

Trinity Highlights

July 2023 Newsletter

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Stewardship Report:

General Fund Report:	May	Year to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 32,174	\$119,087	\$106,655
Expenses	<u>27,262</u>	<u>118,892</u>	116,658
(Deficit)/Surplus	4,912	195	

Giving in May was much higher than projected while expenses were also higher than budgeted. As can be seen, giving much outpaced expenses for the month. The General Fund balance at the end of May was \$183,070.

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

**New Date for
Ice Cream Social!
Sunday, July 2
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Ice cream will be provided.
Please bring your favorite topping to share.
There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to these young people who were confirmed on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

Emily Elizabeth Anton

Lexi Marie Brown

William Robert Brown

Ella Gwendolyn Spaeth

May God bless them as they celebrate this important step in their spiritual growth.

Dollars for Missions

The Central Illinois District encourages its congregations to invite their members to contribute one dollar per member per week for missions, in addition to their ordinary offerings. This kind of over-and-above giving is called "A Dollar for Missions" (DFM).

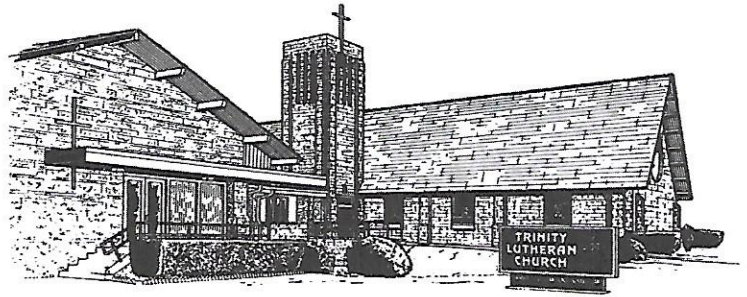
A Dollar for Missions gathers many small gifts - one dollar at a time! - to add up to a big impact for the spread of the saving Gospel of Christ. Their current project is to help a campus congregation, University Lutheran Church in Champaign, to purchase a 12-passenger van. The project cost is \$30,000.00. There is a container under the screen in Room 10 to put your dollars in.



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June 27, 2023

Tuesday—Trinity 3

Beloved in the Lord,

Wrapping up the brief series on **Frequently Asked Questions about Closed Communion**, I would like to address the question **What is the history of Closed Communion in the Church?** The following excerpts come from the book *Come in, We are Closed* by Rev. Tyrel Bramwell (a very accessible book which I recommend for further reading on this topic). They give a brief description of what the early church practiced and why.

What we call closed Communion is the Church's historic practice... On the night Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, we see that it was a private event our Lord hosted in the upper room for His closest followers, the twelve disciples. Today, many churches don't revere the Sacrament as they should, but not so with the early Church. In the first centuries of Christianity, if you were not a member of the Church, you could come to hear the Bible readings, sing hymns, listen to the sermon, and pray, but not even those who were being instructed in the Faith could attend the Service of the Sacrament. Anyone with an unconfirmed faith had to leave. The doors of the church would be closed and even guarded... We get the term closed Communion from the closed doors.

If you wanted to take Communion, the clergy needed to know you... Of course, the local pastors knew who was under their care... [If traveling] visitors would declare which church they belonged to. If it was an orthodox ["right opinion" or "right praise] church, and they were in good standing, of course they could receive Communion... Communicant members in good standing are those who have been taught the Faith and repent of their sins. When those folks knew they would be traveling they could acquire a letter from their pastor to present to the church they would be visiting. If a person came from a church that taught something other than what the Scripture taught, they weren't allowed to Commune. Only orthodox Christians commune at orthodox churches.

Closed Communion wasn't so much about restricting participation [that was not its end goal], but about teaching truth—orthodoxy.

