

Trinity Tidings

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

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Pastor's Message:

This year marks a significant anniversary in the history of the Christian Church: 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea. In the year AD 325, Constantine, the first Christian emperor of Rome, called a Council, a meeting of bishops, pastors, and other church leaders, in the city of Nicaea.

Constantine wanted the leaders of the Church to resolve certain controversies and divisions that had arisen in the Church at that time, particularly regarding the divine nature of Jesus Christ. The result of this Council was a confession of faith that is still used in the Church to this day, known to us as the Nicene Creed.

In the Nicene Creed, we confess the divinity of Christ as it is taught in the Holy Scriptures, rejecting the false teaching of those who claimed that Jesus was only a man and inferior to God in every way. The next time we confess the Nicene Creed in the Divine Service (which is every time we

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Official Acts

Baptism: Tanner Lee Trask on May 10

Wedding: Scott and Lacy (Kinzel) Randle on May 31



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**Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting
May 6, 2025**

Present: Pastor Hojnacki, Ken Fehr, Mark Liefer, Kathy Nagel, Dean Schoenbeck, Darrell Salger, Cliff Harms, Michael Koester, Danny Salger, Lori Woods, and Robin Booth.

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

Secretary's Report: The minutes from last month's meeting were sent out to all the Board. A motion was made, seconded, and moved to accept the secretary reports.

Principal's Report: Robin gave her report. The Open house-game night went well and the kids did a great job in their school play "Tell Me the Truth." A scholastic book fair was also held. Pre-K through 3rd grade enjoyed a field trip to Rainbow Ranch. Next year there will be some text book changes from math to algebra for the upper grades. There are 4 students currently registered for kindergarten next year.

Treasurer's Report: General offerings were good this month. Also, we had large memorial donations from the Lucht family which will be designated to the remodeling fund. This will be put into a CD until it is needed. Due to the closing of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School after the current school year, the mission commitment was discussed. As of now we will continue our commitment through June to cover teacher expenses. COS is still in the early stages of what the next step will be, so we will discuss again when more information is received. A motion was made and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Pastor's Report: There were 13 church services in April. Attendance was good. Four eighth graders were confirmed on April 13, Josie Hahn, Preston Krack, Brody Leedle, and Macey Sternberg. Acts of service included the funeral of Matthew Dannenberg, and Vernon and Jane Lucht. Graduation will be held May 20 at Trinity and May 23 at COSLHS. Ascension service will be on May 29. A baptism and wedding are scheduled in May. Christ Our Savior will have a closing church service on May 25. Pastor reported that there are a number of pastoral vacancies in our District. Locally, Pastor Fisher has retired from St. Peter's Evansville and St. John Ruma. Without a pastor, Pastor Hojnacki has volunteered to help fill in when needed until they are able to get a pastor.

Elders Report: Nothing to report

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

The redecorating committee has started meeting. It was decided that the remodel project will start in June or July of 2026. This would probably be at least a 3-month project where the church will be unavailable. We wanted to get that word out for those planning for weddings etc. for next year. The redecorating meetings are open to anyone, if you want to get more information or help in the planning.

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

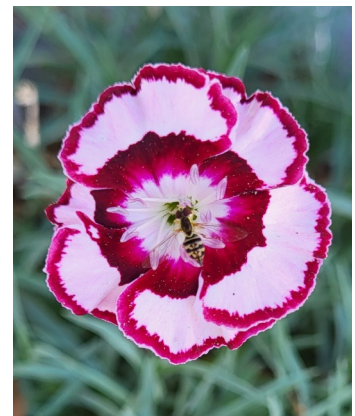
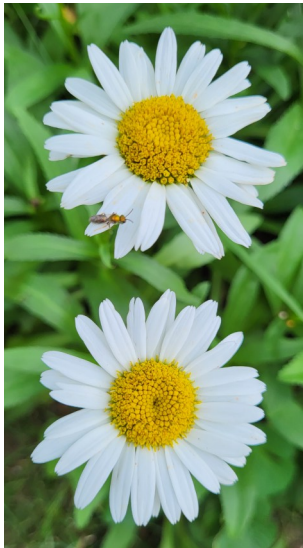
Respectfully submitted.
Kathy Nagel, Secretary

Message:

have Holy Communion), pay close attention to the second article of the Creed and how we confess that Jesus is the eternal Son of God.

