

Trinity Tidings

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

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Pastor's Message:

The time has finally come. For several years now we have been discussing and planning the redecoration of the church sanctuary: new paint, new floors, minor repairs, some rearranging of the furnishings. The work begins in earnest the first week in June.

I don't mind using the word "renovation" to describe the process. The -nov - in renovation comes from the Latin novum, meaning "new." Renovation means to make something new again (which, of course, reminds us of Jesus' words in Revelation 21:5). When the work is done, we will have a renewed sanctuary in which to receive the gifts of God and praise His name.

There will be some inconveniences in the interim. Starting June 7, the Sunday morning services will be held in the school gym. Saturday evening services will be temporarily discontinued. There are quite a few logistical details that still need to be worked out. The summer calendar of events will look quite sparse. Please be patient as the work progresses; we'll make the best of it for now and look forward to completion, Lord willing, in about three months.

In the meantime, please consider a few examples from the Bible of the construction and furnishing of worship spaces for the Lord: Exodus 35-40 (The Tabernacle), 1 Kings 5-8 (The Temple), 2 Chronicles 34 (Renovating the Temple), and Ezra 3-6 (Rebuilding the Temple).



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**Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting
May 5, 2026**

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

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

Principal/School Board Report: Robin reported that Ms. Wetzel will not be returning to teach here next year. So, we are in need of a 3rd-4th grade teacher. Robin and the school board have begun advertising for a teacher. They have received a couple interest and will start setting up interviews. The open house went well. There have been field trips; K-Preschool went to the FFA day at the High School. We have 6 students qualifying and going to the Lutheran State Track Meet in Chicago next weekend.

Secretary's Report: With no changes or corrections, the secretary's report was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dean was unable to attend, but sent the report. We had a good month for mission offerings. No unusual expenses to report. A motion was made, seconded and moved to accept the treasurer's report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that attendance was good in April with average weekend over 140. In official acts, there were three baptisms, Paisley Dillow, daughter of Austin and Brie (Luebke) Dillow, Lucy Vaughn, daughter of Brent and Mary (Goetting) Vaughn, and Leighton Randle, daughter of Scott and Lacy (Kinzel) Randle. The wedding of Stefan and McKenzie Bauer was held April 25. The Ascension Day service will be held May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor attended the District Pastors conference today. This Sunday, May 10, will be the last weekend of Sunday School/Bible Class. The following Sunday, May 17 is our church picnic. Then on May 24 we will switch to the summer schedule with church being at 9:00 a.m. Pastor will not be here on May 31, to attend an out-of-town family wedding. With the redecoration of the church, we will tentatively begin services in the gym on June 7. The week of June 1, help will be needed to move all the pews out of church. With the gym not being air conditioned and with the heat of the day, it was decided to not have Saturday evening services during this summer.

Elder's Report: There has been no feedback on whether or not anyone is listening to our services on WHCO. We will continue to check into this.

Trustees Report: With excess funds in the school checking account, it was decided to replace the poor and uneven sidewalks in front of the main/gym entrance and add a couple handicap parking spots. The trustees dug out the old sidewalks, and Adam Schnaus has donated his time and is putting up concrete forms. Roger's Redi Mix also agreed to donate a portion of the concrete.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Nagel, Secretary

June Birthdays*

June Anniversaries*

June 1
Emily Kothe
Brody Leedle
Beverley Stelhorn

June 3
Adalyn Lange

June 5
Eugene Buch
Noah Mehring
Karla Mueth

June 9
Hazel Fowler
Joseph Schnepel

June 11
Kathleen Nagel

June 14
Sarah Koester
Barbara Mehring
Jack Rhodes
August Ruwald

June 15
Margie Buch
David Goetting
Randy Schoenbeck
Craig Wilson

June 17
Jeremy Heller

June 19
Sheila Schoenbeck

June 20
Amanda Stamm

June 21
Donny Hamilton
Jane Marler

June 22
Hunter Niemeyer

June 24
Emilie Bierman
Harlow Leedle
Matthew Schaefer
Marvin Wilkening

June 27
Matthew Bollinger
Heather Brunkhorst
Nellie Jeffers
JoAnn Kadlec
Savannah Langrehr

