

Trinity Highlights

March 2023 Newsletter

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Stewardship Report:

General Fund Report:	January	Year to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 20,878	\$20,878	\$20,341
Expenses	<u>23,352</u>	<u>23,352</u>	23,332
(Deficit)/Surplus	(2,475)	(2,475)	

Giving in January was slightly more than what was projected, while expenses were right on budget. The General Fund balance at the end of January was \$174,320.

In January the Voters Assembly approved a budget for 2023 of approximately \$320,000. \$40,000 of this amount is targeted for Capital Improvements. These Capital Improvement projects will need to be approved at a later date once the plans have been finalized. Projected giving in 2023 is approximately \$251,500. General Fund reserves will be used to fund expenses incurred over and above giving.

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Preschool & Kindergarten Round Up! Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Come to GSLS for an informative and fun night.

You will have the opportunity to see the school, meet the preschool and kindergarten staff, and pre-register for the upcoming 2023 - 2024 school year.

Good Shepherd has full day and half day options available.

*An informational meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
An open house will follow the meeting.*

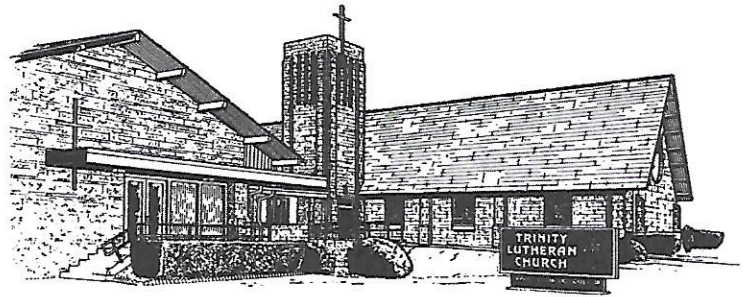




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February 21, 2023

"Shrove Tuesday" (The Day Before Ash Wednesday)

Beloved in the Lord,

Did you "give something up" for Lent? "Giving something up" is based on the Biblical practice of "fasting." Strictly speaking, "fasting" means to go without food for a time. Giving up or limiting one particular thing (sugar, alcohol, TV, Facebook, etc.) is what's called "abstinence."

Throughout Scripture God's people fasted—sometimes while they prayed, sometimes as part of their repentance. Israel fasted when a king died or in remembrance of a national tragedy. As we read Scripture, we see that fasting is an assumed practice for God's people.

Do we fast? Growing up, I didn't know too much about fasting. I knew *what* it was (not eating), and I recall my father encouraging me to try it one Holy Week. I don't think I really "got the point", though, and from experience it seems that many Christians are in the same boat.

Whatever the reason for the lack of fasting these days, what does our Lord say? He says, "*Whenever you fast...*" (Matt. 6:16). Did you catch that? *Whenever?* He *doesn't* prescribe when or how (except how *not* to do it), but *He does assume* that we *will* (esp. after his ascension; see Matt. 9:15).

But **why** fast? The Lord gives us a hint: "*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...*" (Matt. 6:19-20). Fasting can help loosen the grip which earthly pleasure and treasure has on our hearts so that our hearts might be fixed on the heavenly treasure: Christ and His Word. With fasting we remind ourselves that Christ is more important than food or pleasure. There's more to fasting than that (e.g., it aids in self-control, saves time, focus, and money for prayer and almsgiving [mercy work]), but that's the heart of it.

So, **how** might you start? First, don't overdo it. If your doctor cautions against it or you're a nursing mother, maybe give up something other than food. Never fasted? Start small. Pick a day (traditional days were Wednesdays and Fridays). Try skipping just one meal, then slowly build from there. Adjust what you need to as you go. Use any time saved to pray, examine yourself, read Scripture, or serve your neighbor. Can't fast from a full meal? Give up something (food or otherwise) in which you overindulge or that hinders your Christian walk. You might fast on Sunday morning, letting the first thing that enters your mouth be Christ's Body and Blood. Instead of eating, meditate upon what it is you are about to receive.

