

# Trinity Tidings

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

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## Pastor's Message:

“One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah.” He brought him to Jesus.” (John 1:40-42)

When Jesus beginning calling His disciples in the early days of His ministry, it begins with an invitation: “Come and see,” or, “Come, follow Me.” The teaching and the training come later, as the disciples observe what Jesus says and does. Some of those disciples then go out and extend the invitation to others, like Andrew to his brother Peter and Philip to Nathanael (John 1:45).

The Church, historically, has always emphasized the importance of missions and evangelism, that is, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those outside the Church, with the hope that those who hear would come to faith in Jesus and join us in the Church. Perhaps, at times, this process has been described in a way that makes it sound too difficult, too complicated, or too intimidating. What if we don't have the answers to every question? What if we say something wrong?

In reality, the first step is quite simple – an invitation. Come and see. Come and hear. Come to the services and the Bible studies and learn about Jesus. The disciples of Jesus followed Him for three years, learning,

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## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 6, 2026

**Present:** Pastor Hojnacki, Ken Fehr, Mark Liefer, Kathy Nagel, Dean Schoenbeck, Brenda Brewer, Larry Erdmann, Roger Liefer, Darrell Salger, Cliff Harms, Michael Koester, Eric Rohlfing, Danny Salger, and Lori Woods.

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

**Church Remodeling:** Tim Luebkemann attended the meeting with an update from the redecorating committee. A bid of \$118,000 was received to repair and do the basic repaint of the church interior. Extra details may be an extra expense. They will come in with different paint samples on the wall and the congregation will then have to make the decision on the color. The pews will be removed while the church is being painted. The flooring needs to be replaced also. There was discussion on whether it should be replaced the same as it is now, carpeting down the aisle and chancel area and hard flooring under the pews. or go with all hard wood/laminate flooring. The price range on flooring would probably be between \$30,000 and \$50,000. No exact quote was given, because It would depend on the pricing at the time we order it. This will be brought up to the voters - carpet and laminate or no carpeting and just laminate. Another proposal was to move the communion rail out a little further so there is more room while distributing communion. Also, it was suggested to remove two rows of pews and space the pews a little further apart to make it easier to get in and out of the pews and to give more room in the front of church between the front row and the kneeling rail. After discussion a motion was made and moved to present these proposals with a ballot vote at the voters meeting. On the same matter, Pastor brought up options on how we will have services during the remodeling process. He checked with neighboring churches about using their church through the summer, but we would not be able to have services at 9:00 am. We would have to have it a different time. After discussing with different members, the consensus was to have services in our gym. Pastor is still working out the details on that.

At the annual meeting, there will also be a ballot vote on salary increases and the proposed change to the mission budget as discussed at the December church council meeting. We will also have a ballot vote on how to distribute the excess 2025 Mission offerings of \$4,290.

**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 we had good offerings in December. He was able to pay off \$40,500 on our Dieterich Bank LOC. So, our current debt at Dieterich Bank is \$8,512 and the Liefer LOC is still \$15,100. The Dieterich Bank LOC has expired and Dean is working to set up a new 5-year line of credit and use a \$50,000 CD as collateral. A motion was made, seconded and moved that Dean should proceed with the 5-year LOC with Dieterich Bank. Under Missions, both the COSLHS and the SID commitments have been paid in full with a remaining balance of \$4,290 in the Mission fund.

**Pastor's Report:** There were 14 services in December, with an average of 112 on the weekends. There were 181 at the Christmas Eve 7:00 service and 93 at the 11:00 service, and 121 on Christmas day. New Years Eve had 52 in attendance and 36 on New Years Day. There

**Annual Voter's Meeting**  
January 18, 2026

**Opening:** The annual meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ken Fehr at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor opened with prayer. There were 76 voting members present.

**Voting Members:** A motion was made, seconded, and moved to accept one new voting member, Stephanie Stamm. We currently have 187 voting members.

**Secretary's Report:** There was one meeting in 2025 and the minutes were handed out to the members. With no corrections or comments, a motion was made, seconded, and moved to accept the secretary's report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dean Schoenbeck gave the report. We ended the year with a balance of \$53,895.68. We still have outstanding loan balances of \$8,512.72 at Dieterich Bank and \$15,099.68 to Mark & Maureen Liefer. The Thanksgiving Day debt reduction netted \$54,355.00. There was additional income of \$13,721 that came in the next couple weeks. Income from the fundraisers this year were good, Picnic was \$9928, Fish Fry was \$6408, and the Chicken Soup was \$3805. The Mission Budget of \$15,000 was exceeded by \$4,290.61. In the Building fund we had a large exp of \$79,587 to Warnecke for the outside brick and steeple work. All the investments did well this year, with total value of \$607,412, of which \$262,855 is designated for the church remodel. A motion was made, seconded and moved to accept the treasurer's report.

