



TRINITY TIDINGS

A monthly newsletter for family & friends of
historic Trinity Lutheran Church–Red Bud
(Prairie), IL

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Pastor's Message:

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go the house of the LORD!'"
(Psalm 122:1)

We are now very close to the completion of the redecoration work and the return to church! It's impossible to predict an exact date, because there are so many little things that still need to be done. After the major work is complete – painting, flooring, and rebuilding the organ – there is still much cleaning and moving of items back to their proper place that still needs to be done.

So, for the moment, there's some uncertainty in the November calendar. November 1 will be the last Sunday service in the gym; the gym needs to be cleaned up after that for school use. The Rededication Service at

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OFFICIAL ACTS

Funeral: Gerald Hitzemann on October 6

Wedding: Easton and Chloe (Wild) Lucht on October 17

Trinity Workers

Pastor: Rev. Scott Hojnacki
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April Thrift, Angie Trask, and
Andrew Wiggernhorn

Church Music Director: Sarah Koester **School Choir Director:** Andrew Wiggernhorn

Youth Leaders: Lisa Luebkekmann
Dana Hahn, Grace Koester, and
Andrea Sattler

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Trinity Tidings Editor: Maureen Liefer

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting
October 6, 2026

Present: Pastor Hojnacki, Ken Fehr, Mark Liefer, Kathy Nagel, Roger Liefer, Darrell Salger, Cliff Harms, Michael Koester, Tim Luebkekmann. Danny Salger, and Robin Booth.

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

Principal's Report: Robin presented checks totaling over \$300 as a donation from recent fundraisers the school did. The students did a Life Walk and coin drive for Life Network. The Red Bud Fire Dept was at school today for a demo and they also had a fire drill. No school this Friday, it is the Teacher in Service at Good Shepherd, and no school Monday for Columbus Day. The week of October 19 is parent-teacher conferences. October 30 will be the Fall Fest and Nov. 10, at 1:30, will be the Veteran's Day program.

Secretary's Report: The prior minutes were sent out to the board, with no corrections, a motion was made, seconded and moved to accept the secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented. This month, in the General Fund, we had to borrow another \$10,000 from Mark & Maureen Liefer and we borrowed \$6,000 from the building fund. So, our current loan balance is \$99,108. There was a lengthy discussion on where we could cut expenses, and or how to raise more money. No immediate solution was determined but will follow up and check on a few minor suggestions before the next meeting. In the Church Remodel fund, so far, we have paid out \$123,140 and in the Organ remodel we have paid \$28,048. There should be enough money in the remodel fund to finish the project without needing any extra funding. The proposed salary ballot needs to be prepared, Tim volunteered to help Dean with that. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, it was seconded and accepted.

Pastor's Report: The funeral of Gerald Hitzemann was held today at St. John's Red Bud with burial at Trinity. We held a joint Sunday morning service at St. John's Baldwin this past Sunday, October 4 and will again next Sunday. This helps both congregations, since our gym wasn't available to hold our service and Baldwin's Pastor has taken a call and they are now vacant. With their vacancy, it's possible we may do more joint services. Pastor will officiate at Easton Lucht's wedding which will be held at St. John's Red Bud since our Church wasn't finished. Our congregation got a good report from President Curtis's visit here on September 20. Since Pastor is the Circuit Visitor, he has to help congregations in our circuit when they are vacant. He just found out that Pastor Buettner from New Athens/Darmstadt has just accepted a call so they will be vacant also. He noted that of the 7 congregations in our circuit, only 2 will have full time pastors, us and St. John's Red Bud. October 18 and 25 we will again hold services in the gym. November 1 is traditionally All Saints Day, we are hoping to be back in Church on that day, if not

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Council:

we may commemorate All Saints Day later. When the Church is completed, we will have a rededication service.

Trustee's Report: The handicapped area in front of school was discussed. It will be striped, but it was recommended to wait 6 months for concrete to cure.

Redecoration Committee: Tim reported that the flooring should be delivered tomorrow and they hope to have the downstairs flooring done by end of next week. Tim was asking for help to move pews back into church the week of the 19th. If all goes as planned, we may be back in Church November 1. Not everything may be completed but we will be able to have services.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nagel, Secretary

Message:

church is scheduled for November 22. Weather permitting, we will gather on the church lawn for the opening prayer and blessing and then process into the church together. Saturday evening services return on November 28, which is also the first weekend in Advent, the beginning of the new Church Year. That leaves November 8 and 15 flexible. If we're able to be back in church, great; if not, we will join the saints at Baldwin for a few more weeks (9:00 a.m. service). Please understand that I'll be waiting on the workers to make the call; we may only have a few days advance notice those weeks.

