

Trinity Highlights

October 2023 Newsletter

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Stewardship Report:

General Fund Report:	August	Year to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 21,736	\$184,948	\$167,229
Expenses	<u>20,446</u>	<u>177,255</u>	226,652
(Deficit)/Surplus	1,290	7,693	

Giving in August was a bit below what was projected however year to date giving remains strong. Expenses were under budget and less 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 August was \$196,143.

Stewardship

\$91.00 was collected for “Dollars for Missions” in August. This was sent to the Central Illinois District in September.

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 Worship Service Time 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School following

At the September 14, 2023 Voter’s Assembly Meeting it was approved to proceed to one Sunday worship service. **Beginning Sunday, October 1** there will be one Sunday worship service at 9:00 a.m. with Sunday School following the worship service.



Life Chain Sunday, October 2 - 2:00 p.m.

Lutherans for Life will again participate in the **Life Chain on Sunday, October 2 , 2022**. This will take place at the Planned Parenthood facility at 2709 N. Knoxville Ave in Peoria and stretch north and south from there along Knoxville. We will gather there at 2:00 p.m. and quietly stand for one hour along both sides of the street holding signs provided by Central Illinois Right to Life. This will be the 34th annual observance of the Life Chain, which occurs simultaneously in over 1,200 other locations across our nation and in Canada. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful visual statement by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that we support the sanctity of life.

Trinity's Service Volunteers - October 2023

ACOLYTES

10/01 9:00 a.m. Lexi Brown
10/08 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton
10/15 9:00 a.m. Ella Spaeth
10/22 9:00 a.m. Will Brown
10/29 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton

BIBLE BREAKFAST HELPERS

Pick-Up Donuts:

10/01 Bill Heren
10/08 *Open*
10/15 *Open*
10/22 *Open*
10/29 *Open*

Prep Donuts, Make Coffee, Pour Juice:

10/01 Julie O'Conner
10/08 *Open*
10/15 *Open*
10/22 *Open*
10/29 *Open*

USHERS

10/01 9:00 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
M. Seidell, A. Juergens
10/08 9:00 a.m. C. Whitley, M. Seidell
10/15 9:00 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
M. Seidell, A. Juergens
10/22 9:00 a.m. C. Whitley, D. Harms
M. Seidell, B. Juergens
10/29 9:00 a.m. O. Miller, D. Harms
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ALTAR FLOWERS

10/01 *Open*
10/08 Bob & Paula Mattheessen, *for their 32nd wedding anniversary on October 12.*
10/15 Owen & Jane Miller, *for their 45th wedding anniversary on October 13.*
10/22 Marcia Whitley, *in loving memory of Perry Whitley.*
10/29 *Open*

German Meal: On Monday, October 9, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m., St. John's Lutheran of rural Bath will host a German meal. This meal will help support their mission work among the deaf in the Central Illinois District and at Christ for the Deaf Lutheran church in Jacksonville. The menu will include: Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut and Root Beer. For directions the "google" address is (13961 E CR 1100N, Bath, IL 62617).

Concordia Seminary Walkout: Why & So What

A seminar presented by Dr. Ken Schurb

Christ Lutheran Church

311 Hersey Road

Normal, IL 61761

Saturday, October 21 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

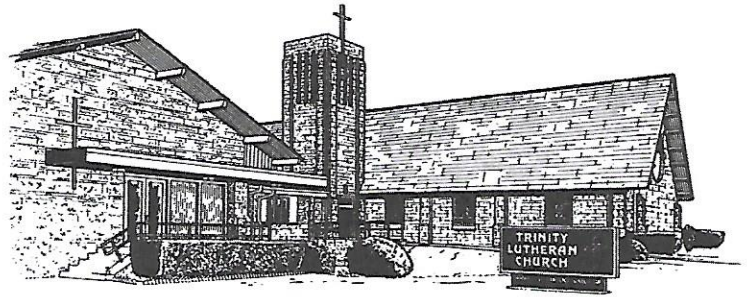
The cost is \$20.00 per person which includes a light breakfast and lunch. To sign up for this seminar contact Christ Lutheran Church at 309-452-5609 or CLMS@christlutherannormal.org



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Simeon D. Raddatz, Pastor



September 26, 2023

Tuesday before Michaelmas (St. Michael and All Angels)

Beloved in the Lord,

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now..." (Philippians 1:4-5).

My dear Christian friends, I can think of no better words to share with you than these of St. Paul! Truly, I am thankful to God for you all. I am thankful that He called me to Trinity to serve as your pastor for six years. What a joy it has been to serve you in the Lord—to baptize, teach, preach, absolve, confirm, commune, marry, counsel, and proclaim the hope of the resurrection to you in your grief! What a joy to labor alongside you in the Gospel from the first day—August 6, 2017—until now! Indeed, I thank God, and I will remember and always hold as precious the members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pekin.

I also thank God for the good He has worked through you on behalf of me and my family. You received me as a young, inexperienced, fresh-out-of-the-seminary pastor. You welcomed Lauren and me warmly, gave us a comfortable home, provided for our needs as our family grew, and blessed us in so many ways. I'm reminded of my final day's Gospel: *"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me" (Matthew 18)*. I'm reminded of the end of the church year, when we hear our Lord say to the blessed saints on His right, *"When I was hungry, you fed me. When I was thirsty, you gave me drink. When I was naked you clothed me... As you did it to the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."* You did all of this for me, one of the Lord's little servants and brothers. Thank you!