Whatever you do, make a plan. Pray that God would help you and bless you through it. If you'd like some more guidance, talk to your pastor! May the Lord bless you this Lententide.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Pastor Simeon Raddatz

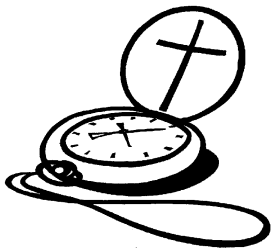
Trinity's Service Volunteers - March 2023

ACOLYTES

03/01 6:00 p.m. Emily Anton
03/05 8:15 a.m. Ella Spaeth
10:45 a.m. Kiedrych Dockins
03/08 6:00 p.m. Leah Brown
03/12 8:15 a.m. Lexi Brown
10:45 a.m. Kiedrych Dockins
03/15 6:00 p.m. Will Brown
03/19 8:15 a.m. Leah Brown
10:45 a.m. Kiedrych Dockins
03/22 6:00 p.m. Ella Spaeth
03/26 8:15 a.m. Emily Anton
10:45 a.m. Kiedrych Dockins
03/29 6:00 p.m. Lexi Brown

USHERS

03/01 6:00 p.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
03/05 8:15 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell, A. Juergens
03/08 6:00 p.m. M. Seidell, B. Juergens
03/12 8:15 a.m. C. Whitley
10:45 a.m. M. Seidell
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03/29 6:00 p.m. D. Harms, C. Whitley



**Daylight Savings Time Begins
on Sunday, March 12.**

**Don't forget to set your clocks
ahead one hour before you go
to bed Saturday night.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

03/05 Betty Ingrassia, *in memory of Marty's March 4
birthday.*
03/12 Don Nash, *in memory of Jim Nash's birthday
on March 15.*
03/19 Walter & Lynn Brown
03/26 *Open*

Individual Confession and Absolution

Beginning Saturday, February 25th, Pastor Raddatz will be available every Saturday throughout the Season of Lent (including Easter Eve) from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Individual Confession and Absolution. Simply enter through the back doors (into Room 10) and make your way to the nave. If someone is already at the altar with Pastor, please wait in the back chapel. If not, you may approach the altar reverently and kneel (or stand) at the altar rail. Pastor Raddatz will guide you through the rite for Individual Confession and Absolution.

From Luther's Small Catechism

What is Confession? Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should I confess? Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's prayer, but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

The Season of Lent

2023 Midweek Lenten Theme: “*The Seven Words from the Cross*”

Pastor Raddatz will rotate with Pastor Bishop from St. John’s Lutheran in Pekin, so you will hear a sermon from Pastor Raddatz one week and one from Pastor Bishop the next week. The schedule is listed below. All Wednesday services begin at 6:00 p.m.

This year we will have cookie fellowship after each midweek Lenten service. Members of Trinity are asked to bring one dozen cookies to the church kitchen before 5:30 p.m. on the Wednesday under which your name is listed below. ***We will need help making coffee, pouring juice, and serving cookies.*** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Room 10 if you would like to serve at one of these fellowship times.

Wednesday, March 1

Pastor Bishop, “*Father, Forgive Them*” Luke 23:34

Cookies provided by: *Abatie - Cutting*

Wednesday, March 8

Pastor Raddatz, “*Woman, behold your son...behold your mother*” John 19:26-27

Cookies provided by: *Daniels - Fuchs*

Wednesday, March 15

Pastor Bishop, “*My God, my God, Why have You Forsaken me?*” Matthew 27:46

Cookies provided by: *Garber - Ingrassia*

Wednesday, March 22

Pastor Raddatz, “*I Thirst*” John 19:30

Cookies provided by: *Johnson - Nash*

Wednesday, March 29

Pastor Bishop, “*It is Finished*” John 19:30

Cookies provided by: *O’Conner - Zevnik*

2023 Lenten Devotions

“*Behold, the Life-Giving Cross*”

This Lenten season the devotions will bring us step-by-step through the Passion of our Lord as told by St. John. Of the four evangelists, only St. John was an eyewitness of these particular events. It is clear that St. John stays by his Master’s cross to the end, receiving into his care the holy Virgin mother. As we meditate our way through his remarkable account, we glimpse the very glory of the Son of God.