The first Sunday in November is traditionally All Saints Day with the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. Since we won't be back in church by then, and thus without the ringing of the bells, we will be postponing that particular service.

Please understand that these plans may be subject to change depending on the actual progress of the work at church. Thank you for your continued patience.





Trinity Lutheran School
Dr. Robin Booth, Principal

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Mission Statement:

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

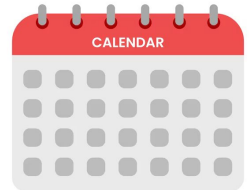
Future Dates

December 13: Christmas Program at 6:00 p.m.

December 18: Early dismissal at 12:45 p.m.

December 21-31: No School

November 10: Veterans Day Program
November 11: Veterans Day (No School)
November 13: Progress Reports go home
November 13-15: Rummage Sale
November 20: School Improvement Day—11:20 a.m. dismissal
November 25-27: Thanksgiving (No School)



October 4, 2026

The pork sausage dinner benefiting Trinity Lutheran School was a delicious success! Thanks to all who helped in any way...and to all who supported the fund raiser.



In lieu of a door collection on LWML Sunday, October 4, Sow & Grow set up a country store outside during the pork sausage dinner.

Thank you for your generous free will donations.



How well do you know the youth in our congregation and in our school?

By Lisa Luebkekmann

At a youth conference I learned that kids stay connected to the church when they are connected to the people in the church. The story of one man supporting one kid from church really stuck out to me. The story begins with John attending the football game week after week to watch Joe, one of the kids at church. After each game the two would talk. John would sometimes give advice to Joe and other times they just talked about the game. Joe continued to go to church faithfully and when he was asked what kept him in his faith he said it was because of John. He said John not only shared the love of the game with him but he shared God's love with him. He showed him how to care for others and how to be there for him.

So let's show up for our youth and support them in the activities they are participating in. Even if you can't make a game, ask our youth about the game or what classes they are taking, what clubs they are in.

Many of our Trinity students are not members of our church, but to show our support, let them see the faces of our congregation at their events, talk with them, volunteer when and where you can. Just have a conversation and let's get better connected!

I will be adding Trinity/SJB, RBES and RBHS (local games) sports calendars to our newsletter each month as a way to try to connect our members and our school families.

- Those participating in girls basketball this year at RBHS are Josie Hahn and Emily Mehring (former Trinity student).
- Cheerleaders at RBHS are Kinsey Kadlec and Macy Sternberg. Kinsey cheers for the varsity boys basketball and Macy cheers for the JV boys basketball.
- Kelly Hahn is participating in RBES girls basketball.

If I have missed anyone, please text me, Lisa Luebkekmann, at 618-713-7125 so I can get their name and sport added.

