

Trinity Tidings

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

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Message from Pastor Hojnacki:

"While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven." (Luke 24:51)

The book of Acts tells us the Ascension took place 40 days after Jesus' resurrection. Each year, we gather for a special worship service 40 days after Easter, which always falls on a Thursday (this year, May 9). Just as the apostles returned to the temple rejoicing and praising God, so also we gather in the house of God to sing His praise for Jesus' glorious Ascension into heaven.

The Ascension of Jesus is part of His exaltation, part of His victory, having accomplished the salvation of the world by His death and resurrection. His saving work complete, He returns to the heavenly realm from which He came, not absent from His Church on earth but ruling over all creation for our good. Jesus also prepares His apostles for the impending coming of the Holy Spirit, who will inspire them to proclaim the good news of eternal life and salvation through Jesus into all the world. Essentially, the Ascension begins

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Official Acts

Baptism:
Nolan Vaughn, April 7

Funeral:
Bonnie Hitzemann, April 26



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**Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting
April 2, 2024**

Present: Pastor Hojnacki, Tim Luebkekmann, Mark Liefer, Kathy Nagel, Dean Schoenbeck, Brenda Brewer, Byron Burmester, Marvin Stellhorn, Roger Liefer, Darrell Salger, and Lori Woods.

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

Secretary's Report: The minutes from last month's 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: Dean presented the treasurer's report. He noted that the Fish Fry was successful with a profit of approximately \$6300. The cost of \$4100 for the sewer/water line repairs at school has been paid, and the down payment of \$2000 was made for the shower upgrade in the parsonage. He also noted that the monthly income is running less than our expenses. There was discussion on the \$65,000 that was moved out of a brokerage account last month and what to do with it. It was felt to leave half of it in the checking account to cover the monthly deficit. A motion was made to move the other half to a 3-month CD paying 4.6% interest at Dieterich Bank. Motion carried. Dean brought up the new Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act Notice (PLAWAN) that went into effect January 1. There still are a lot of unanswered questions on how this should work. It was decided to contact the Southern Illinois District Office to see if we can get information from them on how this will affect churches and schools. This should only affect our part-time workers, not Pastor or the full-time teachers.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that there were 13 services in April. Attendance was lower this Easter than other years with 130 attending each service on Easter morning. In official acts, there was the funeral for Mason Kinney on March 9, which Pastor Hojnacki and Pastor Nebel did together at St John's, Red Bud. One Baptism, Willow Heck, daughter of Ryan and Meghan Heck on March 23. On the 24th, 4 eighth graders were confirmed: Khloe DuFrenne, Carter Lange, Hailey Voss, and James Wandro. Pastor started a new adult confirmation class with 4 candidates along with family members attending. Upcoming is Ascension on May 9th, our annual Prairie Picnic on May 19th and 8th grade graduation on May 21.

Elder's Report: They are working with Pastor on trying to get church attendance up. Also, they are still looking for someone to volunteer to edit the church services and get the copies to WHCO for broadcast on the following Sunday.

School Board Report: Lori reported that spotlights were purchased for the flag and asked Tim to install them. They are busy working on the accreditation. The end of the school year is coming up. On May 13 will be the Pre-K "Bridging". Rather than a graduation, they are going over the bridge to kindergarten! The school board is planning a ball tournament after the school play at the picnic. Also in regards to the picnic it was decided to have a grill set up outside after the play for burgers. Since it is Armistice weekend, some sort of military recognition is also being planned.

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Council:

Miscellaneous: We are again thinking ahead to the next school year. Robin Booth has agreed to again teach Kindergarten. However, with the extra responsibility's she is asking for an increase in pay. She is currently serving as Principal, school secretary and kindergarten teacher. It was discussed and the Council feels that an increase in pay would be less than having to find another person to fill either of those positions. This will have to be voted on by the congregation, so a special voter's meeting is being planned for April 21st.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Nagel, Secretary

**Special Voters Meeting
April 21, 2024**

A special voter's meeting was called to order following the April 21 church service. 53 voting members were in attendance.

For the 2024-2025 school year, Dr. Robin Booth has agreed to again take on the responsibilities of the school Principal, secretary, and kindergarten teacher. Since she is holding 3 positions, she is asking for an annual raise of \$12,000. After a brief discussion, a motion was made to add \$12,000 to her annual salary of \$58,434 (that was voted on at the annual meeting in January) for the school year beginning August 2024. Motion carried.

