

Trinity Highlights

February 2024 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	\$ 24,808	\$270,374	\$251,493
Expenses	<u>24,515</u>	<u>254,350</u>	319,977
(Deficit)/Surplus	293	16,024	

Giving in December was on target to that which was projected and was \$18,881 more than projected for the year. Expenses were on budget and \$65,627 less than budgeted for the year. The General Fund balance at the end of December was \$216,708.

Stewardship

\$25.00 was collected for “Dollars for Missions” in December and sent to the Central Illinois District in early January.

2024 Budget

On January 11, the Voters Assembly approved the 2024 budget in the amount of \$263,786.

Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund balance at the end of 2024 was \$123,860 of which \$24,390 is available to grant to organizations as recommended by the Church Council.

The Annual Report will contain reports for the General Fund and all Restricted Funds.

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

2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONS

In *Lamb of God*, we see Jesus as both human and divine. He is concerned about people’s everyday lives and their eternal welfare. But meeting our need goes further than our daily concerns. As God’s Son, He bore the weight of our sins, each and every one, so you and I, in faith, can carry His mission to the world.

Copies are available on the table below the screen in Room 10. Please pick up a copy!



Trinity's Service Volunteers - February 2024

ACOLYTES

02/04 9:00 a.m. Ella Spaeth
02/11 9:00 a.m. Lexi Brown
02/14 6:00 p.m. Ella Spaeth
02/18 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton
02/21 6:00 p.m. Lexi Brown
02/25 9:00 a.m. Will Brown
02/28 6:00 p.m. Emily Anton

USHERS

02/04 9:00 a.m. Owen Miller, Dave Harms
02/11 9:00 a.m. Mike Seidell, Chris Whitley
02/14 6:00 p.m. Dave Harms, Brad Juergens
02/18 9:00 a.m. Brad Juergens, Dave Harms
02/21 6:00 p.m. Mike Seidell, Chris Whitley
02/25 9:00 a.m. Mike Seidell, Owen Miller
02/28 6:00 p.m. Dave Harms, Brad Juergens

BIBLE BREAKFAST

HELPERS

Pick-Up Donuts:

02/04 *Open*
02/11 Jeanine Meyers
02/18 *Open*
02/25 *Open*

Prep Donuts, Make Coffee,

Pour Juice:

02/04 Kathy Seidell

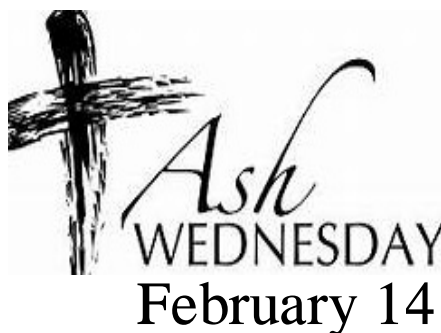
02/11 Julie O'Conner

02/18 Julie O'Conner

02/25 *Open*

ALTAR FLOWERS

02/04 Jeanine Meyers, *for all of God's bountiful Blessings*
02/11 *Open*
02/18 *Open*
02/25 *Open*



Annual Report

The deadline for turning in reports for the Annual Report is **Sunday, February 25**. 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.

Act Like Men - Woodcutters Retreat: February 23 - 24, 2024 Camp Cilca will host "Act Like Men - Woodcutters Retreat." St. Paul admonishes the Christians of Corinth to "Act Like Men." Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's Word are all great ways to get started in this endeavor. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The study sessions will cover topics relevant to men navigating life in the modern age. The suggested donation for overnight is \$25.00 (\$10.00 for Saturday only). Registration information can be found on the Camp Cilca website.

CID LLL District Convention will be held **Saturday, March 9** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, IL. Guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, speaker of The Lutheran Hour. The cost is \$25.00 which includes lunch. Registration forms are on the table below the screen in Room 10.

From the Pastor's Desk

"For you are dust, and to dust you shall return" Genesis 3:19

Dear Members of Trinity,

It's hard to believe, but Lent is almost upon us! Because the Feast of the Resurrection is so early this year (March 31st), Lent begins on February 14th this year. Our Lenten theme this year will be based on the book of Jonah. Jesus gave this sign to the unbelieving scribes and Pharisees:

"Just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and nights in the heart of the earth."

This sign was given of the coming resurrection of our Lord, and we will be reading and learning from Jonah not only on Wednesday evenings, but in our Sunday Bible Class as well throughout Lent.

Did you ever wonder why we impose ashes on Ash Wednesday? First of all ashes are a sign of repentance. In the book of Jonah, the prophet preaches for three days in Ninevah that their destruction is at hand. So the king orders them to spend time fasting and wearing sack cloth and ashes. Lent is a time of repentance and preparation. We wear ashes on our forehead (or the back of our hand) to show our repentant hearts. Some people "give up" things for Lent (known as the partial fast) as well. We can observe these things according to our Christian freedom.

Another reason for ashes in the shape of the cross is that it's a sign of the resurrection. The ashes that the church use come from palm fronds. The Greek word for palm frond or branch is "*phoenix*". The legend of the phoenix is that of a bird which, when it dies, burns itself to ashes. Then the new phoenix springs forth from the ashes (ever read "Harry Potter"?). The church uses palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday to make the ashes as a reminder of the upcoming resurrection when Jesus burst forth from the tomb.

Please join us on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and each following Wednesday as we look forward to the death and resurrection of our Lord with repentant joy and gladness. I look forward to seeing you at Trinity!

In Christ,

Pastor Mark R. Drews

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. 14

Lynn Wyatt

Feb. 15

Gage Cutting

Dakota Harms

Feb. 16

Lauren Juergens

Les Schultz

Feb. 17

Tabitha Mattheessen

Feb. 19

Nevaeh May

Hailey Weyhrich

Feb. 20

BonnyLou Schmidt

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. 18

Nicholas & Emma


Sizemore

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.

We love
because
he first
loved us.



1 John 4:19



Lenten Fellowship

We will have cookie fellowship after each midweek Lenten service. Trinity members 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.

February 21

Abatie - Cutting

February 28

Daniels - Fuchs

March 6

Garber - Ingrassia

March 13

Johnson - Nash

March 20

O'Conner - Zevnik

December Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Emily Anton

Edith Spaeth

Ella Spaeth

Oliver Spaeth

Mabel Spaeth

Henry Stout

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	2	3
4 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	5	6 6 PM BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE - EVANGELISM	7 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	8 1:30 PM CONCORDIA	9	10
11 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	12	13 6 PM BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM 6 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	15 6 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES	16	17
18 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	19	20 6:30 PM GSLS BOARD	21 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM 6 PM LENTEN SERVICE	22	23	24
25 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	26	27	28 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM 6 PM LENTEN SERVICE	29 7 PM BOARD OF ELDERS		



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Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14

6:00 p.m.

With the Imposition of Ashes