

Trinity Highlights

February 2023 Newsletter

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Stewardship Report:

General Fund Report:	December	Year to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 28,481	\$273,438	\$250,765
Expenses	<u>31,827</u>	<u>361,103</u>	271,942
(Deficit)/Surplus	(3,346)	(87,665)	

Giving in December was greater than projections, as is often the case in December. Expenses were again above budget as the remainder of the roofing project was paid off. Factoring out the roofing project, expenses year to date are approximately \$9,000 under budget. The General Fund balance at the end of December was \$176,288.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His continued blessings and pray that we may continue to be faithful stewards until the day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Rob Fornoff
Chairman - Board of Finance



Pekin Lions Club
Pancake Day At Trinity
Saturday, February 25
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Lions Club assists the community by providing eye-glasses, hearing aids and Christmas baskets. These difficult economic times causes a strain on their ability to continue meeting these needs. Your donations at this Pancake Day will help those in need, while providing you with delicious pancakes. A donation will be taken at the door. Come and show your support to this worthy cause.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Dining Night Out

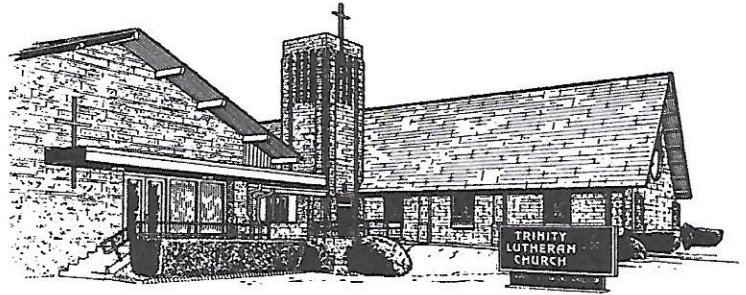
The next GSLS Dining Night out is Wednesday, February 15 at Chipotle, 400 W. Washington St., East Peoria from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 33% of event sales will be donated to GSLS. You can order on-line using code: H3XRKPK or pick-up a flyer on the table in Room 10 and take it to Chipotle.



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January 25, 2023

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

Beloved in the Lord,

This Sunday (January 29th) we will hear again how our Lord took three of His disciples up the mountain and then was transfigured before them. Moses and Elijah join Him in conversation, discussing His "Exodus," referring already to the cross. As Jesus comes down the mountain He teaches His bewildered disciples that He must be crucified, and He sets His face for Jerusalem—to the cross!

And so, the season of preparation for Easter begins once again. The first few Sundays after the Transfiguration of our Lord (the "Gesima" Sundays) ease us into the season of Lent. Then, by February 22nd this year, Ash Wednesday begins in earnest the season of fasting, self-denial, and growth in Christ.

One healthy part of our Lenten discipline is the additional Wednesday night services, at which we set aside extra time to gather and meditate upon God's Word. **The theme of our Lenten meditation this year will be: "The Seven Words from the Cross."** Each week we will meditate upon one of our Lord's last seven statements from the cross prior to His death and resurrection.

For this series of sermons and services, Pastor Raddatz will rotate with Pastor Bishop from St. John's Lutheran in Pekin so that you will hear a sermon from Pastor Raddatz one week and then one from Pastor Bishop the next (see schedule below). May the meditation of our hearts upon the Word of our Lord be acceptable to Him this Lenten season.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Pastor Simeon Raddatz

Trinity's 2023 Midweek Lenten Theme—"The Seven Words from the Cross"

February 22nd – Pastor Raddatz, "Today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43)

March 1st – Pastor Bishop, "Father, Forgive Them" (Luke 23:34)

March 8th – Pastor Raddatz, "Woman, behold your son... behold your mother" (John 19:26-27)

March 15th – Pastor Bishop, "My God, my God, Why have You Forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46)

March 22nd – Pastor Raddatz, "I Thirst" (John 19:28)

March 29th – Pastor Bishop, "It is Finished" (John 19:30)

April 7th (Good Friday) – Pastor Raddatz, "Into Your hands I commend My spirit" (Luke 23:46)

Trinity's Service Volunteers - February 2023

ACOLYTES

02/05 8:15 a.m. Lexi Brown
10:45 a.m. Kiedrych Dockins
02/12 8:15 a.m. Will Brown
10:45 a.m. Kiedrych Dockins
02/19 8:15 a.m. Emily Anton
10:45 a.m. Kiedrych Dockins
02/22 6:00 p.m. Ella Spaeth
02/26 8:15 a.m. Leah Brown
10:45 a.m. Kiedrych Dockins

USHERS

02/05 8:15 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell, A. Juergens
02/12 8:15 a.m. C. Whitley
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell
02/19 8:15 a.m. O. Miller, C. Harms
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell, A. Juergens
02/22 6:00 p.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
02/26 8:15 a.m. C. Whitley, D. Harms
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell, B. Juergens

BIBLE BREAKFAST HELPERS

Pick-Up Donuts:

02/05 *Open*
02/12 *Open*
02/19 *Open*
02/26 *Open*

Prep Donuts, Make Coffee, Pour Juice:

02/05 *Open*
02/12 *Open*
02/19 *Open*
02/26 *Open*

ALTAR FLOWERS

02/05 *Open*
02/12 *Open*
02/19 BonnyLou Schmidt, *for her 90th birthday on February 20.*
02/26 Terry Knollenberg, *for his 76th birthday on March 2.*

No volunteers have signed up for the month of February. Please consider serving our church on one of these dates.