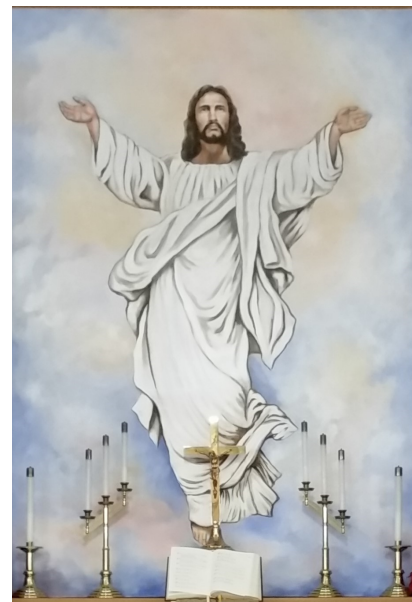
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Nagel, Secretary

Message:

the Age of the Church in which we still live.

The large painting behind the altar at church is a depiction of the Ascension. Jesus has His hands raised in blessing as He is ascending. Only one foot is visible in the painting, as Jesus is already lifting off the ground; the ground is not seen in the painting. The other foot, one must imagine, is obscured by Jesus' robes as it is lifted up behind Him, as if leaping off the ground. The blue sky in the background is mixed with white clouds and the yellow-orange of sunlight (or perhaps indicating the light of the glory of the risen Jesus). Every time we come into the house of God, we see the image of the risen and ascended Jesus blessing us as we worship in His presence.



May Birthdays*

May 1
Connie Frederick
Kinsey Kadlec
Adam Piel

May 2
Tamy Salger

May 3
Andrea Kipping
Shane Rhodes

May 4
Axel Buch
Melvin Guebert

May 5
Samuel Mehring

May 6
Ryan Heck

May 7
Loretta Budde
Claire Rhodes

May 8
Blair Buch

May 9
Ashley Herriman

May 10
Alan Mueth

May 14
Shirley Everding

May 15
Todd Burmester
Susie Dannenberg

May 16
Vince Pettijohn

May 18
Ethan Buch
Daniel Liefer
Kelton Schnepel
Owen Ruwald

May 20
Tyler Mueth
Christopher Sternberg

May 21
Heidi Burmester
Anthony DuFrenne
Bethany Kinney
Matt Leedle
Leah Mehring
Mary Vaughn

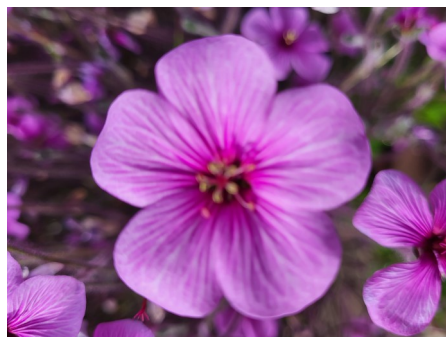
May 24
Evan Kloepper
Kevin Voss

May 26
Charlene Woods

May 29
LeRoy Stamm

May 30
Wyatt Pettijohn

May 31
Ryan Nurnberger



**God Bless Your
Special Day**

May Anniversaries*

May 1
Jon & Amber Harbaugh

May 3
Kyle & Lauren Langrehr

May 7
Lynne & DJ Koerber
Rev. Scott & Heather Hojnacki

May 8
Bob & Tammy Kloepper
Carol & Albert Siegfried

May 10
Guy & Kathy Nagel

May 14
Shari & Leon Homrighausen

May 15
Frankie & Keiley Brosch

May 16
Kerry & Mandy Wandro

May 20
Marvin & Dorothy Wilkening

May 23
Vernon & Loretta Budde
Becky & Dayo Shepard

May 25
Dennis & Deb Stamm

May 26
Doug & Mary Mehring

May 31
Keith & Rhonda Juelfs

** 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!*

*The Trinity Flower Committee
would like to thank
Mary Hamilton for the donation
given in memory of
Tom Herzog.*

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*A gift was given to the
General Fund in memory of
AJ Guebert.
Thank you!*

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**THANK YOU,
LARRY ERDMANN,
FOR SHARING THIS
BEAUTIFUL
EASTER SUNRISE
PICTURE!**

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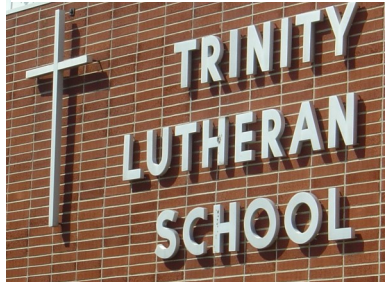
ANNA (Widows') GROUP

We will meet on Thursday, May 16 at 11:30 a.m.

The location will be determined later.

Watch the bulletin for updates. Emails will be sent out to those who have already joined us.

Any questions? Please contact Cheryl Sauerhage.



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:

- May 6-10: MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing
- May 13: Preschool graduation at 6:00 p.m.
- May 15: Last day of school; early dismissal at 11:20 a.m.; no bus service
- May 19: Prairie picnic & school play
- May 21: 8th grade graduation at 6:00 p.m.