June 29
Craig Budde
Judson Kadlec
Cheri Lange

June 2
Byron & Cathy Burmester

June 4
Jeff & Michelle Mehring

June 12
Christopher & Sarah Craft

June 14
Mary & Jeffrey Kern

June 19
Genelle & Rick Thomas

June 21
Matt & Danielle Leedle

June 28
Adam & Kristen Johnson

June 30
Dwayne & Brenda Brewer



**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!*

**Graduations 2026
With God's blessings!**



Left
**Trinity's Preschool
Graduates:**

- Aria Allen
- Charlotte Grider
- Zoe Leedle
- Tate Roy
- Kade Schnepel
- Sephie Hallman

Right
**Trinity's Kindergarten
Graduates:**

- Natalie Fortman
- Juliett Wittenborn
- Waylon Walter
- Drew Wilson



Left
**Trinity's 8th Grade
Graduates:**

- Micah Sattler
- Emily Mehring
- Kelton Schnepel

Trinity Lutheran BOCE Meeting 4/28/2026 7:00pm

Present: Pastor, Dr. Booth, Jonathan Mehring, Charlotte Schnepel, Stephanie Stamm, Tim Schrader

Minutes from last month were approved.

Sunday School Report—There are 2 more classes left until summer. The balloon release went well on Easter and 1 balloon was found and returned so far.

Finance report was reviewed and approved.

Administrator's Report—Robin:

Teachers and students went through CPR training a few weeks ago. Today they had a meeting through Concordia for the insurance and retirement. Dr. Booth presented a letter from Ms. Wetzel that she will be resigning at the end of this year. The board wants to thank Ms. Wetzel for her years here and she will be greatly missed. We will start the hiring process right away. Open House was fun and we had a lot of students show up, but we didn't have the best turn out of new families. Dr. Booth and teachers are working on new curriculum for next year.

Old Business

Spring Rummage Sale Review—Rummage Sale went well. We made a total of \$5958.49 and what was left over went to The Giving Tree.

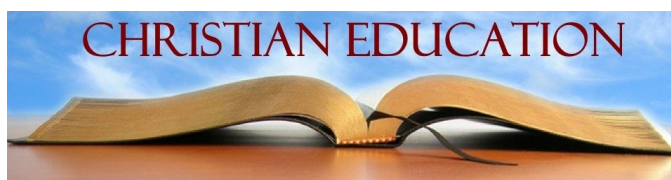
Teacher appreciation week—Discussed some ideas to do something small every day. Stephanie is going to get a hydration station for each teacher on Monday. Tuesday, Jonathan will bring donuts and breakfast items from IGA. Wednesday Dr. Booth will get milkshakes from McDonald's. Thursday, Jonathan will arrange to have lunch catered from somewhere. Friday, Charlotte will get drinks from Off the Square.

New Business

Mark Liefer presented an idea about replacing the sidewalk by the front entrance. The air conditioner is out in the kindergarten room and needs to be replaced.

Finalized graduation details and refreshments—Graduation is May 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Tim is going to take care of refreshments. Dr. Booth is going to check on a dairy-free option since we have a graduate who can not have dairy. Preschool graduation is Wed. May 13th at 6 p.m. in the gym. Dr. Booth or Ms. Angie will order that cake.

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BOCE:

Discussed setting up the stage for the graduations, play, and sports award night. Tim and Jonathan will arrange a night next week to set it up and then will most likely take down stage after sports awards on May 21st.

Sports Award will be May 21st with kickball after awards like done in the past. Discussing possibly a 6:00 or 6:30 start time.

Accreditation standards review (submit to district) —Jeff has not sent that yet. Dr. Booth will send him a message about that and so we will table that till next month.

Handbook review (share to teachers by June meeting—Everyone should go over the handbook at home and the next few meetings we will go over if there needs to be any changes made.

Meeting wad adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next BOCE meeting is May 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Schnepel

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

With the church remodeling fast approaching, we want to update everyone about fresh floral arrangements for Sunday services in the school gym for the duration of the remodel.