**Mission Budget:** Last year, our mission budget was set at \$15,000, with \$5,000 going to Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School and \$10,000 to the district. We exceeded that budget by \$4,290. Since COSLHS closed in 2025, it was discussed about what to do with the remaining funds. Since our own school is the same mission as COSLHS, the church council recommended we use the remainder of this money to pay our own teachers. This was brought to the voters by a ballot vote. After voting it was moved to use the \$4290 for Trinity to pay teachers. And by ballot vote, the budget for 2026 will be \$15,000 with \$5,000 to go towards our teacher salaries, and \$10,000 to go to the district.

**Principals Report:** Robin Booth gave her report. The school made donations, made cards for troops, and did a food drive. They had police and fire safety demos. A fun Fall fest was held, a skate night, veterans day program, an annual fun night, an open house, and they held their Christmas play. Some of the kids did well in the art contest and writing contest. The parents started a new group called Trinity Connect to communicate with each other. Several new families came to look at our school, and one family just registered their two children, which started the first of the year. Robin thanked the quilting ladies and the Anna Widows Group for donating and teaching the kids sewing. She also thanked everyone for all their help for the pork sausage dinner. A career day is set for February 27 to show career options for the kids. A Bunco night is set for March 7 with proceeds to benefit Concordia College students. Trinity is upgrading their math and social studies curriculum. Robin ending by thanking everyone again for all their support and help.

**Salaries:** Dean prepared a handout of the salary proposals. The ballot was approved. After a ballot vote, a 2% salary increase was approved for 2026.

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**Annual Meeting:**

**Pastors Report:** In official acts for 2025, there were 8 baptisms, 6 were infants and two were 4 -5 years old, 4 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmations, 2 weddings, and 6 deaths. There were no transfers in and 2 transfers out. The current membership is baptized-530, confirmed-423, and voting members was 186. There were 103 total services with an average attendance on weekends of 123. Pastor is continuing to teach Sunday and Wednesday morning Bible classes, Public School confirmation class, along with his duties at school, teaching confirmation and Bible history to 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades Monday thru Friday mornings. In addition to that, he does emergency and pastoral counseling, visiting shut-ins, attend meetings, prepare bulletins and newsletter articles, and assist in Church secretary duties. Pastor brought up our outreach opportunities. He said our school has become more of an outreach since a number of those students are not Trinity members. We are witnessing to these students and their families and inviting them to worship with us. We have had and will have new members confirmed and baptized, which these families came in through those children attending our school. Pastor attends Circuit and District Pastors' meetings and conferences. He has been reelected as Circuit Visitor to SID 10, so that entails attending meetings and helping our sister congregations. Pastor is still on the COSLHS Board, and he explained that the school property is for sale. A real estate agent has listed it. For now, no more money is needed from the member churches. But depending on how soon the property is sold, there could be a profit for each association member, or if more expenses are deterred, these funds will need to be paid by each congregation.

**Election of Officers:** The ballot was presented for new officers. A motion was made, seconded, and moved to accept the ballot. After ballot vote the following were elected. Treasurer-Dean Schoenbeck, Secretary-Kathy Nagel, Elders- Larry Erdmann and Tim Luebkemann, Trustees-Matthew Fehr and Kolan Schoenbeck, Finance Committee- Pearl Guebert, Marilyn Langrehr, and Sandra Ruhmann, Board of Christian Education: Tim Schrader and Stephanie Stamm. Installation of officers will be next Sunday, January 25. [*Editor's note; installation rescheduled to February 1 due to inclement weather.*]

**Youth Group Report:** The Youth Group report was read. 10 kids and 3 leaders attended the Youth Gathering in New Orleans over the summer. They continue to host the confirmation reunion, Easter breakfast, silent auction and bags tournament, and offered refreshments after church services through the summer. Their annual cookie and goodie bake made \$8,579. They donated \$500 to the Harms family and adopted a family at Christmas. They ended the year with their Christmas party, gift exchange and delivering Christmas cards for the church members. Current officers are President-Kinsey Kadlec, Vice President-Macy Sternberg, Secretary-Dalton Dannenberg, Treasurer-Josie Hahn and Banners-James Wandro.