Trinity/St.John's the Baptist Coop Girls Basketball

Tues. Nov. 3 RBL A & C @SJB 6:00

Wed. Nov. 4 ICS A & C @ SJB 6:00

Tues. Nov. 10 RBL A & C @ RBL 6:00

Thur. Nov. 12 St. James A @ SJB 6:00

Tues. Nov. 17 Steeleville A & C @ SJB 6:00

Tues. Nov. 24 *St. Mary/CLA & C; 8th grade night for Trinity @ Trinity 6:00

Trinity/St.John's the Baptist Coop Boys Basketball

Mon. Nov. 2 Evansville B & C @ SJB 6:00

Wed,Sat Nov 4,7 RBL "C" Tournament RBL TBA

Thur. Nov. 5 PDR "C" only @ PDR 6:00

Tues. Nov. 10 St. John Smithton B&C @ SJB 6:00

Mon. Nov. 16 Coulterville B & C @ SJB 6:00

Mon. Nov. 23 Steeleville B & C @ Trinity 6:00

RBHS Boys Basketball JV/Varsity- Macy and Kinsey cheering

Nov. 24 Valmeyer @ RBHS 6/7:30

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NOVEMBER 2026 BIRTHDAYS* AND *ANNIVERSARIES**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Kyle Langrehr Sheryl McKnight Larissa Wandro	2 <i>Shawn & Lori Woods</i>	3 <i>Justin & Victoria Salger</i>	4	5 <i>Shane & Rachel Gregson Roger & Sharon Langrehr Douglas & Stephanie Stamm</i>	6 Theodore Koerber Kristen Schoenbeck <i>Ryan & Meghan Heck</i>	7 Sandra Ruhmann <i>Jeremy & Beth Heller</i>
8 Clifford Harms Gemma Matzenbacher Josie Matzenbacher Timothy Mehring	9 Luann Nurnberger	10 Jason Kadlec Isaac Luebkmann	11	12 <i>Edward & Bonnie Piel</i>	13 Danielle Leedle Daniel Mehring <i>Kevin & Erin Winka</i>	14
15 Brooklyn Heck Bridget McKnight Micah Sattler	16	17 Rachel Krebs	18 <i>Michael & Rebecca Kohne</i>	19 Brittney Burmester Kayla Burmester Brie Dillow Jonathan Heller	20 Keri Burmester	21 Jack Jeffers Grace Koester Darren Salger Leah Sattler
22 Jena Gibbs <i>Marlen & Karen Liefer</i>	23 Stefan Bauer	24	25 <i>Kevin & Elaine Byer</i>	26 <i>Cliff & Carol Harms</i>	27 Grace Goetting Lacy Randle Janel Voss	28 Kaden Brosch Amy Dannenberg <i>Elizabeth & Dustin Oakley</i>
29 Erica Bauer Mikayla Wilson	30 Joshua Mehring Richard Stellhorn					

*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!

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit items for the **December** issue of Trinity Tidings by **November 22...**
articles, information, recognitions, pictures, etc.

I try to reply to all messages, voicemails, and texts to confirm receipt.

If you do not receive my reply within a day or two, please contact me again.

Note: Items submitted after the deadline may not be included in the issue. Thank you!

Maureen Liefer

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618-615-3091 (cell/test)

Hard copies will be accepted.

Altar Guild Schedule

November 1: Lexi, Brie, & Emily

November 8: Carol & Betty

November 14: Pearl & Cindy

November 15: Cathy & Michelle

November 26: Lois & Grace

Acolyte Schedule

November 1: No acolyte

November 8: Micah

November 15: Kelton

November 22: Addie (rededication)

November 26: Leah

November 29: Chelsea

NOTE: No acolyte if service is conducted in the school gym or elsewhere.

Usher Schedule (for the week of...)

November 1: Jeff Mehring

November 8: Matt Piel

November 15: Michael Koester

November 22: Daryl Whelan

November 29: Dean Schoenbeck

Usher Schedule (for the week of...)

December 6: Roger Liefer

December 13: Doug Stamm

December 20: Tim Luebkekmann

December 27: Youth Group

Schedules:

RBHS Girls Basketball Freshmen- Emily Mehring

Nov. 30 Columbia @ RBHS 6:00

RBHS Girls Basketball JV/V - Josie Hahn

Nov. 23 Dupo @ RHBS 6/7:30

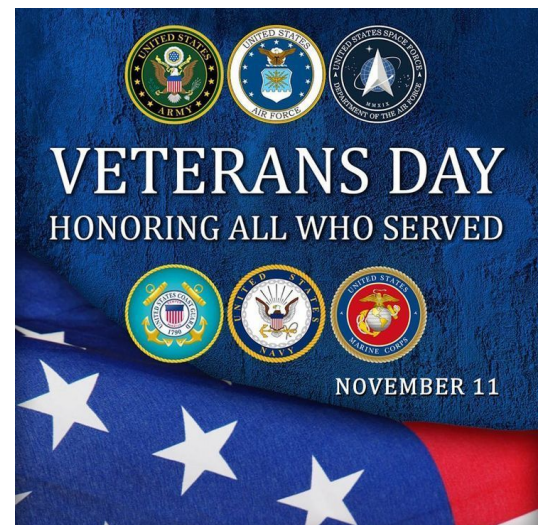
RBES Girls Basketball- Kelly Hahn

Nov. 10 Millstadt @ RBES 7:00

Nov. 12 St. Peter and Paul @ RBES 7:00

Nov. 18 Marissa @ RBES 7:00

Nov. 19 Dupo @ RBES 7:00



URGENT: Prayerfully Consider

Trinity Family,

It is necessary to inform you that we are borrowing money to support general fund needs at an unsustainable rate, and cannot continue at this pace. We have maxed out our line of credit at the bank (\$50,000), and have been borrowing from members of the church to meet monthly obligations. There has been additional borrowing in October, and we will likely be over \$100,000 in debt by November 1, 2026.