This month, on Trinity Sunday (June 14/15), is also the one time each year that we confess the Athanasian Creed. The Athanasian Creed has a similar origin, coming a few hundred years after Nicaea, but similarly written in response to divisions and controversies in the Church regarding the Holy Trinity and the Two Natures (divine and human) of Christ.

When we confess the Creeds, we are not only making a personal confession of our faith in God, but we are also confessing our unity with the Church of all times and places regarding the Biblical truth of who God is and what He has done for us.



ANNA (Widows') GROUP

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

A new devotion book will be available soon. If you would like to reserve a copy, the cost will be \$6. Order requests should be placed by mid-June so the books can be picked up at the convention, saving the additional cost of postage.

POC: Janice Cowell or Cheryl Sauerhage.



June Birthdays*

June 1

Brody Leedle
Emily Luebke
Beverly Stellhorn

June 3

Adalyn Lange

June 5

Eugene Buch
Noah Mehling
Karly Mueth
Darlene Pour

June 9

Hazel Fowler
Joseph Schnepel

June 11

Kathleen Nagel

June 14

Sarah Koester
Barbara Mehling
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
Chari Lange

June Anniversaries*

June 2

Byron & Cathy Burmester

June 4

Jeff & Michelle Mehling

June 12

Christopher & Sarah Craft

June 14

Mary & Jeffrey Kern

June 19

Genelle & Rick Thomas

June 21

Matt & Danielle Leedle

June 28

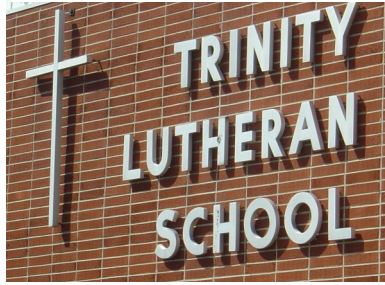
Adam & Kristen Johnson

June 30

Dwayne & Brenda Brewer



**If there are any edits, corrections, deletions, or additions to these lists, please notify Heather 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.

"Endure" Hebrews 12:1-3

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CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS

Avery Blow
&
Keira Ratcliff

The Graduation Service for the
Class of 2025 was held in church
on
May 20, 2025

Pastor Hojnacki's message:
"Keep On Enduring"

Lord, hear our prayer.
We thank You, good Lord.
We praise You, good Lord.
Amen.



K-7 students sang:
"Go My Children with My Blessing"
during the graduation service.

Trinity Lutheran School Board May 20, 2025

Pastor led an opening devotion

Attendance: Dr Booth, Lori Woods, Jonathan Mehring, Cheri Lange, Charlotte Schnepel, Pastor Hojnacki, Julie Fehr, Ken Fehr

Some Trinity families were present to have a discussion about ways to improve here at the school.

Minutes from April meeting approved

Finance report approved as presented

Sunday school report: Season is over. The program is looking for a high school teacher.

Administrators report: There is nothing new to report at this time. School is winding down, and everyone is looking forward to summer. Dr Booth would like there to be a defined policy about Salutatorian and Valedictorian requirements.

Old Business:

Teacher Appreciation week was a success

State Track Meet went very well. We had 5 athletes competing in 8 events. Emily Mehring advanced through preliminaries and semi finals to place 7th in the finals and make a podium appearance. Trinity was well represented! 46 schools and over 400 athletes competed in this 50th year of the LSA.

The registration packet for Trinity needs to be re worked and updated, the board will get together on Wed June 11th.

New Business

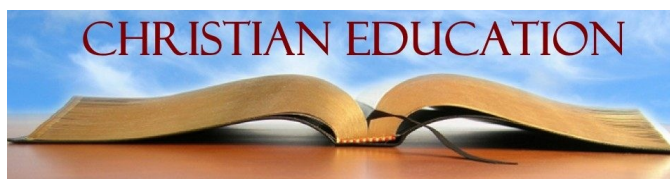
There is interest in a Cross Country team this Fall. Charlotte will look into how to proceed.