- ⇒ Since the school does not have A/C in the gym, we ask that anyone who has or would like to reserve fresh flowers, to please have your arrangements at school no later than 8:30 am the Sunday morning of the service.
- ⇒ If you cannot bring them Sunday morning, you may take them to the addition at church the Saturday before. PLEASE contact a flower committee member to make sure they will be placed at school for the service.
- ⇒ Please ensure your arrangements are picked up AFTER the church service (due to the heat). If you are unable to do so, please make arrangements with someone who will pick them up for you.



If you have any questions, please contact a committee member. This is a learning experience and we do not have all the answers, but we are willing to work with you. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

~Trinity Flower Committee~ Beverly...402-4977, Catherine...334-0150, Janice...340-1394, Lois...282-8241, or Sue...977-3142.

Thank You...

Donations for our school and church were received from:

St. John Lutheran Church,
Ruma

Trinity Lutheran School Activity
Fund

Building Fund Donation in
Memory of Glennon & Elaine
Goetting

Flower Committee - Easter Lily
Sales of \$1340 to the Roof
Repair

Thanks to Steve & Linda Koester from Roger's Redi-Mix for donating the concrete for the sidewalk improvements.

Thank you to Adam Schnaus and many Trinity members for donating their time and machinery to make the improvements a reality.



Stone embedded in the new concrete "IN MEMORY OF GLENNON AND ELAINE GOETTING 2026"

GOODBYE, OLD CONCRETE AT THE SCHOOL'S NORTH ENTRANCE!



HELLO, NEW CONCRETE!!



ADAM SCHNAUS...thank you!



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Anna (Widows') Group

The Anna (Widows') Group enjoyed the warmer temperatures again, gathering May 21 on Vickie Heller's patio and eating our sack lunches. Fellowship and recipes were shared (thanks to yummy desserts and discussions of maple syrup).

We continue our devotions and discussions from "Life After... Devotions for Widows," with only 5 sessions left before we move on to our next book. These devotions include personal reflections, Scripture passages, and practical insights written by widows for widows.

On Thursday, June 18 the Anna Group is traveling to Kimmswick, MO, for shopping and lunch at one of the local restaurants. We will meet at 9:00 AM in the parking lot behind the north location of Dieterich Bank. All widows are welcome to join us. Contact Janice Cowell (618)-340-1394 or Cheryl Sauerhage (217)-313-6397 for more details.



Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit items for the **July 2026** issue of Trinity Tidings **by June 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
 mmliefer@htc.net
 618-615-3091 (cell/text), 282-2072 (home)
 Hard copies accepted.