**Cemetery Committee:** Roger Langreher reported that there were 5 burials and 2 graves sold.

**Redecoration Committee:** Tim Luebkemann gave an update. Autenrieb Church Painting has been hired to paint the church interior. Work is scheduled to be done this summer. A quote for the basic painting was about \$119,000. There would be additional cost for any extra detailing that we want, plus painting the arches above the balcony a woodgrain, painting the pillars a marble look, and painting the organ pipes. All this would bring the cost to about \$172,000. The flooring will need to be replaced. We need to decide if we want to do all hard floors or do we want to use carpeting and hard flooring as we have now. It was too far out to get a firm

**Annual Meeting:**

quote but if we went with all hard floors, it would probably be \$20,000 to \$30,000. For carpet and hard flooring, it would be \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Another suggestion was to extend the kneeling rail out about 18 inches to give more room in front of the pulpit during communion and for weddings. Tim has someone that has volunteered his labor to do this, we would just need to pay for materials.

A suggestion to space the pews a few inches farther apart and eliminate two rows. This would give more room between the rail and the front row, which would be especially helpful during funerals. Some of the pews are worn and scratched, so while they are out they may also be redone. No bid has been gotten for that yet.

The ceiling fans are old and should be replaced. The side entry door will also need to be replaced.

The organ was discussed; the painter will paint over the pipes. They will cover and protect the organ during the whole process. Tim also got a bid from Wicks Organ LLC. They would come in, take the pipes down, take them to the warehouse, strip them, paint them, then reinstall them and retune the organ. The cost would be about the same as what the painter would charge to just paint over the pipes. So, the feeling on that is to let Wicks take care of the organ.

Since there was a lot of information given here, it was felt we weren't ready to vote on what type of flooring, and whether or not to move the pews. So instead of voting, a survey was handed out to get everyone's thoughts, opinions and suggestions. The committee will continue to meet and asked the congregation to attend and give input. Tim will get drawings/pictures etc. together soon and have it in the church addition for people to look at. Another voter's meeting will then be called to make some of these final decisions.

Pastor said while this process is done over the summer, we will hold church services in the gym. He is still working out all the details on that.

A motion was made and moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40.

Pastor led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Nagel

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**Mark Your Calendars—Lenten Services:**

**Ash Wednesday, February 18  
February 25**

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

Palm Sunday, March 29

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Good Friday, April 3

Easter Sunday April 5



**Council:**

were no official acts in December. There will be 3 adults being confirmed soon and of the one family 3 children will also be baptized. Ash Wednesday begins February 18, and Easter will be April 5. Confirmation will be March 29 with 3 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Pastor reported that we currently have 186 Voting members.

**Elder's Report:** Nothing to report

**School Board:** Lori gave the school report for Principal Booth. The staff aligned activities for the remainder of the year: Career Day, Grandparents Day with a talent show and breakfast, and a celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Two new students, a preschooler and 3<sup>rd</sup> grader have registered over the Christmas break. Busing is a problem that they are still working on.

**Trustee's Report:** Nothing to report.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Nagel, Secretary

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**Message:**

growing, and making mistakes along the way. Learning the way of the Lord takes time and patience; "instant conversions" are incredibly rare. It starts with the invitation...

**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. We enjoyed devotions, fellowship, and dinner at Acorns Golf Course in Waterloo on January 15. Our next gathering will be on February 19 with plans yet to be determined.

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.



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).

**February Birthdays\*****February 1**Grace Gonstal  
Macy Sternberg**February 2**

Marlin Stamm

**February 3**Kerry Lucht  
Stephanie Stamm**February 6**

Eric Piel

**February 8**Bruce Burmester  
Scott Juelfs  
Nathan Kinney  
Aaron Lange  
Carter Lange  
Victoria Salger**February 9**

Keaton Wandro

**February 10**Katelyn Hamilton  
Nora Langrehr  
Ronald Wood**February 12**Owen Blow  
Emily Burmester  
Betty Fehr  
Rev. Scott Hojnacki**February 15**

Lynette Stellhorn

**February 16**Michael Juelfs  
Michelle Mehring**February 18**

Matthew Piel

**February 19**Chase Dayton  
Christin Harms  
Toni Liefer  
Diane Schoenbeck**February 20**

Stephanie Falkenhein

**February 21**

Edward Hesch

**February 22**Darrell Buch  
Rachel Gregson  
Tyler Kipping**February 23**Donald Crabill  
Shari Homrighausen  
Cynthia Schaefer**February 24**Dalton Dannenberg  
Nicholas Fehr  
Mary Hamilton  
Ruth Juelfs  
Jaden Kadlec**February 25**Jessica DuFrenne  
Curtis Harms  
Lane Oakley**February 26**