The Board will look into hiring a Part time secretary for the school.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next BOCE meeting is June 24th at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Fehr Secretary





CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS

On Mother's Day evening, Red Bud High School held its Baccalaureate service. Trent Sternberg, Eva Kinney, & Jaden Kadlec participated.

Members not present were Corbin Lange (Marine Corps in California), Grace Gonstal, & Jared Heck.

Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit items for the **July 2025** issue of Trinity Tidings by **June 22**...articles, information, recognitions, pictures, etc.

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

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

Maureen Liefer

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Hard copies accepted.

Altar Guild Schedule

June 1: Carol Crabill & Betty Fehr
June 8: Pearl Guebert & Cindy Schnepel
June 14: Lois Eckert & Luann Nurnberger
June 15: Cathy Burmester & Michelle Mehring

Acolyte Schedule

June 8: Carter Lange
June 15: Chelsea Salger
June 22: Harrison Rohlfig
June 29: Jaden Kadlec

Usher Schedule (for the week of...)

June 1: Tim Luebkekmann
June 8: Youth Group
June 15: Jeff Mehring
June 22: Matt Piel
June 29: Michael Koester

July 6: Daryl Whelan
July 13: Dean Schoenbeck
July 20: Roger Liefer
July 27: Doug Stamm

The Trinity Lutheran Youth Group would like to thank everyone that supported us at the online auction. We would especially like to thank the following businesses and people for their generous donations.

Boutique Obsessed
Buena Vista National Bank
Camp Wartburg
Chartrand Equipment
Cheri Lange, SC Insurance
Creation Museum
Design Fitness
DiCarlo's Pizza & Pasta
Dieterich Bank
Doiron's Jewelry & Repair
Eagle Stone
Ed Morris Automotive Group
Edward Jones Investments
Edwardsville Children's Museum
GCS Ballpark
Holiday World 'N Splashin' Safari
Kerry Wandro, Prairie Farms
Kutting Edge
Lara Voss, Artistic
Mark & Maureen Liefer
Mary's 2
MiCasa Sub Shop
Miller's Meat Market

NAPA Auto Tire and Parts
Plaza Tire
Ratzkeller Lanes
Red Bud IGA
Red Bud Industries
Repertory Theatre
Ron & Betty Fehr
Salger Brothers Dairy Farm
Sandra Ruhmann
Schenk's Market
Sight and Sound
Smoked 'N Smashed
Southern Illinois Spine & Joint Center
St. Louis Cardinals
Stamm Pest Control
Stenzel Chiropractic
Tami Pautler, Zettas
The Material Works Ltd
The Mill
Total Eclipse
Trinity Quilters
Trinity Youth Group
Ultra Site

A few of the online auction items.



With Thanks

Donations were received for church in memory of
Viola Muench and Harold Thies.
We are grateful!

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A rummage sale will be held in the gym at COSLHS on July 18 and 19, 2025. Items can be donated beginning June 9.

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Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

The state of Illinois does not require private schools to keep student records when they close. Files that will not be transferred with current students to other schools can be claimed in the school office by presenting proper ID before June 20, 2025. Remaining student records will be shredded June 30, 2025.

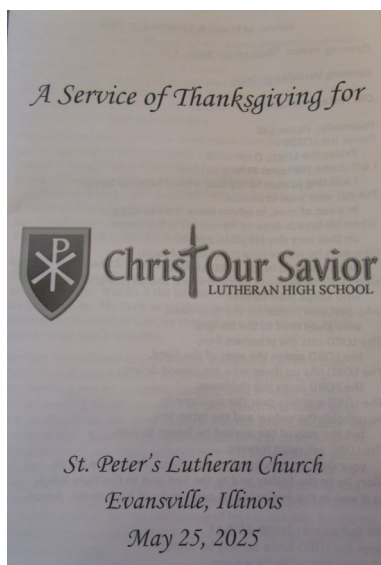
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Rite of Closing for Christ Our Savior Rev. Heath Curtis, SID President



