:00 p.m.—Sow N Grow	10 7:50—Chapel 10:30—Adult Bible Class 12:30—Quilting 6:30 p.m. – Handbells 7:30 p.m. – Family Choir 7:00 p.m. – Adult Information Class	11	12	13 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
14 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. – Youth Confirmation Class	15	16	17 7:50—Chapel 10:30—Adult Bible Class 12:30—Quilting 6:30 p.m. – Handbells 7:30 p.m. – Family Choir 7:00 p.m. – Adult Information Class	18	19 11:20 – Early Dismissal	20
21 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m.—Divine Service 7:00 p.m. – Youth Confirmation Class	22	23 7:00 p.m. - BOCE	24 7:50—Chapel 10:30—Adult Bible Class 12:30—Quilting 6:30 p.m. – Handbells 7:30 p.m. – Family Choir 7:00 p.m. – Adult Information Class	25	26	27 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service
28 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service 7:00 p.m. – Youth Confirmation Class	29	30				

School Flat Roof Fund Approximate Total

Thanks be to God...

\$100,000	\$101,000	\$102,000	\$103,000	\$104,000
\$105,000	\$106,000	\$107,000	\$108,000	\$109,000
\$110,000	\$111,000	\$112,000	\$113,000	\$114,000
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\$160,000	\$161,000	\$162,000	\$163,000	\$164,000
\$165,000	\$166,000	\$167,000	\$168,000	\$169,000
\$170,000	\$171,000	\$172,000	\$172,337	

Loan repayment October 3, 2023: \$5,000; November 5, 2023: \$7,000;
December 31, 2023: \$7,500



DETAILS

Begins: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 12:42 p.m.
Maximum: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 1:59:57 p.m. – 2:01:13 p.m.
Ends: Monday, April 8, at 3:17 p.m.
Totality: 1 minute, 16 seconds

Source <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when>

Type your zip code into the Eclipse Explorer