

# Trinity Tidings

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

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## Message from Pastor Hojnacki:

"How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land?" (Psalm 137:4)

This question was asked by Israelites who had been taken from their homes in Judea and were living in exile in faraway Babylon. They were no longer able to go into the Temple in Jerusalem, where they had always gone to hear the Word of the Lord and sing His praise, but had now been destroyed. And yet the people of God remained faithful to Him throughout their time of exile.

"Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)

This was the Lord's command to Abram, to leave his home in Mesopotamia and travel to an unknown distant land to live. Trusting in the Lord, Abram goes, and builds an altar in worship to the Lord when He arrives in the Promised Land. Abram remains a nomad, living in tents and moving throughout the land during His life, but he remained faithful to the Lord, and is revered as the patriarch of God's people and an example of faith.

Nearly two centuries ago, faithful people of God traveled thousands of miles across an ocean and settled in this prairie land. Though far from home, they brought with them their faith in the Lord, their devotion to His Word, and their desire to sing His praise wherever they may be. They established a congregation dedicated to the Lord in this place, just as the faithful people of God have always done.

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## Trinity Lutheran Church Council September 6, 2022

**Present:** Pastor Hojnacki, Tim Luebkekmann, Mark Liefer, Eric Rohlfing, Cliff Harms, Jeff Mehring, Tammy Salger, Dean Schoenbeck, Danny Salger, Lori Woods, Roger Langrehr, Robert Nagel, and Marilyn Liefer

**Opening:** Chairman Tim Luebkekmann called the meeting to order. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Secretary:** Mark Liefer stated that the minutes from the August church council meeting had been sent out by email prior to this meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the secretary's report.

**Treasurer:** Tammy Salger presented the treasures report. Thanks to a donation from Lee Luebkekmann and memorials for Geri Whelan and Marvin Everding, the income in August exceeded the expenses. The council and congregation are thankful for these donations. The general fund balance is \$28,047.63 with no outstanding loans. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the treasure's report.

Tammy discussed the Concordia Plan health insurance and pension plan which was due for renewal. The cost of the plan is going up 7%. Following some discussion on the plan, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to renew the Concordia Plan insurance.

Tammy then discussed the Guide One property and building insurance plan with Lutheran Trust. The cost of the plan is going up 31%. No action was taken at this time as Eric agreed to try to find out what led to the huge price increase.

**Pastor:** Pastor reported that attendance in August was good as attendance on two weekends was 150. In August there was one funeral: Marvin Everding; and one wedding: Kristen Woods and Kolan Schoenbeck. The adult instruction class has 4 candidates. The adult bible classes will resume September 11. The confirmation classes will have two 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and three 7th grade students. Pastor is teaching religion one day a week at COSLHS. Pastor stated that school is off to a good start.

**Elders:** no report

**Board of Education:** Lori Woods presented the report and informed the group that she would be attending the council meetings for the next few months. The \$16,000 federal grant was used to purchase new chromebooks and notebooks for the students and also laptop computers for the teachers. Enrollment at Trinity is up three students when compared to the enrollment at the end of the school year in May. Lori also stated that the school year is off to a good start. A trivia night is being planned for January. Robin is doing a review of the school handbook during the school board meetings. Trinity will again have a PTL as there is a volunteer to lead it.

**Trustees:** Eric reported that they finished meeting with two roofing contractors. The consensus was that Shae Roofing had the preferred offering as the warranty was better and the insulating value was higher. Following more discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to inform Shae that the council would like them to put Trinity on their schedule for the summer of 2023. A "yes" or "no" ballot vote will be taken at the annual meeting to decide if the congregation is in agreement with having Shae Roofing replace the flat roof at the school during the school break in the summer of 2023.

The 2 large trees on the south parking lot are in bad shape. The council was in agreement that

**Council:**

they should be removed.

**Miscellaneous:** Mark gave a final update on the plans for the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary service which will be held September 24 at Pour Vineyard.

Tim Luebkekmann said the youth group was interested in forming an usher crew. Tim will work with the youth group to put them in the usher schedule which is now made up of 10 usher crews.