This past Sunday we commemorated the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession on June 25, 1530. Interestingly, one of the constant themes of our Lutheran Confessions, in addition to "This is what the Scriptures teach, so this is what we believe" was the constant refrain "See, what we believe and do is what the Church has always believed and done. This is nothing new!" Likewise, the practice of Closed Communion, though unpopular in our day, is nothing new. The Church has practiced it since the beginning, and for good reason! The concern of Closed Communion is both right reception of our Lord's body and blood as well as right confession of His Word. It is that word, rightly preached and confessed, that is able to save our souls and those of our neighbors.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Pastor Raddatz

Good Shepherd Lutheran School News

GSLS Exterior Maintenance 2023

Good Shepherd needs outside work done on their grounds for nine months each year. Each of the three churches are responsible for 3 months of grounds work each year.

Duties will include: mowing 1 - 2 weeks, trim around the school and lot, trim ditches monthly, and pick up trash around the school. *Trinity is on the schedule for July to maintain the grounds.* If you are willing to help with this please contact the school office at 309-347-2020.

Auction News

Thank you to all who helped make Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 17th Annual Benefit Auction, "*Run for the Roses with Ewe!*" another outstanding evening! Once again, we greatly appreciate all of you who bought tickets and attended, donated items, services, or gift cards, sponsored tables, or prayed for our school and our auction. Together we again reached goals we thought were only dreams!

Now that all bills have been received, and most matching donations have come in, the Auction Committee can announce our totals! Our Gross Profit was an astounding \$181,319.00! After bills of \$31,311.64 have been paid, the net profit for Good Shepherd Lutheran School is \$150,007.36!

The Building Fund will receive \$44,272.63 which will cover three months of mortgage payments! This year's Fund-An-Item is a lump-sum payment to reduce the mortgage, and this astronomical total is \$105,734.73!! This one-time principal payment will shorten the school's loan by over 13 months and will save the school approximately \$62,000.00 in interest! The grand total net profit over the past 17 years is a whopping \$1,536,990.35!! Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow!

This year's committee will meet one final time to address and mail thank you letters. The new committee will take a few months off before they begin meeting again to plan the 18th auction for 2024!

More Ways to Give

Donations can be made at any time!

- ⇒ To our General Fund to help keep tuition costs from rising.
- ⇒ To our Scholarship Fund to help families with the cost of educating their children.
- ⇒ Specific goods or services to assist in educating our students.
- ⇒ For more information, contact the school office at 309-347-2020



Share the Gospel through the 2023 - 2026 LC-MS National Offering

Every three years, alongside the Synod convention, LC-MS congregations and their members join to share special gifts through the LC-MS National Offering. The 2023 - 2026 National Offering, under the theme “*We Preach Christ Crucified for All People*,” will support the translation and production of meaningful Lutheran resources in languages other than English, so that all may read, hear and speak the Good News of Christ crucified in a language easily understood.

Through the 2019 – 2022 National Offering, you made a difference in urban areas, with new immigrants, on college campuses, with partner church missionaries and in church-planting efforts both stateside and abroad.

Will you join again in 2023? Visit lcms.org/national-offering to learn more. By working together, we can give Christ to others, even those who do not speak English as their first language. We Preach Christ crucified for all people. To donate by mail please make your check payable to: The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, write “2023 LC-MS National Offering” on the memo line. Mail to: P. O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Trinity’s Shut-in’s and/or those recovering from an illness/injury

At Cedar Hurst:
Norma Rebuffoni
2700 S. 14th St.

At Hallmark:
Diana Johnson
2501 Allentown Rd.

At Lutheran Hillside Village:
Barbara Glick
6901 N. Galena Rd.
Peoria IL 61614

At Pekin Manor:
Virginia Hilst
1520 El Camino Dr.

Villas of Holly Brook:
2720 S. 14th St.
Marilyn Alexander
Donald Wahls
Betty Woith

At Home:
Pennie Adkins
500 S. Third Ave., Apt. B
Canton, IL 61520

Ken & Karalyn Garber
423 Capri St.

Don Maskel
1320 Executive Ct., Apt. 224

Delores Shafer
2210 Sunset Dr.

Carol Simpson
1028 Caroline St.

Carol Spaeth
1604 Summit

Robert Thompson
Robin Thompson
17298 Lake Knolls Rd.

Keith Warwick
705 Buckhaven St.

Loraine Weyhrich
11523 Weyhrich Rd.