Costs are increasing, attendance may be off a little in the gym, and perhaps some tithes have gone to the church redecoration project instead of the general fund. Please consider prayerful giving towards our ongoing general fund needs.

Thank you!

Ken Fehr
Chairman, Trinity Lutheran Church



QUILTS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

As of mid-October, Bryce Cramer, SID Assistant District Disaster Response coordinator, was packing up to spend a few weeks serving those impacted by Hurricane Isaias. The last of the quilts were headed to the Shalimar & Destin, Florida areas.



LWML

For those who attended the LWML Southern Illinois District convention and heard Pastor Paul Ernewein speak about his role as LCMS Southern District DDRC (District Disaster Response Coordinator) and his feeding ministry, Forged by Fire, please visit www.WeServeHope.org to follow his work and updates.

MORE QUILTS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Bryce Cramer shared this picture with Mary Hamilton:
This lady worked with Rev. Ed Brashier 20 yrs ago. Rev. Brashier's name was mentioned one day and this lady gasped and asked you know Ed?
Bryce put the two folks in contact with each other and they were able to talk.



Bryce Cramer shared this picture with Mary Hamilton: A comfort quilt recipient after Hurricane Isaias.
Look at her big smile!



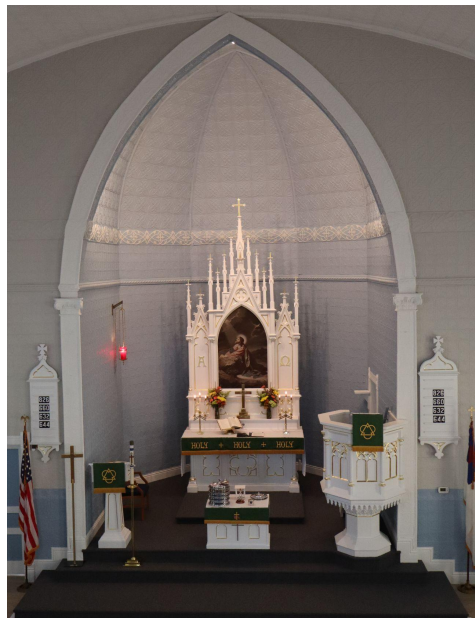
Thanks, Mary Hamilton, for sharing information & pictures about the quilts



Rich & Barb Mehring,
thank you for sharing your 70th wedding
anniversary celebration with all of us at
Trinity after the service on
September 27, 2026.
The cake was delicious!
We wish you God's blessings...



A special thank you to St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin for
sharing their beautiful sanctuary with us on October 4 and 11.
It was a joy to worship with you.



Pastor Hojnacki conducted the
Divine Service (with Holy
Communion) on the 4th and
Pastor Adair conducted the Divine
Service on the 11th.
(Pictures were taken on October 4.)



Donations to Trinity Lutheran Church were received from the following:

Gerald Hitzemann memorials

Sow n Grow donated their proceeds from the Country Market that was held in conjunction with the
Pork Sausage Dinner

In honor of Richard & Barbara Mehring's 70th Wedding Anniversary, donations were received from:
Richard & Barb Mehring and Gary & Charlene Woods

We thank Alan & Karla Mueth for their donation to re-cover the Communion Rail Kneeling Pads.



Contributions can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one, as a gift of thanksgiving at
Christmas or for any other joyous occasion.

Enclose this form with your money or check (made out to "Trinity Sow N Grow") in an envelope
(marked "Angel Tree") and place in the collection plate or give to the
Sow N Grow treasurer (Margie Buch).

Christmas Day will be the last day to make a contribution.

My gift: \$ _____

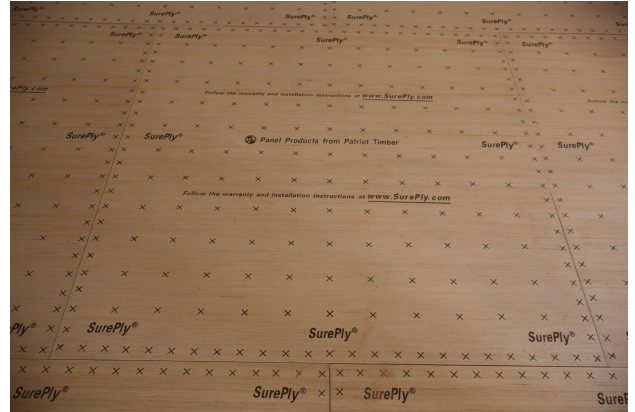
In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

_____ General Fund (Debt Reduction) _____ Other (Donor's Choice): _____

Renovation of Trinity Lutheran Church 2026
October 4, 2026
Work on the floor begins with underlayment...