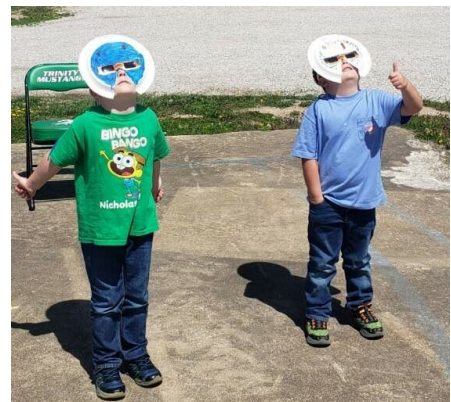
WANTED for FISH TALES

Mr. Wiggenhorn is needing fishing gear for this year's spring play (May 19). Can you lend us some fishing hats, tackle boxes, fishing poles (without hooks), etc.?

Total Solar Eclipse Day

April 8, 2024

Fun in the sun and moon!



ECLIPSE WORD SEARCH

Find these 31 words: Words may be vertical, horizontal, diagonal, forwards, or backwards.
Have fun!!

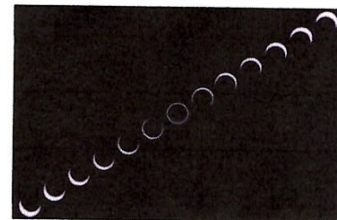
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April
Darkness
Dramatic
Eclipse
Eighth
Event
Eyes
Glasses
Historical

Map
Monday
Moon
News
Node
Observe
Party
Pass
Path

Rare
RedBud
Safety
Shadow
Show
Sky
Solar
Sun
Time

Total
Traffic
View
Visual





Trinity's track team!



**Rummage Sale
Success!**

**The school gym was
packed with treasures
great and small!
Thanks to all who
donated and purchased.**



Altar Guild Schedule

- May 5: Carol Crabil & Betty Fehr
- May 9: Pearl Guebert & Cindy Schnepel
- May 11: Cathy Burmester & Michelle Mehring
- May 12: Lois Eckert & Luann Nurnberger
- May 19: Sheryl McKnight & Faye Piel

Acolyte Schedule

- May 5: Harrison Rohlfing
- May 12: Kelton Schnepel
- May 19: Micah Sattler
- May 26: Dalton Dannenberg

Usher Schedule (for the week of...)

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

- June 2: Jeff Mehring
- June 9: Matt Piel
- June 16: Michael Koester
- June 23: Daryl Whelan
- June 30: Dean Schoenbeck

**Notice:
CHURCH SERVANT DIRECTORY FLOWER COMMITTEE CORRECTIONS**

Please remove Elaine Cunningham and add Catherine Burmester 334-0150 in her place.

Also add RESERVATIONS behind Lois Eckert's phone number.

Church Flower Reservation Sheet

**Please call LOIS ECKERT 618-282-8241
with this information by Wednesday before display date.**

(Please check all that apply)

Church Display Date: _____

For: ___ Altar (2) ___ Lectern (1) ___ Pulpit (1)

(Piano and windows not preferred due to no visibility in video)

___ Delivered from Florist: _____

+ Florist Phone # in case of questions: _____ **OR**

___ I will deliver Flowers.

(Please deliver to church new addition by 1 p.m. Saturday before display date)

___ I will notify Church secretary for bulletin.

OR

___ Please, T.F.C., notify Church secretary for bulletin.

In memory/honor of sentiments: _____

Given by: _____

___ Family will pick up after last church service on Sunday.

OR

Please deliver to: ___ R.B. Hospital ___ Garden Place

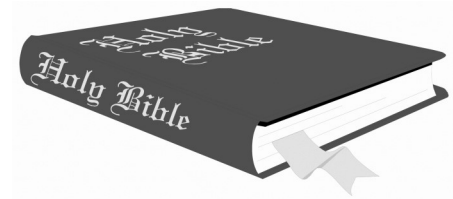
___ R & R Center OR _____



Conformation March 24, 2024

With God's abundant blessings:

*(Left to right)
Carter Lange
Khloe DuFrenne
Pastor Hojnacki
Hailey Voss
James Wandro*