Pastor stated the landscaping west of the parsonage is not in good shape. He and Heather are OK with having it cleaned up and grass seeded. It was mentioned that the rock may be needed in other landscaped areas

The mission budget for 2023 was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and carried to recommend to the voters a 2023 budget of \$15,000.

Larry Erdman has volunteered to be the lay delegate for the 2023 national district convention. The two above items will be voted on at the special voters meeting on September 11.

**Closing:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Liefer, Secretary

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**Special Voters' Meeting  
September 11, 2022**

Chairman Tim Luebkekmann called the meeting to order following the 10:00 am church service. There were approximately 44 voting members present.

Tim stated that there was one volunteer to be the lay delegate for the 2023 national district convention: Larry Erdman. A motion was made, seconded, and carried by voice vote to have Larry be the lay delegate for Trinity.

Tim then discussed the mission budget for 2023. The church council recommended a budget of \$15,000. A motion was made, seconded, and carried by voice vote to set the 2023 mission budget at \$15,000.

As there were no other items to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Liefer

**Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Please submit items for the November Trinity Tidings**  
**by October 22**  
**mmliefer@htc.net**  
**618-615-3091 (cell/text), 282-2072 (home)**  
**Hard copies accepted.**

## October Birthdays

**Oct. 1**  
Marian Elliott

**Oct. 3**  
Kolan Schoenbeck

**Oct. 4**  
Parker Hern  
Walker Hern

**Oct. 5**  
Kevin Langrehr

**Oct. 6**  
Carson Hern

**Oct. 7**  
Bonnie Piel

**Oct. 8**  
Maureen Liefer

**Oct. 9**  
Gerald Hitzemann  
Susan Lucht

**Oct. 11**  
Julie Fehr

**Oct. 12**  
Andrea Sattler  
Michael Koester

**Oct. 13**  
Douglas Stamm  
Finn Melvin-Lee Juelfs

**Oct. 15**  
Irene Stamm

**Oct. 16**  
Jessica Kloepper  
Lydia Mehring  
Lori Woods

**Oct. 17**  
Vernon Budde

**Oct. 18**  
Emily Homrighausen  
Logan Oakley  
Ervin Stamm  
Robert Voges

**Oct. 19**  
Ryan Wendt

**Oct. 22**  
Bonnie Hitzemann

**Oct. 23**  
Donna Jeanie  
Stellhorn

**Oct. 27**  
Justin Kadlec  
Bernice Salger  
Krista Wandro

**Oct. 28**  
Byron Burmester  
Mallory Hesch  
Roger Langrehr

**Oct. 30**  
Dorothy Wilkening

**Oct. 31**  
Karen Liefer

## October Anniversaries

**Oct. 1**  
Matt & Dee Bollinger

**Oct. 2**  
Nikki & Adam  
Matzenbacher

**Oct. 9**  
Derek & Bridget  
McKnight  
Dale & Faye Piel

**Oct. 11**  
Tony & Jesse DuFrenne

**Oct. 14**  
Vernon & Jane Lucht

**Oct. 15**  
Roger & Carol Buch

**Oct. 22**  
Jon & Cassie Heller

**Oct. 18**  
Scott & Gayle Juelfs

**Oct. 24**  
Jason & Rachel Salger

**Oct. 27**  
Orville & Denise Heller

**Oct. 28**  
Nicholas & Stephanie  
Falkenheim

**Oct. 30**  
Keith & Lorna Kinzel







*Memorials received from the family of Eugene Miller for the school roof fund.*

*Memorials received from the family of Marvin Everding for the general, redecoration, and school roof funds.*

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I want to thank my family, friends, church family, and Pastor Hojnacki for the prayers and support given to me especially this past year. The visits, cards, calls, and encouragements are very much appreciated. It's been a journey and I will always need your prayers as I hope for more improvements. God is good and may He continue to bless us. Gary Woods

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A special thank you goes out to the Trinity Mission Quilters for their generous donation of \$500 to the school roof fund. Quilters meet every Wednesday afternoon in the school's meeting room from 12:30 to about 4:30. The quilters have started quilting a new, beautiful quilt that will be up for auction at Christ Our Savior's dinner auction on November 4, 2022. In order to get this project finished in time, the group may also meet for a few evenings quilting sessions—be sure to watch the bulletin for upcoming dates & times. No "membership" is required. The Trinity mission Quilters welcome one and all to help them quilt...come once...come often...come for a couple of hours...no experience necessary! Please contact Barb Mehring for more information: 282-2089.