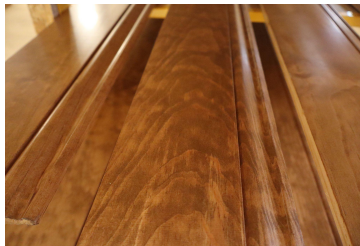
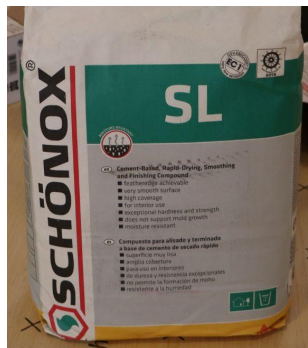


Above & Right:

Baseboard trim
delivered...not stained.



Renovation of Trinity Lutheran Church 2026
October 11, 2026
Flooring work...filling seams & staining baseboard trim.



October 14, 2026
Left & Right:
 Thank you, Darrell Salger,
 for staining the baseboard
 trim.
 Looks great!



Renovation of Trinity Lutheran Church 2026

Flooring

October 14, 2026



Robert Donjon (left),
hard at work removing
old tile from south room.

Right: Flooring in center
of sanctuary has been
installed.

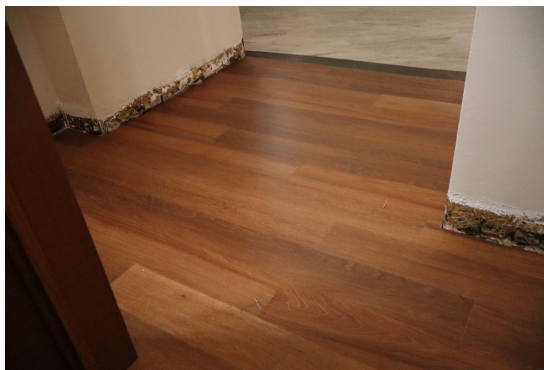
Below: Flooring for north
& south sides delivered,
ready to be unloaded, &
brought inside.



October 18, 2026



Renovation of Trinity Lutheran Church 2026
Flooring...approaching completion on the main level
October 25, 2026



Donations begin November 2

Sale dates:

November 13 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 14 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

November 15 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Youth Group Christmas Cookie & Candy Sales

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity	Item (\$10.00 per item)
1 pound packages	
	Ranch Mix <i>(Pretzels, Bugles, Nuts, Crackers, & Ranch Flavoring)</i>
	Trail Mix <i>(M&M's, PB Chips, Butterscotch chips, Honey Chex, Raisins, & Nuts)</i>
	Peanut Clusters
	Fudge
	Fudge with Pecans
	White Chocolate Pretzels
	Peanut Butter Balls (Milk Chocolate)
2 pound containers of dough. We will NOT be baking cookies.	
	Russian Teacake Dough (no powdered sugar provided for dipping)
	Goosey Butter Cookie Dough (no powdered sugar provided for dipping)
	Snickerdoodle Dough (no cinnamon/sugar provided for dipping)
	Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
	M & M Cookie Dough
	Sugar Cookie Dough

_____ **Total Items**

x \$10

\$ _____ **Total Due**

***Orders due November 8th.**

*Cookies and candy will be done on November 29.

*Please include payment with order.

*Checks can be made out to *Trinity Lutheran Youth Group*.

*All items are produced in the same environment. We do our best to separate peanut items from non peanut items.

Trinity Lutheran Youth Group would like to *Thank You*
and wish you a *Blessed Christmas!*

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
September 2026

GENERAL FUND

Balance September 1	9,741.12
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INCOME:

Borrow from Building Fund	6,000.00	
CD Interest	109.18	
Fidelity, Pershing, Ed Jones, Schwab	1,000.00	
General Fund Envelopes	26,846.00	
General Fund Plate Offering	731.00	
LCMS Refund	0.59	
Liefer LOC	10,000.00	
Mission Envelopes	75.00	
Missions - Plate	373.00	
Thrivent Grant	5,165.00	
Tractor Ride	382.00	
Tuition	2,375.00	
Total Income		53,056.77