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

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

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
March 2024

GENERAL FUND

Balance March 1		84,910.70
INCOME:		
General Fund Envelopes	28,895.00	
General Fund Plate Offering	1,474.00	
Mission Envelopes	120.00	
Missions - Plate	227.00	
Fish Fry	7,161.00	
Thrivent	1,317.00	
Fidelity, Pershing, Ed Jones	1,150.00	
Tuition	2,945.00	
Memorials	1,935.00	
Donations	1,150.00	
Total Income		46,374.00
EXPENSES:		
Assessment-COSLHS	419.56	
Federal Withholding & SS	5,284.94	
IL Dept of Revenue	1,226.85	
Fish Fry start up	800.00	
Insurance Deductibles	1,679.33	
Monthly benefits/life,disab/retire	8,573.86	
Brotherhood Mutual (church and school insurance monthly premium)	1,235.75	
Brotherhood Mutual (workmans comp. insurance quarterly premium)	502.53	
Employee self retirement savings	82.39	
Salaries	22,295.94	
Gateway FS - propane	1,282.92	
Osborne Office Equipment, copier lease	491.49	
Plumbing Solutions (school water line repair)	1,294.25	
J & J Septic & Sewer (school sewer line replace)	2,807.00	
Brian Richards (1/2 downpayment for shower replace in parsonage)	1,997.00	
Concordia Publishing House (POP, bulletins, candle oil)	666.84	
Health Equity Fee	13.20	
Culligan, water treatment	78.50	
Utilities - Church	456.91	
Utilities - Parsonage	198.11	
Utilities - School	596.12	
WHCO - broadcast	90.00	
Supplies	253.90	
Illinois Secure Choice	343.88	
Total Expenses		52,671.27
Balance March 31		78,613.43
Line of Credit Balance		0.00

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
March 2024

BUILDING FUND

Balance March 1		11,235.05
INCOME:		
Building Fund	0.00	
Cemetery Fund	0.00	
School Roof	395.00	
Church Remodel Fund	390.00	
Interest	0.71	
Total Income	785.71	
EXPENSES:		
Total Expenses	0.00	
Balance March 31		12,020.76
Allocated Funds		
Beautification Fund	313.57	
School Memorials	914.86	
Cemetery Fund	2,150.71	
School Roof	3,347.41	
Church Remodel	629.56	
CD#1=13321.54 CD#2=20739.46 CD#3=13326.62 CD#4=204290.40		
Total Allocated Funds without CD's		7,356.11
Total Allocated Funds in CD's	4 CD's Church Remodel	251,678.02
Non Allocated Funds	(Building Fund General Use)	4,664.65
Liefer Loan Balance (loan start date 9-1-23)		26,133.66
2% interest 3-1-24 thru 3-31-24		44.39
Liefer Loan Balance 3-31-24		26,178.05

MISSIONS

Mission Commitment		15,000.00
Envelope Offering	120.00	
Plate Offering	227.00	
Total Offering	347.00	
COSLHS Monthly Assessment	419.56	1223.97
Southern Illinois District	0.00	1932.15
Total Offering to date		3156.12
Balance to Commitment		11,843.88

Dean Schoenbeck, Treasurer

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:50—Chapel 10:30—Adult Bible Class 12:30—Quilting 7:00 p.m. – Adult Information Class	2	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. – Youth Confirmation Class	6	7 7:00 p.m. Elders 7:30 p.m. Church council	8 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	9 7:00 p.m. – Ascension Day Service	10	11 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
12 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. – Youth Confirmation Class	13 6:00 p.m. – Preschool Graduation	14 7:00 p.m.—Sow N Grow	15 7:50—Chapel 10:30—Adult Bible Class Last Day of School 11:20 Dismissal 12:30—Quilting 6:30 p.m. – Handbells 7:30 p.m. – Family Choir 7:00 p.m. – Adult Information Class	16	17	18
19 Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Divine Service Prairie Picnic	20	21 6:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m. - BOCE	22 10:30—Adult Bible Class 12:30—Quilting 7:00 p.m. – Adult Information Class	23	24	25 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service
26 Trinity 9:00 a.m. – Divine Service	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28	29 12:30—Quilting 7:00 p.m. – Adult Information Class	30	31	

School Flat Roof Fund Approximate Total

Thanks be to God...

\$125,000	\$126,000	\$127,000	\$128,000	\$129,000
\$130,000	\$131,000	\$132,000	\$133,000	\$134,000
\$135,000	\$136,000	\$137,000	\$138,000	\$139,000
\$140,000	\$141,000	\$142,000	\$143,000	\$144,000
\$145,000	\$146,000	\$147,000	\$148,000	\$149,000
\$150,000	\$151,000	\$152,000	\$153,000	\$154,000
\$155,000	\$156,000	\$157,000	\$158,000	\$159,000
\$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

School roof update:

April 17, 2024: A representative from Johns Manville did a physical final inspection of the school roof. A few very minor repairs were made this day.

April 19, 2024: Trinity received the Peak Advantage Roofing Systems Guarantee documents for the new school roof. Trinity is required to perform routine maintenance on the roofing system to keep the coverage to the guarantee intact. Guarantee # ANE128096445 Expires August 23, 2043.



**Memorial Day
May 27, 2024**

**A day to remember
and mourn the U.S.
military personnel
who died while
serving in service to
our country.**

**Thanks be to God for
their sacrifice...for
our freedoms.**