Carl Rehmer

**February 27**

Mary Kern

**February 28**

Darrell Salger

**February 29**

Joy Bauer

**February Anniversaries\*****February 14**Eric & Nicole Rohlffing  
Marvin & Jeanie Stellhorn**February 24**

Matthew &amp; Sophie Fehr



*\*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:

- ⇒ February 1: Children sing in church (rescheduled due to weather)
- ⇒ February 6: Progress reports go home
- ⇒ February 16: No school / Presidents Day
- ⇒ February 20: Family skate night
- ⇒ February 27: Early Dismissal at 11:20 am

Month					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri

**Needed: Boxes of tissues for the classrooms. If you have an extra box or two, please send or drop them off at school. 'Tis the sniffle season! Thank you...**



Enjoy a few fun sports pictures from the recent Belleville Diocesan Basketball Tournament. Congratulations, players & coaches!

C Team (left) 4th place  
A Team (below) 3rd place



More pictures next page.

A Team (right) 2nd place  
C Team (below) 3rd place



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### Installation of Congregational Officers: February 1, 2026





Baldwin Food Pantry  
Jeff Roavold  
&  
Susan Piel

You certainly know  
how to make a person  
feel special!

Thank you to your  
members for the wonderful  
donations to our  
Food Pantry. They are  
very much appreciated.  
God Bless all of you

Thank You...

Thank you for coming  
to Cedarhurst to sing  
before Christmas, and  
for the nice gifts you  
left. Everyone truly  
enjoyed it.

I especially liked the  
Favorite Hymns book and  
it was so nice to see  
everyone.

Merry Christmas to all!

Just saying "thank you"  
doesn't seem enough.

I hope you know  
how appreciated you  
really are.

your old friend  
Marie Overding

A sincere word of thanks for donations received in support of our  
Trinity Lutheran School mission:  
St. John's Lutheran Church—Ruma  
St. John's Lutheran Church Ladies Aid—Ruma  
and  
Kayla Wolf

*Thank You...*

Trinity Flower Committee would like to thank Jason & Kristie Piel  
for their generous donation to the Trinity Flower Fund last year in  
honor of their marriage. Their gift will help glorify our Lord and  
Savior and adorn His church with beautiful flowers this year.

Romans 1:8

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### LIFE!

Fox and Friends recently had LCMS Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor on for an interview leading into the 53rd annual March for Life in Washington DC that took place on January 23, 2026.

Here is the link to Deaconess Manor's 3 minute 16 second interview:  
<https://www.foxnews.com/video/6388137829112>

Thank you, Mary Hamilton, for sharing this information with us.



**2025 Christmas Angel Tree**  
(continued from January 2026)

**In memory of our loved ones & friends already in heaven...Given by Richard & Barbara Mehring**

**In memory of Milton & Anita Wild, Wilbert & Emma Schoenbeck...Given by Robert & Diane Schoenbeck**

**In memory of Matt Dannenberg, Ronald & Geri Whelan, Marvin, Ruth & Brad Johanning, Mason Kinney and Roland Dannenberg...Given by Amy, Dillon & Dalton Dannenberg**

**In memory of Elmer & Norma Liefer...Given by Marlen & Karen Liefer**

**In memory of Harold & Mabel Dannenberg, Elmer & Norma Liefer...Given by Roger & Marilyn Liefer**

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**In honor of Christ our Savior...Given by Richard & Barbara Mehring**

**In honor of Lori Woods & Marilyn Liefer (Sunday School Assistants)...Given by Robert & Diane Schoenbeck**

**In honor of Dillon & Dalton Dannenberg...Given by Amy Dannenberg**

**In honor of our children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren...Given by Gary & Charlene Woods**

**In honor of Sunday School Teachers...Given by Sunday School Students**

**In honor of Clayton, Rachel, Benjamin, Stephen & Jonathan Erdmann...Given by Larry & Beverly Erdmann**

**In thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren...Given by Roger & Marilyn Liefer**



**Angel Tree donations:**

General Fund—\$1,905

Decorating Fund—\$335

Organ Fund—\$50

**THANK YOU, ALL!!**



**Trinity Mission Quilters' donations:**

General Fund—\$1,000

School Lunch Program—\$250

School Tuition Fund—\$250

**THANK YOU, QUILTERS!!**



### Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit items for the **March 2026** issue of Trinity Tidings  
**by February 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!

Maureen Liefer

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Hard copies accepted.