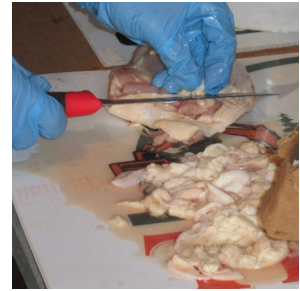
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings which You have poured out upon the students, teachers, administrators, staff, board, families, and supporters of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School, especially for the teaching of Your holy Word and for Your continued presence among Your people these past 26 years. Forgive us where we have been slow to receive Your Word and unwilling to obey it. We rejoice in Your goodness and in Your gracious promise that You will never leave us or forsake us. Bless us as we go forth from this place, that the seed of Your Word that has been planted in our hearts and minds may bear fruit in our words and deeds throughout our lives. Bless Your Church throughout the world so that she may always give faithful witness to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Preserve and protect Your people at all times, and bring us to last to the heavenly home which You have prepared for all who serve You in faith and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is now closed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prairie's Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner May 18, 2025



Lots of
preparation!



Prairie's Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner May 18, 2025



Thanks to everyone who
worked to make the dinner
a success!
A very special thank you to
Tammy & Darrell!!
Approximate profit: \$6,766

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
April 2025

GENERAL FUND

Balance April 1		33,613.40
INCOME:		
General Fund Envelopes	32,029.80	
General Fund Plate Offering	2,541.35	
Mission Envelopes	200.00	
Missions - Plate	145.00	
Thrivent	2,476.00	
Fidelity, Pershing, Ed Jones, Schwab	1,108.97	
Tuition	8,090.00	
Donations	300.00	
Registration	850.00	
Memorials	14,450.00	
Lutheran Witness	25.00	
Health Equity Refund	13.25	
Total Income		62,229.37
EXPENSES:		
Assessment-COSLHS	416.66	
Federal Withholding & SS	6,199.75	
IL Dept of Revenue	1,539.14	
Insurance Deductibles	25.69	
Monthly benefits/life,disab/retire	8,310.84	
Brotherhood Mutual (church and school insurance monthly premium)	1,354.25	
Employee self retirement savings	241.08	
Salaries	26,108.43	
Southern IL District, missions	0.00	
Osborne Office Equipment, copier lease	0.00	
Concordia Publishing House (church 360, Lutheran Witness, wafers, oil)	919.77	
Health Equity Fee	13.20	
Culligan, water treatment	24.00	
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - Church	888.30	
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - Parsonage	493.77	
Utilities - phone, electric, gas - School	2,695.16	
WHCO - broadcast	150.00	
Trinity Lutheran School (reinburse for supplies)	272.19	
Illinois Secure Choice	170.60	
Transfer Lucht memorial to Church remodel fund	14,005.00	
Postage	73.00	
Dieterich ACH Fee (payroll)	9.90	
Total Expenses		63,910.73
Balance April 30		31,932.04
Line of Credit Balance		0.00

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
April 2025

BUILDING FUND

Balance April 1 **11,923.98**

INCOME:

Building Fund	155.00	
Cemetery Fund	600.00	
Church Remodel	30.00	
Lucht Memorial (church remodel)	14,005.00	
Interest	1.10	
Total Income		14,791.10

EXPENSES:

Poletti Plumbing (school plumbing repair)	1,613.20	
Total Expenses		1,613.20

Balance April 30 **25,101.88**

Allocated Funds

School Memorials	914.86	
Cemetery Fund	1,035.71	
Roof Fund	2,051.21	
Church Remodel	16,889.56	
CD#1=13794.53 CD#2=21236.18 CD#3=13817.68 CD#4=213999.11		

Total Allocated Funds without CD's **20,891.34**

Total Allocated Funds in CD's 4 CD's Church Remodel 262,847.50

Non Allocated Funds (Building Fund General Use) **4,210.54**

MISSIONS

Mission Commitment **15,000.00**

Envelope Offering	200.00	
Plate Collection	145.00	
Total Offering	345.00	

Mission Offering short (Mar.=124.66, Apr.=71.66)

COSLHS Monthly Assessment	416.66	1666.64
Southern Illinois District	0.00	4088.04
Total Offering to date		5754.68

Balance of Commitment **9,245.32**

Dean Schoenbeck, Treasurer

June 2025

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

**HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!**