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Many, many thanks to those who made the 180th anniversary celebration such a beautiful event. Special thanks to Pastor Hojnacki for his meaningful service, to Lois Eckert the organist, Mark and Maureen Liefer for providing the ice cream and cake, those who helped serve and especially the Pours who made their place available for the event. May the Lord continue to bless Trinity congregation for many years to come. Jane Lucht, Trinity Historian

## CELEBRATING 180 YEARS

Trinity Lutheran Church in Horse Prairie (Red Bud) was organized 180 years ago. To observe the milestone, members and guests of Trinity gathered at the Pour Vineyard about two miles south of the church on September 24 for a worship service. The vineyard area is an historic place for Trinity as from the late 1800s and early 1900s, the annual church picnic took place here, and in 1917 a Reformation service with area congregations, was held in what then was called Schrieber's Grove.

Rev. Scott Hojnacki, the current pastor of Trinity, based his sermon on "Sing the Lord's Song." He reminded those in attendance that a church building is not what makes up a congregation. The people are the church. Hymns of praise echoed over the lake on a beautiful night of thanksgiving.

During a fellowship hour following the service, homemade ice cream and cake were served to those in attendance.



German emigrants began arriving in Horse Prairie in the early 1830s, they brought with them their religious beliefs. The first German settlers here were Charles and Ernst Schrieber, Henry Moehrs and Henry Beier.

The Lutherans here founded Trinity Church in 1842 and started giving their children a Christian education. In 1843 the congregation called Pastor Gotha to serve, and he served until 1845.

In 1844 Mr. Moehrs donated an acre of land to the congregation to be used for the site of a church and a cemetery. The first baptism was administered when William Martin Schrieber was baptized on Oct. 10, 1843 by Pastor Gotha, and Charles Matthew Schrieber was the first to be baptized in a log church on May 12, 1845 by Pastor Balzer.

In the fall of 1845, the first resident pastor, Rev. Martin Stephen, was called who served until his death in February of 1846. Before coming to Trinity, Bishop Stephen had led a major immigration of Germans Lutherans to Perry County, MO in 1838-39. This immigration was instrumental to the formation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1847 which Trinity joined in 1889.

Pastor Frederic Erdmann was the pastor from 1853 to 1894. During his tenure the present house of worship was built in 1868 at the cost of \$14,200. It still stands today.

Throughout the 180 years, children were provided with an education. In 1903 a two-story, three-room school was built, and the present school was constructed in 1960. Education is provided for children from preschool through eighth grade.

An organ was purchased in 1908 for \$1,800, and it still accompanies the singing. Following an inspection in 1992, the inspector reported that there was no other organ like it in southern Illinois.

This year marks the 180th anniversary. During these years, people have come to Trinity Lutheran Church to sing, praise, pray and receive unending joy and peace within its walls. It is the prayer that the hearts and minds of future generations be filled with the same dedication, as those of the past.

By Jane Lucht, Trinity Historian

**Message:**

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

The Church, ultimately, is not the building, it is the people of God who gather to hear His Word and sing His praise, the people for whom Christ died and rose again. As we give thanks to God for His many blessings in this place, we pray that the Lord will continue to bless us as we sing His song of salvation in this place, and wherever we may go.