In large part it was *through you* that the Lord shaped and formed me into the pastor that I am today. At Concordia University Chicago, as the pre-seminary director, I will now have the opportunity, with the help of God, to recruit, encourage, and train future seminary students—a great need in the church. In addition, I will have an opportunity to build up young Christian men and women, who will go on to serve as Lutheran school teachers, DCE's, deaconesses, and faithful members of our congregations. This work will not only be *my* thank-offering to the Lord, but *yours as well*. In giving up your pastor—a very difficult thing to do—you sacrifice for the wider church. Through this partnership in the Gospel between you and me, God-willing, many other congregations will be blessed in the future.

Dear members of Trinity, I will always treasure you in my heart. Though I move to serve another area of Christ's Kingdom, I will nevertheless pray for you and remember you often. I wish you well in the Lord. More than that, with St. Paul I am *"confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace"* (Philippians 1:6-7).

The peace, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pastor Simeon Raddatz

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(773) 634-0082 (*will stay the same!*)

“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 **Thursday, October 5** at Papa Murphy’s Pekin. Be sure to use Scrip cards.

GSLS Exterior Maintenance 2023: GSLS needs outside work done on their grounds for nine months each year. *Trinity is on the schedule for October to maintain the grounds.* Duties will include: mowing 1 - 2 weeks, trim around the school and lot, trim ditches monthly, and pick up trash around the school. If you are willing to help with this please contact the school office at 309-347-2020.

Save the Date for the 75 & Over Dinner on **Saturday, October 21 at 12:00 p.m.** Letters will be sent out and more information will follow.

Music for Missions is a Sacred Music Concert and Hymn Sing in support of our LC-MS Central Illinois District Campus Ministry at ISU in Normal, at the Wittenberg Lutheran Center. The event will be held at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 711 Court St., Pekin, on **Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m.** Music for Missions will feature guest organist Peter Wykert, Cantor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria. It will also include music from vocalists, choir, and hand bells, as well as congregational singing. A free-will offering will be gathered to support our Wittenberg Lutheran Center at ISU. Refreshments will be served following the program.



October 7: G.R.I.T. Run

- The Grueling, Rugged, Intense, Trail Run (G.R.I.T. Run) is for the bravest of souls. The 5-kilometer course includes narrow trails, steep hills, creek bed crossings, scenic views, and stairs.
- Runners 6 - 18 run for \$10.00. Runners 19 and up run for \$30.00.
- 8:30 a.m. - Registration and check-in at the large picnic shelter.
- 10:00 a.m. - Race begins!
- Register online: runsignup.com/Race/IL/Cantrall/CampCilca5K



Blessing Millions of Children and Sharing the Love of Jesus Christ

“Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”
Mark 10:14 The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan’s Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

We are asking for you to bring in **NEW** items to help fill shoe boxes for boys and girls ages 2 - 4; 5 - 9 and 10 - 14. Gifts do not need to be expensive. You might try searching the dollar stores in town. Please remember items need to fit inside an average size shoe box. ***All items need be brought to the church by October 29 to make shipping and distribution deadlines for this Christmas.***

Shoebox Gift Ideas

“Wow” Item

- Soccer Ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed Animal
- Shoes

Toys

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Personal Care Items

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles

School Supplies

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners
- Crayons and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

Accessories

- Socks and sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)

Do Not Include

- Candy, toothpaste, gum
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Seeds, food, liquids or lotions
- Medications or vitamins
- Breakable items or glass containers
- Aerosol cans

October Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

October 1

Ryan McCoy
Jane Miller
Mary Ann Vaupel

October 6

Brian Ingrassia
Amy Watson

October 7

Christopher Adkins

October 11

Nicholas Maquet

October 13

Bernard Harms Jr.
Nicklaus Hernan

October 14

Hollie LandiVittori

October 15

Barret Speck

October 16

Zachary Cooney
Ashley Fornoff

October 17

Debra Cooney

October 18

Hermene Upchurch

October 21

Kiel Baldes
Kreigh Look

October 22

Roger Simpson

October 23

Kelly Hoehn
John Mattheessen

October 25

Rocky Crawford, II
Arlene Moldenhauer

October 27

Virginia Hilst

October 28

Summer Watson

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



Anniversaries

October 7

Nicklaus & Toni Hernan

October 10

Tim & Lori Kincaid

October 12

Bob & Paula Mattheessen

October 13

Owen & Jane Miller

October 19

Jeff & Pam Hemp

October 21

Richard & Gina Kuhn

October 22

Mike & Kelly Hoehn

October 23

Dave & Nicole Harms

October 24

Trent & Billie May

October 29

Bryan & Cassie Dunn
Amy & Doug Hand

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	2	3 6 PM BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE - EVANGELISM	4	5 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL GSLS DINING OUT NIGHT AT PAPA MURPHY'S PEKIN	6	7
8 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	9	10 6 PM BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	11	12 1:30 PM CONCORDIA	13	14
15 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	16	17 6:30 PM GSLS BOARD	18	19 6 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES	20	21 12 PM 75 & OVER DINNER
22 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	23	24	25	26 7 PM BOARD OF ELDERS	27	28
29 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	30	31 <i>Reformation Day</i>				



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