### Altar Guild Schedule

February 1: Rosalyn & Sharon  
 February 8: Jane & Margaret  
 February 14: Lexi, Brie, & Emily  
 February 15: Carol & Betty  
 February 18: Pearl & Cindy

### Acolyte Schedule

February1 : Chelsea  
 February 8: Micah  
 February 15: Dalton  
 February 22: Addie

### Usher Schedule (for the week of...)

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

March 1: Matt Piel  
 March 8: Michael Koester  
 March 15: Daryl Whelan  
 March 22: Dean Schoenbeck  
 March 29: Roger Liefer

### Church Remodeling

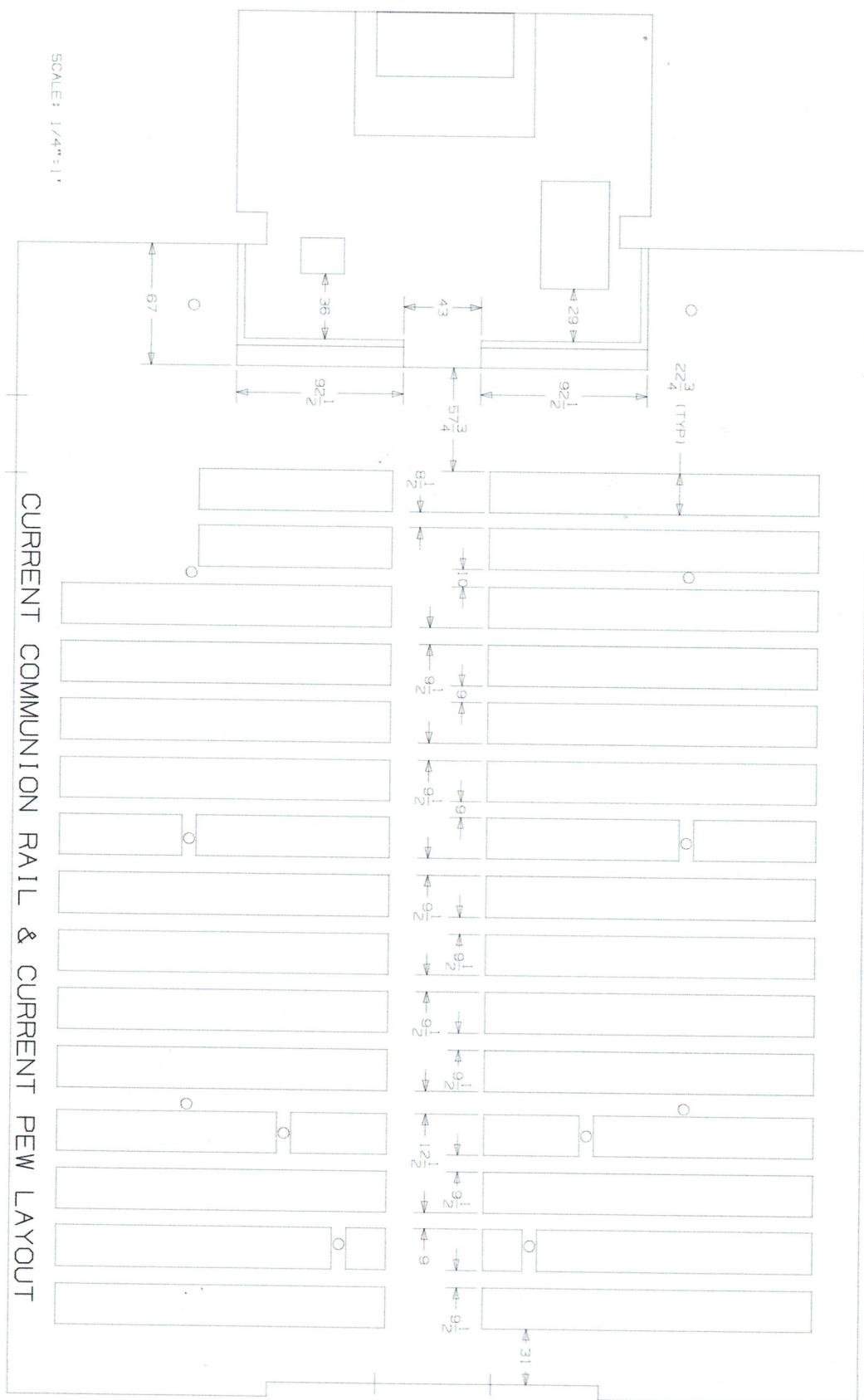
The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for February 19 at 7 p.m.