*(This is a summary of the sermon from the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service on September 24, 2022.)*

**Editor's Notes:**

God blessed us with a beautiful, warm, autumn day in Prairie on Saturday, September 24. It was a perfect day to give thanks and celebrate 180 years of God's GRACE, MERCY, and PEACE. An event takes a host of folks who contribute to its success. At risk of forgetting someone, we thank:

- ◇ Our Lord for 180 years of Trinity blessings and for the favorable weather.
- ◇ Pour Vineyard for their generous donation of the venue, their help, and their patience.
- ◇ Thrivent for action team grants x 2.
- ◇ Pastor Hojnacki for the Service of Thanksgiving and a very meaningful message.
- ◇ Lois Eckert for the beautiful keyboard music.
- ◇ Cliff Harms for rescuing and allowing us to use the historic Trinity lectern.
- ◇ Heather Hojnacki for the bulletins for this special service.
- ◇ Jane Lucht for the historic display and the history that appeared in the bulletin.
- ◇ Sow and Grow members for serving the drinks, cake, and ice cream, prepping the tables, and their voluntary support.
- ◇ Tim Luebkekmann and Trinity Church Council for their approval & guidance.
- ◇ Randy Muench for lending us Baxmeyer's generator light to illuminate the parking lot.
- ◇ Wayne Ruhmann for assisting with the generator light.
- ◇ Jeanne Stamm and Don Crabill for their golf cart valet services.
- ◇ Rozier's Country Market for the delicious cakes.
- ◇ Lisa Luebkekmann for making the coffee & taking pics.
- ◇ Sandra Ruhmann for making the lemonade.
- ◇ Charlene & Gary Woods for picking up the cakes.
- ◇ The ushers for providing a warm welcome to all.
- ◇ Marilyn Liefer for taking care of the collections.
- ◇ Horse Prairie Hit and Miss ice cream...Mark Liefer.
- ◇ Everyone who attended the service and social reception! Your most generous free-will donations (\$6,210) to the flat roof fund are greatly appreciated...a blessing, indeed!

Thanks be to God!

Maureen Liefer (Colossians 3:23)





GENERAL FUND

Beginning Bal. Aug. 1st                      2022                      **\$21,202.81**

## INCOME:

General Fund Envelopes	37,655.00
General Fund Plate Offering	1,127.85
Mission Envelopes	1,050.00
Missions - Plate	262.50
CD Interest	1.86
Donation - Lee Luebkekmann	5,000.00
LCEF Student Aid	1,000.00
Memorials -Whelan, Everding	5,395.00
Fidelity,Pershing,Ed Jones,Schwab	500.00
Tuition	4,862.32
Thrivent	250.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>57,104.53</b>

## EXPENSES:

Assessment-COSLHS	386.63
Federal Withholding & SS	3,999.76
IL Dept of Revenue	985.07
Insurance Deductibles	4,638.01
Monthly benefits/life,disab/retire	10,499.46
Missions - So IL District	925.87
Payroll service	110.00
Employee self retirement savings	397.17
Salaries	23,096.62
Guest Pastor	124.57
Reliable Sanitation	257.70
Supplies	934.42
Utilities - Church	702.64
Utilities - Parsonage	398.97
Utilities - School	1,102.82
Lawn Maintenance - Pautler	1,550.00
So IL Radio -WHCO	150.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>50,259.71</b>

BALANCE Aug. 31st                      2022                      **\$28,047.63**

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**Altar Guild Schedule**

October 2 Cathy Burmester & Michelle Mehring  
 October 8 Lois Eckert & Luann Nurnberger  
 October 9 Faye Piel & Sheryl McKnight  
 October 30 Marvin & Jeanie Stellhorn

**Acolyte Schedule**

October 2 Carter Lange  
 October 9 Isaac Luebkekmann  
 October 16 James Wandro  
 October 23 Grace Gonstal  
 October 30 Trent Sternberg

<u>BUILDING FUND</u>			
BALANCE Aug. 1st	2022		\$56,045.28
INCOME:			
	Donations	1,986.58	
	Memorials	780.00	
	Interest	3.26	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,769.84</b>	
EXPENSES:			
	Red Bud Ace	338.98	
	American Water	135.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>473.98</b>	
Balance before commitments	2022		\$58,341.14
<b>Alloted Funds:</b>			
	Beautification Fund	313.57	
	School Memorials	914.86	
	Cemetery Fund	4,920.71	
	Church Remodel	30,136.70	CD\$12543.48
	School Roof	9,813.00	
	<b>Total Non Alloted Funds</b>	<b>46,098.84</b>	
<b>Balance remaining</b>			<b>\$12,242.30</b>
 <b>Mission Commitment 2022</b>			
	Envelope Offering	1,050.00	
	Plate Collection	262.50	
	COSLHS Monthly Assessment	386.63	
	Southern Illinois District	925.87	
	2022 Offering to date		\$12,153.16
<b>Balance of Commitment</b>			<b>\$2,846.84</b>

