

Trinity Highlights

November 2023 Newsletter

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Stewardship Report:

General Fund Report:	September	Year to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 18,370	\$203,317	\$187,420
Expenses	<u>21,674</u>	<u>198,929</u>	249,983
(Deficit)/Surplus	(3,304)	4,388	

Giving in September was much lower than what was projected, however year to date giving remains strong. Expenses were in line with normal budgeted expenses but more than giving. Expenses for the remainder of the year will be much lower than budgeted primarily due to a capital expense item that will not be started this year. The General Fund balance at the end of September was \$193,110.

Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund balance at the end of September (third quarter) was \$114,417 of which \$14,947 (unspent earnings) is available to grant to organizations as recommended by the Church Council.

Stewardship

\$103.00 was collected for "Dollars for Missions" in September and sent to the Central Illinois District in October.

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

Welcome to our vacancy pastor, Rev. Mark Drews!

Pastor Mark Drews currently lives in Tremont with his wife, Melanie; and their three daughters, Grace, Hope, and Joy. He is a 1988 graduate of Concordia University-St. Paul, MN. He taught for 11 years in Sheboygan, WI; Orange County, CA; and Ocala, FL.

Pastor Drews started attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1999. While attending the Seminary, he met and married Melanie Reinkie in November of 2000. Melanie is a 1992 graduate of Concordia University-Seward, NE. They have been blessed with 3 daughters. Grace (18) is a freshman at Concordia-Nebraska and has entered the DCE program. Hope (15) is a freshman in high school at Bethel Lutheran in Morton. Joy (13) is in 7th grade at Bethel in Morton. Both Pastor and Melanie teach at Bethel. Melanie teaches Kindergarten and Pastor Drews teaches part time Band and 5th - 8th grade music.

Since he graduated from the Seminary in 2003, Pastor Drews served as pastor in Hilbert, WI; Mt. Pulaski, IL; and Mandan, ND. Pastor Drews has also served as vacancy pastor in North Dakota and in Illinois after undergoing chemotherapy for Lymphoma. He has most recently served vacancies in East Peoria, Havana, and Manito before coming here to serve at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pekin.

November Food Drive



During the month of November a monetary food drive is held to benefit Christian Civic Outreach.

The November Food Drive is especially important since it falls so close to the holidays. We are having a cash only food drive. All donations will be sent to Christian Civic Outreach so they can purchase what they need. Simply use your Good Samaritan envelope in your offering envelope box or mark a pew envelope “*Food Drive.*”

“Shop with RaiseRight/Scrip” Now that school is in session it’s a great time to support Good Shepherd Lutheran School through the RaiseRight/Scrip gift card program. All proceeds go to support GSLS and/or a student of your choice. Gift cards can be purchased or ordered each Sunday morning at the Scrip table or brought to the school each Monday by 9:00 a.m. Orders can also be placed on-line and delivered electronically. Any questions, please check with the school office or call or text Charlie Berndt at 309-642-1980. A large number of local restaurants, gas stations and retail outlets have gift cards available for your shopping needs!

GSLS September Dining Night Out will be **Tuesday, November 7** at Chick-Fil-A in East Peoria.

Candlelight Reflections: The Evangelism Committee of St. John’s Lutheran Church, 13443 Townline Road, Green Valley presents *Candlelight Reflections* on **Saturday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.** The program will feature Miss Ally Dodd, pianist/organist. This an evening to reflect on your Christian heritage and the gracious gifts our Savior has provided for all Christian churches. Refreshments will be served in the welcome center following the one hour performance. A free will donation will be taken to benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School, scholarship fund.

Current Dollar for Missions Project: Funding for New Approach to Prison Ministry - The Central Illinois District has an opportunity to expand the Prison Ministry. The District paid them or the congregation they served for their time and effort. Now they are moving to a newer model, in which the District will pay a flat \$5,000 a year to any congregation that allows its pastor to go to a nearby prison or jail once a week, usually for part of a day, such as a morning or afternoon. This new approach should enable them to expand prison ministry to a larger number of institutions. There is a container on the chair in the back of the sanctuary for you to put your dollars in.

Life Essay Contest: The theme for the Peoria Area Lutherans for Life Annual Life Contest is “*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*” Ephesians 2:10 All entries should be submitted no later than December 15, 2023. Details are on the bulletin board.



Trinity's Service Volunteers - November 2023

ACOLYTES

11/05 9:00 a.m. Will Brown
11/12 9:00 a.m. Ella Spaeth
11/19 9:00 a.m. Lexi Brown
11/26 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton

BIBLE BREAKFAST HELPERS

Pick-Up Donuts:

11/05 Bob Cordts
11/12 Jeanine Meyers
11/19 *Open*
11/26 *Open*

Prep Donuts, Make Coffee, Pour Juice:

11/05 Julie O'Conner
11/12 *Open*
11/19 *Open*
11/26 *Open*

USHERS

11/05 9:00 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
M. Seidell, A. Juergens
11/12 9:00 a.m. C. Whitley, M. Siedell
11/19 9:00 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
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ALTAR FLOWERS

11/05 Claudie Huey, *for Barbara Glick's 99th birthday on November 3.*
11/12 *Open*
11/19 Don Nash, *in memory of Lois Nash's birthday.*
11/26 *Open*

All Saints' Sunday **Sunday, November 5, 2023** **9:00 a.m.**

All Saints' Day we also observe the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. On this Sunday we will remember those who have gone to be with their Lord since the last All Saints' Day.