Annual Report

The deadline for turning in reports for the Annual Report is Sunday, February 26. All chairpersons of boards should turn in a report. If you are in doubt as to whether you need to submit a report, please contact the church office.

2023 Directories are ready to be picked up on the table in Room 10. If your address or telephone number is incorrect please contact the church office.

2023 Offering Envelopes: There are still offering envelopes that need to be picked up. If you haven't picked up your 2023 offering envelopes they are on the table in Room 10. If you would like someone to drop off your envelopes or if you don't have offering envelopes and would like some contact the church office.

2023 Flower Chart: The 2023 flower chart is up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Simply sign your name by the date you wish to donate flowers. A form will be sent to you when your date is near. There are plenty of dates still available. Dates are chosen on a first come first serve basis.

February Birthdays

Feb. 2

Katie Daniels

Feb. 3

Marcella Harms
Lisa Prather

Feb. 4

Alexzandra Hoehn
Jeanine Meyers

Feb. 5

Vicki Egli

Feb. 6

Debra Brock

Feb. 10

Samantha Durbin

Feb. 12

Nicholas Kreager

Feb. 13

Elias Raddatz

Feb. 14

Lynn Wyatt

Feb. 15

Gage Cutting
Susan Fisher
Dakota Harms

Feb. 16

Lauren Juergens
Les Schultz

Feb. 17

Tabitha Mattheessen

Feb. 19

Nevaeh May
Hailey Weyhrich

Feb. 20

Christopher Bennett
BonnyLou Schmidt
(Happy 90th Birthday)

Feb. 24

Brad Juergens
Casey Whitley, Jr.

Feb. 25

Austin Ewing
Ella Spaeth

Feb. 26

Carrie Whitehead

Feb. 27

Brian Maquet
Cody Zevnik

Feb. 28

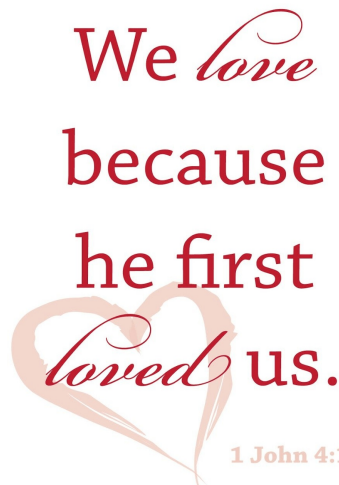
Loraine Weyhrich

February Anniversaries

Feb. 25

Robert & Sarah Johnson

If your birthday or anniversary was omitted or a date is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can update our records.



December Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Emily Anton
Leah Brown
Dadreyn Dockins
Haven Harms
Zoey Portillo
Edith Spaeth
Ella Spaeth
Mable Spaeth
Oliver Spaeth
Henry Stout

GSLs's 17th Annual Benefit Auction

Mark your calendars to attend “Run for the Roses with Ewe”, Good Shepherd Lutheran School’s 17th Annual Benefit Auction on **Saturday, May 6, 2023** at the Par-A-Dice Hotel Ballroom. There will be several opportunities to win “Auction Bucks” this year:

- 1) watch for your invitation and register early to be entered in a drawing to win \$100.00 in Auction Bucks,
- 2) invite a first-time guest to attend and be entered to win \$100.00 in Auction Bucks, and
- 3) plan to wear an outstanding Kentucky Derby themed hat to win Auction Bucks.

The “Heads/Tails Bead Game” and the “Purse Game” will both return to enhance the fun and fundraising. Donations for this year’s auction will be due by Friday, April 7, 2023. As always, we gladly welcome donations of items, gift cards, especially for the Bidding Frenzy, gift baskets, sponsorships, events, trips, etc. Please contact any auction committee member if you have questions.

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	2 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	3	4
5 8:15 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS 10:45 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION	6	7 6 PM BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE - EVANGELISM	8	9 1:30 PM CONCORDIA	10	11
12 8:15 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS 10:45 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION	13	14 6:30 PM GSLS BOARD 6 PM BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	15 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	16 6 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES	17	18
19 8:15 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 9:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS 10:45 AM WORSHIP	20	21	22 <i>Ash</i> <i>Wednesday</i> 6 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	23 7 PM BOARD OF ELDERS	24	25 10 AM - 2 PM LIONS CLUB PANCAKE DAY
26 8:15 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS 10:45 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION	27	28				



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Wednesday, February 22

6:00 p.m.

With the Imposition of Ashes