Altar Guild Schedule

June 7: Carol & Betty
 June 13: Pearl & Cindy
 June 14: Cathy & Michelle

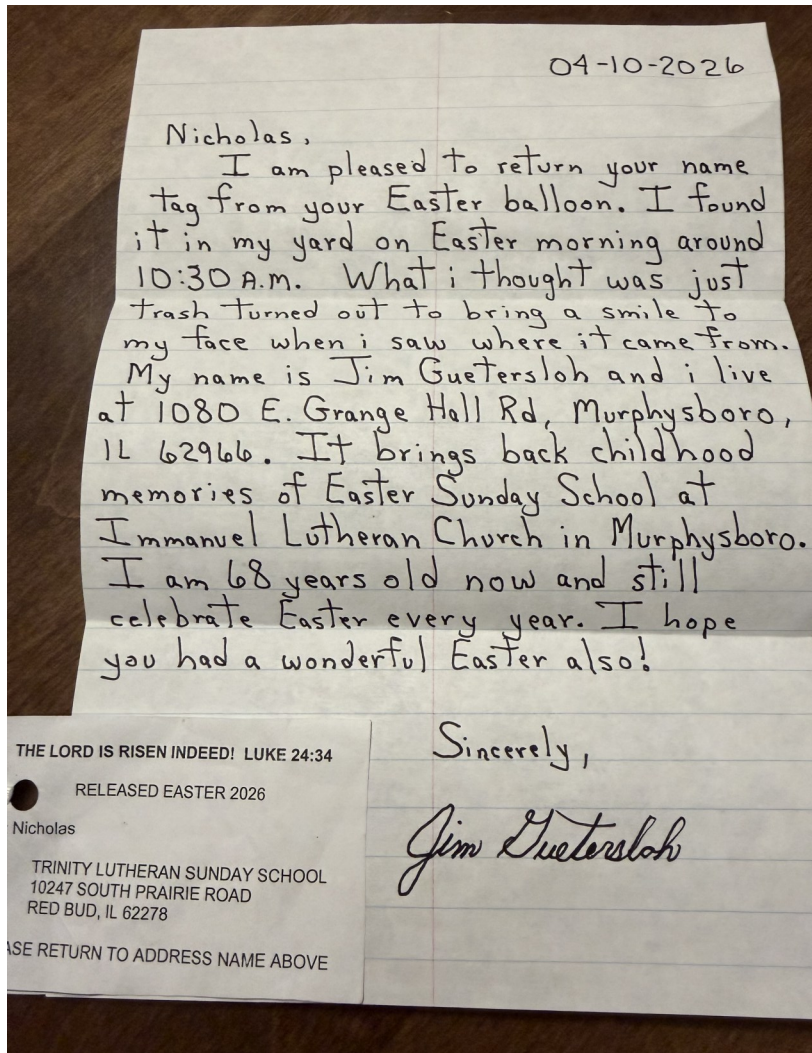
Acolyte Schedule

June: No acolytes while church services are conducted in the school gym.

Usher Schedule (for the week of...)

June 7: Doug Stamm
 June 14: Tim Luebkemann
 June 21: Youth Group
 June 28: Jeff Mehring

July 5: Matt Piel
 July 12: Michael Koester
 July 19: Daryl Whelan
 July 26: Dean Schoenbeck



From Prairie to Murphysboro!!

Mr. Guetersloh found one of the Sunday School Easter balloons and sent a letter to Nicholas.

Thank you, Stephanie Stamm, for sharing the letter with us!

FOR \$ DONATION!

Chairs in the meeting room at school have been replaced. The old chairs are available for sale. Chairs are in various conditions...some better, some quite worn. Make your selection...make an offer...make a donation!



PRAIRIE PICNIC 2026...THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE IT A SUCCESS!



Top left: Pork sausage prep
Above: Kitchen prep
Center top: Country store

Top right: Chicken fry prep
Above: Kitchen prep
Left: A "mile" of pie!



The annual play



HELP NEEDED!
PREPARING POTATO SALAD FOR THE 2026 FIREMEN'S PICNIC

This is Trinity's year to make potato salad for Red Bud's Firemen's Picnic.
Looking for potato cookers, potato peelers, and general help!

We'll be making **300 (yes, THREE HUNDRED!!) pounds** of potato salad!

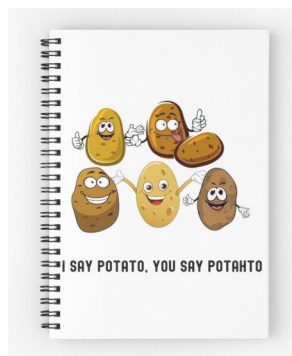
Pick up potatoes from the meeting room in school on
Wednesday, June 24 between 12:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Return cooked potatoes to the meeting room on Thursday, June 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Please call Denise to let her know if you can help in ANY way.

618-304-6258

THANK YOU!



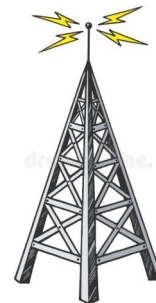
WHCO RADIO

For many years, Trinity has sponsored a half-hour Sunday morning radio broadcast of our Sunday service on WHCO 1230AM out of Sparta. Like everything else in the world, the cost of this broadcast is increasing. Recently, the Elders and Church Council have been discussing whether or not to continue providing this broadcast service each week. There is one piece of information that is critically important to the decision, but that we do not know –

How many people are listening each week?

So, if you listen to our broadcast regularly, or if you know someone who does, please tell us about it. Send an email to church@trinityredbud.com or leave a phone message at 618-282-2883.