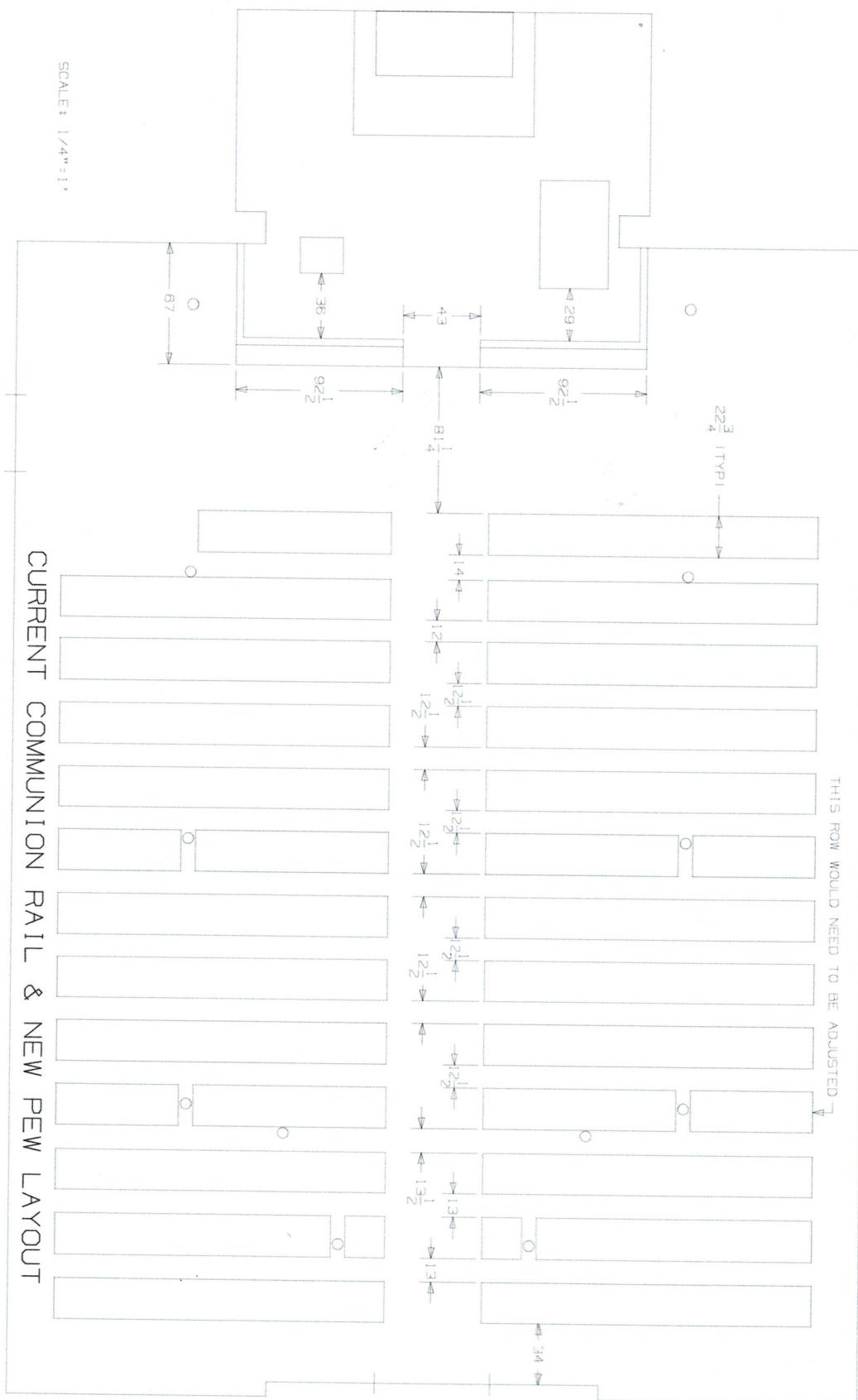
Tim Luebkemann had the opportunity to look through the surveys from the annual meeting. The following is a brief summary:

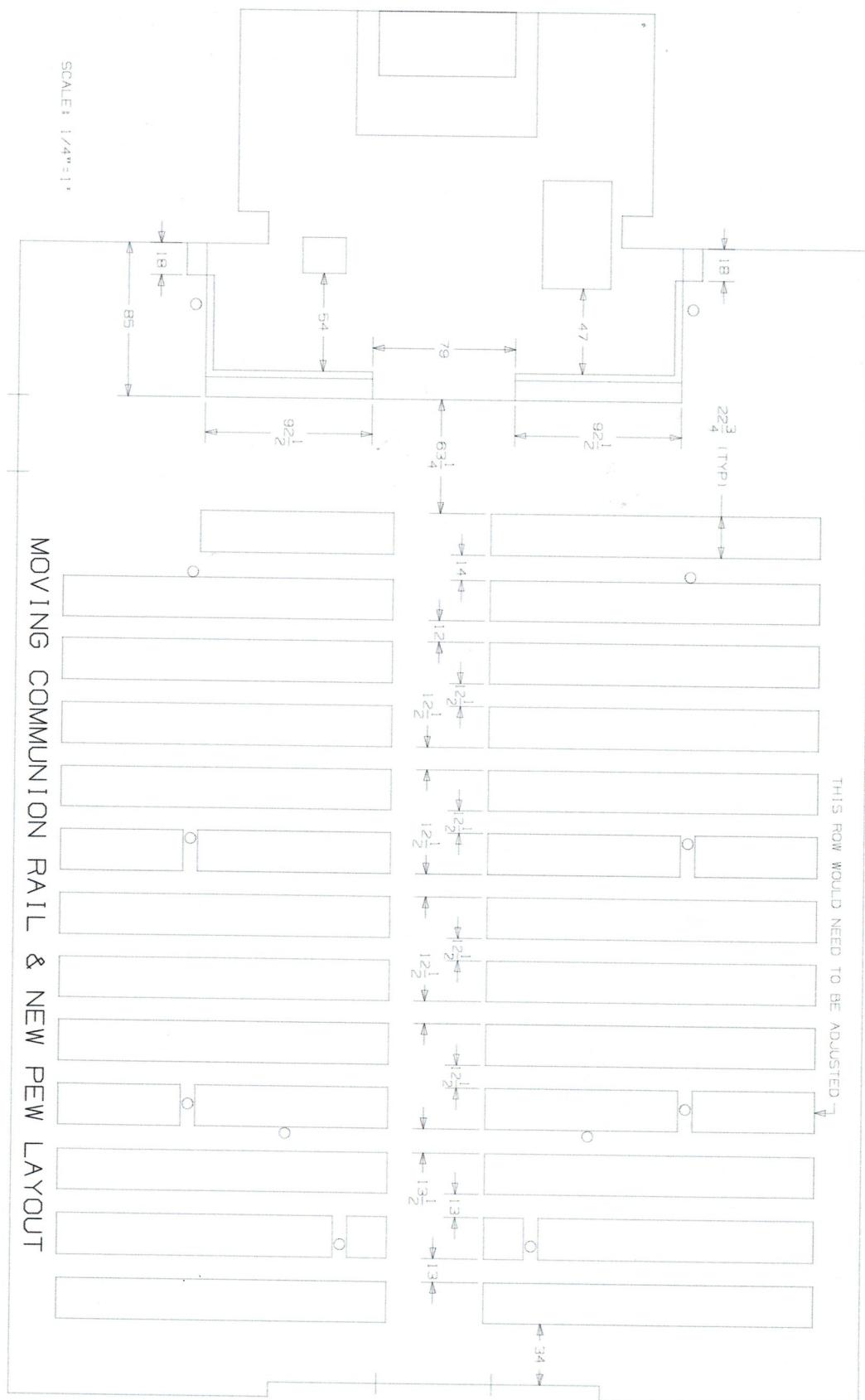
1. A majority chose to keep the carpet (to not go with all hard flooring).
2. A majority chose to move the communion rail out, remove two pews, and space out the remaining pews.
3. There were a few remarks that suggested to move the communion rail out and just remove the first two rows of pews.
4. And there were a few remarks that suggested to go with all the painting details that were mentioned during the meeting.

See pages 14-16 for preliminary floor plan drawings: current communion rail & current pew layout (page 14), current communion rail & new pew layout (page 15), and moving communion rail & new pew layout (page 16). We are aware that these drawings are light in color. Emailed .pdf copies of this issue can be enlarged to see more detail. Drawings will be made available in the church addition for viewing at a later date.