Tammy Salger, Treasurer

### **WELCOMING FALL...**

The flower committee has added new arrangements for sale to the windows/piano in church welcoming the fall season. All arrangements are priced. Please place the price tag, along with donations/monies, in the "flower box" located in the church addition. Proceeds from the sales will be for new garland on the church balcony this Christmas season. We are blessed by your past, present, and continued support.

~Trinity Flower Committee~

Catherine: 618-334-0150 Elaine: 618-282-3449 Janice: 618-340-1394

Lois: 618-282-8241 Sue: 618-977-3142.

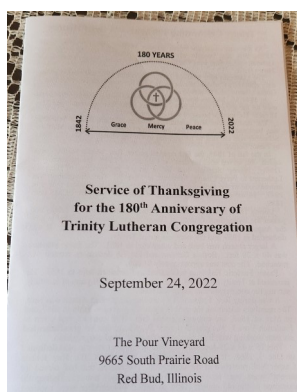
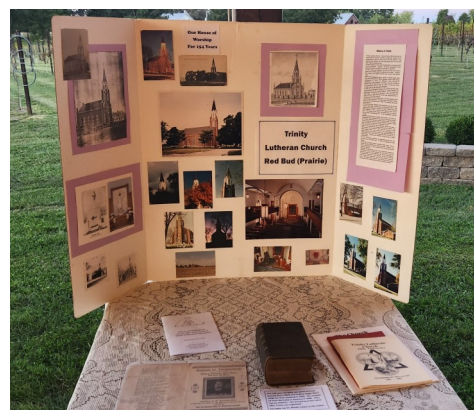
If you would like to reserve an area in church for flowers, please contact Lois Eckert at 618-282-8241.

# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/ Holy Communion  TLS Spaghetti Dinner	<b>3</b>  <i>Items for            Rummage Sale            may be brought to            school 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>4</b>  7:00 p.m. - Elders 7:30 p.m. – Church Council	<b>5</b> 10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. - Quilting 6:30 p.m. – Handbells 7:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>No School</b> Teacher Workshop	<b>8</b>  5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	<b>10</b> <b>No School</b> Columbus Day	<b>11</b>  7:00 p.m. – Sow N Grow	<b>12</b> 10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. - Quilting 6:30 p.m. – Handbells 7:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  TLS Rummage Sale 14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m. -- Divine Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  1:45 p.m. – Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences	<b>19</b> 10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. - Quilting 6:30 p.m. – Handbells 7:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir	<b>20</b>  1:45 p.m. – Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences	<b>21</b>  <b>No School</b> Parent Teacher Conferences	<b>22</b>  5:00 p.m. Divine Service
<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service  <b>30 Reformation</b> 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m. -- Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	<b>24</b> TLS Red Ribbon Week 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>  <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>  7:00 p.m. – BOCE	<b>26</b> 10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. - Quilting 6:30 p.m. – Handbells 7:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



A Service of Thanksgiving  
for the 180th Anniversary of  
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September 24, 2022  
The Pour Vineyard  
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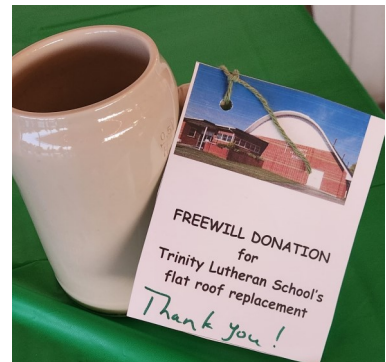
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# The 180th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Congregation September 24, 2022 The Pour Vineyard Red Bud, IL



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