Thank you.



Trinity Lutheran Church and School
April 2026

GENERAL FUND

Balance April 1		11,212.65
INCOME:		
Activity Fund	900.00	
Donations	300.00	
Fidelity, Pershing, Ed Jones, Schwab, Merrill Lynch	3,636.40	
Fish Fry	60.00	
General Fund Envelopes	28,059.00	
General Fund Plate Offering	1,859.00	
Mission Donation from other sources (use for Trinity payroll)	1,000.00	
Mission Envelopes	4,205.00	
Missions - Plate	1,251.76	
Registration	3,760.00	
Tech Fee	600.00	
Thrivent	3,118.00	
Tuition	7,048.00	
Total Income		55,797.16
EXPENSES:		
AW SVCS (water testing service)	100.00	
Brotherhood Mutual (church and school insurance monthly premium)	1,433.58	
Concordia Publishing House (church 360, Lutheran Witness)	885.84	
Cotton's Inc	69.90	
Culligan, water treatment	83.00	
Dieterich ACH Fee (payroll)	10.00	
Dieterich LOC	500.00	
Employee self retirement savings	254.30	
Federal Withholding & SS	6,254.89	
Health Equity Fee	13.20	
IGA	60.00	
IL Dept of Revenue	1,514.65	
Illinois Secure Choice	179.98	
Insurance Deductibles	1,218.08	
Monthly benefits/life,disab/retire	9,058.68	
Osborne Office Equipment, copier lease	736.65	
Reliable Sanitation	300.90	
Salaries	27,026.85	
Southern IL District, missions	5,040.10	
Teklab (water testing)	73.20	
Transfer to Trinity for Tech Fees	600.00	
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - Church	1,393.72	
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - Parsonage	778.02	
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - School	2,519.64	
WHCO - broadcast	150.00	
Total Expenses		60,255.18
Balance April 30		6,754.63
Dieterich LOC Balance	6,569.87	
Liefer LOC Balance	15,249.16	
Total Loans	21,819.03	

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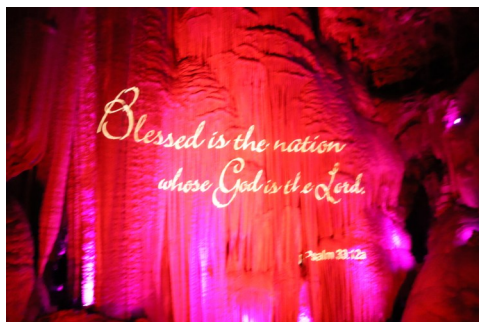
BUILDING FUND

Balance April 1			9,609.11
INCOME:			
Building Fund	300.00		
Interest	1.23		
Total Income		301.23	
EXPENSES:			
Neals Htg & Clg. (school)	192.50		
Construction Supply	13.98		
Total Expenses		206.48	
Balance April 30			9,703.86
Allocated Funds			
School Memorials	914.86		
Painting Door Fund	865.00		
Cemetery Fund	1,983.95		
Church Remodel	2,803.36		
CD#3=14265.30 CD#4=227690.69 CD#6=5900.00			
Total Allocated Funds without CD's			6,567.17
Total Allocated Funds in CD's	3 CD's Church Remodel	247,855.99	
Non Allocated Funds	(Building Fund General Use)		3,136.69

MISSIONS

Mission Commitment			15,000.00
Envelope Offering	4,205.00		
Plate Collection	1,251.76		
Total Offering	5,456.76		
Trinity School Payroll		416.66	1552.82
Southern Illinois District		5,040.10	6785.44
Total Offering to date			8338.26
Balance of Commitment			6,661.74

Dean Schoenbeck, Treasurer



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 p.m. Elders 7:30 p.m. Church Council	3 12:30 p.m. Quilting	4	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	8	9	10 12:30 p.m. Quilting	11	12	13
14 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	15	16	17 12:30 p.m. Quilting	18	19	20
21 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	22	23 7:00 p.m. BOCE	24 12:30 p.m. Quilting	25	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	29	30				