POC: Tim Luebkemann







Trinity Lutheran Church School  
December 2025

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>Balance December 1</b>	<b>59,838.76</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
General Fund Envelopes	49,847.72
General Fund Plate Offering	8,654.00
Mission Envelopes	80.00
Missions - Plate Offering 1st Sunday and Christmas Day	603.00
Christmas Eve loose offering to Sunday School	672.00
Donations	6,400.00
Fidelity, Pershing, Ed Jones, Schwab	3,000.00
Tuition	2,188.00
Thrivent	2,348.00
Memorials	6,275.00
Sow and Grow Angel Tree donations	1,905.00
Gym, Kitchen, Meeting room rental	330.00
Trinity Quilters	1,000.00
CD Interest	925.69
Lutheran Witness	18.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>84,246.41</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Assessment-COSLHS	416.74
Federal Withholding & SS	6,133.56
IL Dept of Revenue	1,542.71
Health Equity Fee	13.20
Monthly benefits/life,disab/retire	8,609.21
Illinois Secure Choice	223.82
Brotherhood Mutual (church and school insurance monthly premium)	1,433.59
Brotherhood Mutual (workman compensation quarterly premium)	725.00
Employee self retirement savings	381.45
Salaries	26,350.99
Dieterich Bank LOC payment	40,500.00
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - Church	310.47
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - Parsonage	198.45
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - School	676.30
Culligan Water (water treatment)	37.75
So IL Radio -WHCO	150.00
Osbourne Office Equipment (copier lease)	142.40
Concordia Publishing House (POP's, bulletins, Lutheran Witness)	734.56
Red Bud Fire Department	60.00
Red Bud IGA	60.00
Randolph County Health Department	375.00
AW SVCS (water testing service)	200.00
Trinity School (reimburse supplies)	232.39
Dieterich ACH Fee (payroll)	9.90
Trinity Sunday School , (loose offering Christmas Eve)	672.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>90,189.49</b>
<b>Balance December 31</b>	<b>53,895.68</b>
Dieterich Line of Credit	8,512.72
Liefer Line of Credit	15099.68
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>23,612.40</b>

Trinity Lutheran Church School  
December 2025

**BUILDING FUND**

<b>Balance December 1</b>	<b>3,583.07</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Building Fund	3,050.00
Organ Fund	50.00
Remodel Fund	335.00
CD Interest Remodel Fund	415.21
Cemetery Fund	1,000.00
Memorial (Painting Door Fund)	865.00
Interest	0.27
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,715.48</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Balance December 31</b>	<b>9,298.55</b>
<b>Allocated Funds:</b>	
Organ Fund	50.00
Painting Door Fund	865.00
School Memorials	914.86
Cemetery Fund	1,983.95
Church Remodel	926.18
CD#3=14265.30 CD#4=227690.69 CD#5=15000.00 CD#6=5900.00)	
<b>Total Allocated Funds without CD's</b>	<b>4,739.99</b>
<b>Total Allocated Funds in CD's</b>	<b>262,855.99</b>
<b>Non Allocated Funds</b>	<b>(Building Fund general use)</b>
	<b>4,558.56</b>

**MISSIONS**

<b>Mission Commitment</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
Envelope Offering	80.00
Plate Offering	603.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>683.00</b>
 COSLHS Monthly Assessment	 416.74
Southern Illinois District	0.00
Excess funds not allocated	10,000.00
Total Offering to date	4,290.61
 <b>Exceeded Commitment (voted at annual mtg. to use this for Trinity teacher salaries)</b>	 <b>19,290.61</b>
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Dean Schoenbeck, Treasurer

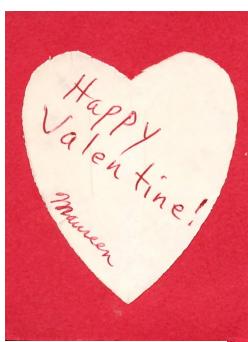
# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 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	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. Elders  7:30 p.m. Church Council	<b>4</b> 7:50 a.m. Chapel  10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class  12:30 p.m. Quilting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 p.m. Trivia Night	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 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	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 p.m. Sow N Grow	<b>11</b> 7:50 a.m. Chapel  10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class  12:30 p.m. Quilting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Comm.
<b>15</b> 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	<b>16</b> <i>Presidents' Day</i> <i>No School</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:50 a.m. Chapel  10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class  12:30 p.m. Quilting  7:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Comm.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Adult Bible Class  10:00 a.m. Divine Service  7:00 p.m. Youth Conf. Class	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 p.m. BOCE	<b>25</b> 7:50 a.m. Chapel  10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class  12:30 p.m. Quilting  7:00 p.m. Lenten Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Editor's Note:**

Here I go again. My mother kept a lot of "stuff." (Yes, I inherited this trait...) Does anyone remember simple, little Valentine cards? In my early grade school years at St. John's in Chester, we decorated paper sacks (above left pic) and each classmate placed a little card in a little envelope into the sacks. I remember feeling very special getting a special card from my classmates! Mrs. Bargman, my first grade teacher 1961/62, gave me a card (top center pic). AND two years later, Miss Gade, my third grade teacher 1963/64, gave me a special card with her picture in it (below left). Those meaningful, special cards stayed in my heart (and storage) for decades.

If you look closely, the little cards were "Made in USA." While Valentine hearts are all around us today (and have been for weeks!), I am truly thankful that my teachers placed Jesus into my little heart a long time ago! Praise God!! It sure was a much simpler time!



Hand made 3.25" x 2.5" construction paper Valentine card with Ms. Gade's picture inside. Priceless!