2023 Lenten Devotions are available on the table in Room 10.
Please pick one up on Sunday morning.



Camp Cilca exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.

Save the Date!

- **Saturday, March 4 - Pancake Dinner - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
A free “Thank You” for all Camp Cilca supporters! Come anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and let the Camp Cilca staff and Board serve you delicious pancakes & sausage. Also, take a tour of the Camp Cilca maple syrup farm!
- **Friday, March 10 - Saturday, March 11**
Act Like Men: Woodcutters Retreat
Men felling trees, splitting wood, and growing your soul in God’s Word. Log splitters, chainsaws, axes, strong backs, and willing hands are all needed and welcomed. Sign up at cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat or e-mail director@cilca.org or call 217-487-7497.
- **Sunday, March 26 - Annual Banquet - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
Tickets are \$40.00 and must be reserved by Wednesday, March 22. Contact the camp office at 217-487-7497 or director@cilca.org to reserve your spot today! The guest speaker will be Mrs. Katie Schuermann.
- **Saturday, April 1 - Spring Work Day - 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**
Come help open up the camp for the summer season. Any help will be greatly appreciated!
- **Registration is Open!**
Registration is open for Camp Cilca’s summer programs. Check out the flyers on the table in Room 10 for information or contact Camp Cilca at 217-487-7497.

March Birthdays

March 2

Terry Knollenberg

March 3

Michael Jones
Zachary Utke

March 4

Thomas Seidell

March 7

Bill Heren
Steven Koenig

March 8

John Williams

March 9

Hunter Anton

March 11

Lindsae Baldes

March 12

Donna Deverman

March 15

Dana Lowe
Nastacia Terrell

March 17

Raymond Knollenberg

March 18

Austin Juergens

March 20

Taylor Beccue

March 22

Samantha Bennett
Melanie Miller
Alex O'Conner

March 24

Donald Wahls

March 25

Dylan Beccue

March 27

Evelyn Palmer

March 29

Lexi Brown

March 31

Stephanie Blatt
Chris Jones

March Anniversaries

March 7

Roger & Carol Simpson

March 10

Brian & Jennifer Anton

March 21

Mark & Deb Suhs

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

January Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Emily Anton
Elias & Violet Raddatz
Henry Stout

Central Illinois District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention

Saturday, March 4
Redeemer Lutheran Church
6801 N. Allen Road
Peoria, IL 61614

The CID Lutheran Laymen's League will hold their convention on Saturday, March 4 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Peoria. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and the convention begins at 9:00 a.m. The guest speaker is Rev. Michael Mohr. The cost is \$25.00 person, which includes lunch. You can get a registration form on the table in Room 10. Registration deadline is February 28.

GSL's 17th Annual Benefit Auction

"Run for the Roses with Ewe!" - Saturday, May 6, 2023!

Ticket prices for our 17th Auction will remain at \$50 per person, and reservation forms are available. The regular menu is: Choice of Chicken or Pork or Vegetarian, House Salad, Green Bean Medley, Twice-Baked Potatoes, Rolls, Strawberry Cheesecake or Triple Chocolate Fudge Cake, Coffee, Tea, and Water.

Your committee has been busy planning so many fun opportunities and activities to enhance the evening's fun and fund-raising:

1. Watch for your invitation or pick up a form from the school or one of our churches and register by March 31 to be entered in a drawing to win \$200.00 in Auction Bucks,
2. Invite a first-time guest to attend and be entered to win \$100.00 in Auction Bucks,
3. Wear an outstanding Kentucky Derby-themed hat and 3 Mystery Judges may select you as the winner of \$100 in Auction Bucks, and

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.

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 PM LENTEN SERVICE	2 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	3	4 2 - 3 PM INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION - ABSOLUTION
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 6 PM GSLS PRESCHOOL/ KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP	8 6 PM LENTEN SERVICE	9 1:30 PM CONCORDIA	10	11 2 - 3 PM INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION - ABSOLUTION DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR
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What's Inside:

Lenten Services - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

CID LLL District Convention

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See inside for details

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