Trinity's Service Volunteers - July 2023

ACOLYTES

07/02 8:15 a.m. Ella Spaeth
07/09 8:15 a.m. Emily Anton
07/16 8:15 a.m. Ella Spaeth
07/23 8:15 a.m. Lexi Brown
07/30 8:15 a.m. Emily Anton

BIBLE BREAKFAST HELPERS

Pick-Up Donuts:

07/02 Beth Abbott
07/09 Owen & Jane Miller
07/16 Pam Buerkett
07/23 *Open*
07/30 Bob & Carolyn Cordts

Prep Donuts, Make Coffee, Pour Juice:

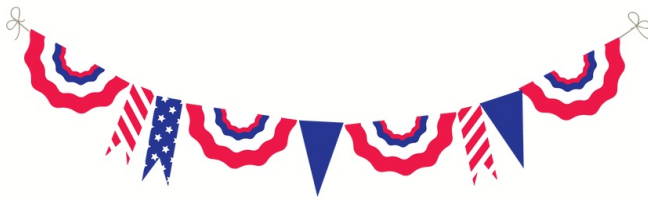
07/02 Julie O'Conner
07/09 Kathy Seidell
07/16 *Open*
07/23 *Open*
07/30 *Open*

USHERS

07/02 8:15 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell, A. Juergens
07/09 8:15 a.m. C. Whitley
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell
07/16 8:15 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell, A. Juergens
07/23 8:15 a.m. C. Whitley, D. Harms
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ALTAR FLOWERS

07/02 Terry & Joy Knollenberg, *for their 51st wedding anniversary on July 1.*
07/09 Delores Gresham, *in memory of Gary Gresham and for Delores' 76th birthday on July 9.*
07/16 *Open*
07/23 Walter & Lynn Brown, *for their 16th wedding anniversary on July 21.*
07/30 Ron & Hermene Upchurch, *for their 58th wedding anniversary on August 1.*



Camp Cilca Outdoor Ministries 2023 Events

- ▶ **August 5:** Homecoming - Food, music, games & more!
- ▶ **September 3:** Chicken Fry & Auction
- ▶ **September 16:** ACT LIKE MEN - Shooting Retreat (*Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult*)
- ▶ **September 22:** Whippoorwill Golf Outing
- ▶ **October 7:** GRIT Run!
- ▶ **November 4:** ACT LIKE MEN Workday
- ▶ **ACT LIKE MEN** is for men of all ages to make connections across generations, learn and sharpen new skills, and grow strong in the Lord. *“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”* 1 Corinthians 16:13

July Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

July 1

Raine Robertson

July 3

Shelly Harms
Brandon Lanhardt

July 4

Eric Spaeth

July 6

Fashia Eubanks
Avery Speck

July 9

Debbie Fornoff
Delores Gresham
Mabel Spaeth
Marcia Whitley

July 10

Amy Hand

July 11

Karalyn Garber
Lori Lynn
Brian Rochester

July 13

Alora Burdess

July 14

Nicole Lynn

July 15

Robert Maquet
Betty Woith

July 16

Knoxwell Deverman
Grady Dunn
Michael Knollenberg

July 18

Enrique Rodriguez, III
Kayla Steele
Cecelia Utke

July 20

Julie O'Conner
Kayci Steele

July 22

Scott Beccue

July 23

Miranda Seidell

July 25

John Bennett
Elizabeth Eubanks
Johnathon Eubanks

July 26

Lauren Hand
Courtney Kincaid
Kara Palmieri

July 28

Ashley Kincaid

July 30

Jennifer Anton

July 31

Kevin Dobbelaire
Kerrigan Link
Kathy Seidell



Anniversaries

July 1

Terry & Joy Knollenberg

July 13

Pastor Simeon & Lauren Raddatz

July 15

Bill & Kelly Link

July 21

Walter & Lynn Brown



May Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Emily Anton
Haven Harms
Elias Raddatz
Violet Raddatz
Edith Spaeth
Ella Spaeth
Mabel Spaeth
Oliver Spaeth

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:15 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 9:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6 PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL	3	4	5	6	7	8
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