Those whom we will be remembering this year:

Elmer Abbott	Margaret Loberg
Patricia "Pat" Cooley	Frederick Meyers
Kenneth Garber	Andrew McDonough
Loretta Harms	Frederick "Fritz" Timian
	Janice Woods

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Psalm 116:15

Stewardship is often presented as a three-legged stool: Time, Talent, and Treasure

We use our Time and Talents in various ways that are of benefit to the Church at large, to assist with the ministry of the Trinity congregation, and to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

The third leg of the stool is Treasure, or Financial Stewardship. This means the giving of our financial resources to the same benefits as mentioned above.

We know that our Lord desires us to give these things to provide for the basic needs of congregations as well as the ministry of the Word - *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house"* Malachi: 3:10a. Out of love for Him, who gave His only Son for us, we gladly give!

November has long been the time when we, as a congregation, prayerfully review all our gifts from God and determine that portion to return to Him in terms of financial offerings to the church.

You will receive mailings in November explaining the needs of the congregation and asking you to pledge a portion of your financial gifts to Trinity to assist with the ministry needs in 2024. Pledges are not a command from the Lord, but can help each of us to form and maintain the healthy Christian discipline of tithing/giving. Pledges are also used to determine the level of resources that will be available to fund the budget for 2024. All pledges are confidential and are not shared with anyone outside the church office and the person responsible for pulling together the forecast for 2024.

The pledge process will culminate on Sunday, November 19 when we will carry our pledges to the front of the church to be presented to our Lord.

Almighty God, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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

Villas of Holly Brook:

Marilyn Alexander
2720 S. 14th St., Apt. 5

Karalyn Garber
2720 S. 14th St., Apt. 6

Donald Wahls
2720 S. 14th St.

Betty Woith
2720 S. 14th St., Apt. 45

At Home:

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

Don Maskel
1320 Executive Ct., Apt. 224

Delores Shafer
2210 Sunset Dr.

Robert Thompson
Robin Thompson
17298 Lake Knolls Rd.

Keith Warwick
705 Buckhaen St.

Loraine Weyhrich
11523 Weyhrich Rd

***Please remember our shut-in's
this holiday season by sending a card.***



Each year the number of coats requested for children in the Pekin school districts increases, so many more coats have to be purchased.

We have a goal of raising \$2,500 for the Giving Tree to help offset the cost of purchasing so many coats.

Please donate to The Giving Tree by using your Giving Tree envelope or mark a pew envelope "The Giving Tree" so we can continue this important ministry.

November Birthdays

November 2

Keith Garman
Bob Johnson, Jr.

November 3

Barb Glick
Happy 99th Birthday!

November 5

Jacob Weyhrich

November 7

Bob Cordts

November 9

Rob Fornoff
Nikhia Williams

November 10

Brad Hillig

November 11

Ryan Scheeler

November 13

Nolan Drake
Sagan Drake

November 14

Zachary Olt

November 15

Jeff Gillis
Patricia Tadlock

November 17

Brian Palmer

November 18

Alexis Crain
Andrew Staker

November 20

Steve Jones

November 22

Kylea Seidell
Carol Simpson

Garrett Watson
Isaac Watson

November 23

Brad Cordts

November 24

Dalton Belcher

November 25

Dave Vaupel

November 27

Liam Harms

November 28

Trent May
Norma Rebuffoni
Jarrod Vaupel

November Anniversaries

November 23

Graham & Amy Watson

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

New Address

Rev. Simeon Raddatz has a new address:

1S309 Windsor Lane
Villa Park, IL 60181

This address will go into effect October 30. The previous address he provided is incorrect.



Daylight Savings Time Ends, Sunday, November 5

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday, November 4.

LWML Dues need to be turned in by Sunday, November 5. Annual dues are \$12.00. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and mark your envelope "LWML Dues." If you cannot turn your dues in by then, please contact Debbie Fornoff and let her know if you still want to be an LWML member.

November Camp Cilca News

November 3 - 5

Women's Scrapbook Retreat

- The cost is \$90 for your room and meals. (Private rooms are available upon request for \$120.)
- Each participant will be given a 6-foot table to use. Three meals will be served on Saturday, as well as brunch on Sunday. Bedding and towels are also provided in the hotel-style rooms of the Christian Growth Center

November 4

Act Like Men Workday

- 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., lunch provided
- There are lots of hard work to be done preparing the camp for the winter season.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	2 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	3	4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
5 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	6	7 6 PM BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE - EVANGELISM GSLs DINING OUT NIGHT AT CHICK FIL A EAST PEORIA	8 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	9 1:30 PM CONCORDIA	10	11
12 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	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 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	20	21	22 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24	25
26 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	27	28	29 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	30 7 PM BOARD OF ELDERS		



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