EXPENSES:

AW SVCS	100.00	
Brotherhood Mutual (church and school insurance monthly premium)	1,911.01	
Brotherhood Mutual (workmans comp insurance quarterly payment)	689.45	
Concordia Publishing House (POP, LW)	707.34	
Culligan (water treatment)	73.00	
Dieterich ACH Fee (payroll)	9.70	
Dieterich LOC Payment	300.00	
Employee self retirement savings	238.94	
Federal Withholding & SS	6,319.54	
Health Equity fee	13.20	
IL Dept of Revenue	1,525.88	
Illinois Secure Choice	182.02	
Insurance Deductibles	148.06	
Monthly benefits/life,disab/retire	9,069.49	
Osborne Office Equipment (copier lease)	283.77	
Prime Cutting LLC (grass mowing)	2,400.00	
Salaries	27,620.06	
Transfer to TLS to reimburse supplies	35.87	
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - Church	615.17	
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - Parsonage	518.90	
Utilities - phone, electric, gas- School	1,509.12	
Total Expenses		54,270.52

Balance September 30	8,527.37
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Dieterich LOC Balance	49,622.68
Liefer LOC Balance	43,486.28
Building Fund Loan	6,000.00
Total Loans	99,108.96

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
September 2026

BUILDING FUND

Balance September 1 169,740.41

INCOME:

Building Fund	50.00	
Cash out Dannenberg CD#6 (use for Organ Remodel)	6,060.91	
Interest	12.76	
Total Income		6,123.67

EXPENSES:

Ace (filters)	55.92	
Autenrieb (church remodel painting)	24,000.00	
Borrow from Building Fund (For General Fund)	6,000.00	
Neal's Htg & Clg (school HVAC)	105.00	
Waggoners Inc (fabric for kneeling rail)	231.23	
Total Expenses		30,392.15

Balance September 30 145,471.93

Allocated Funds:

School Memorials	914.86
Painting Door Fund	865.00
Cemetery Fund	1,983.95
Church Remodel	134,608.04

Total Allocated Funds 138,371.85

Non Allocated Funds Building Fund general use 7,100.08

Total paid for church remodel to date=123,139.40

Total paid for organ remodel to date=28,048.00

MISSIONS

Mission Commitment 15,000.00

Envelope Offering	75.00
Plate Collection	373.00
Total Offering	448.00

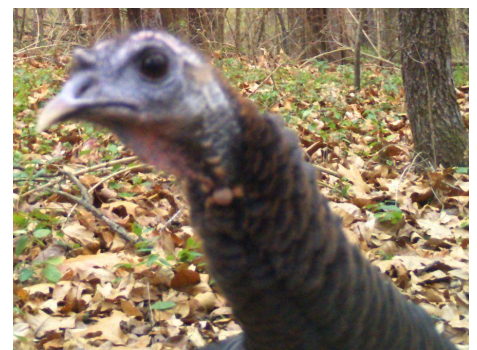
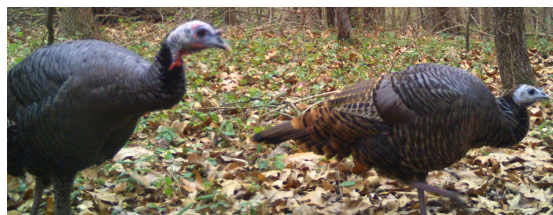
Trinity School Payroll 448.00 4,814.26

Southern Illinois District 0.00 10,000.00

Total Offering to date 14,814.26

Balance of Commitment 185.74

Dean Schoenbeck, Treasurer



November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 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	2	3 7:00 p.m. Elders 7:30 p.m. Church Council	4 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilting	5	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. Divine Service @ St. John, Baldwin 7:00 p.m. Youth Conf. Class	9	10 1:30 p.m. Veterans' Day Program 7:00 p.m. Sow N Grow	11 <i>No School Veterans' Day</i> 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilting	12	13 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. Rummage Sale	14 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rummage Sale
15 9:00 a.m. Divine Service @ St. John, Baldwin w/ Holy Comm. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Rummage Sale 7:00 p.m. Youth Conf. Class	16	17	18 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilting	19	20	21
22 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Divine Service – Rededication 7:00 p.m. Youth Conf. Class	23	24	25 <i>No School</i> 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilting	26 Thanksgiving 9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Comm.	27 <i>No School</i>	28 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
29 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m. Youth Conf. Class	30					