

# Trinity Highlights

October 2024 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	\$ 20,032	\$ 164,832	\$175,565
Expenses	<u>14,256</u>	<u>143,916</u>	164,906
(Deficit)/Surplus	5,776	20,916	

Giving in August was close to what was projected, but it is off approximately \$10,700 year to date. Expenses were much lower than what was budgeted, mostly due to having assumed a full time Pastor would be on board by the first of July. Year to date giving has exceeded expenses by \$20,916 resulting in a General Fund balance at the end of July of \$249,435.

At the July church council meeting two “large” unbudgeted expenses were approved totaling over \$5,000: 1. Roof repair and 2. New riding lawn mower. In August \$4,950 was approved to fill cracks and seal the parking lot. In addition, estimates are being put together to renovate both bathrooms in the Parsonage.

Trinity is in a good position to absorb these unbudgeted expenses thanks to the abundant blessings from our God.

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



Barb Glick will celebrate her 100th Birthday next month on Sunday, November 3, 2024. Barb became a member of Trinity in 1948 so she's been a member of our church for 76 years.

We would like to honor Barb with a card shower. We're asking all members to bring a birthday card to the church or mail one to the church. It doesn't have to be a “100th Birthday” card. Any birthday card will do. There is a table in Room 10 for cards to be collected. October is the last month to contribute a card. We also have cards you can color yourselves and put a message inside. Just pick one up at the table. Barb's daughter, Claudie Huey, will take the cards to Barb on her birthday.

*“May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26*

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## Trinity's Service Volunteers - October 2024

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### ACOLYTES

10/06 9:00 a.m. Ella Spaeth  
10/13 9:00 a.m. Will Brown  
10/20 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton  
10/27 9:00 a.m. Lexi Brown

### BIBLE BREAKFAST HELPERS

#### **Pick-Up Donuts:**

10/06 *Open*  
10/13 *Open*  
10/20 *Open*  
10/27 *Open*

#### **Prep Donuts, Make Coffee, Pour Juice:**

10/06 *Open*  
10/13 *Open*  
10/20 *Open*  
10/27 *Open*

### USHERS

10/06 9:00 a.m. Owen Miller, Dave Harms  
10/13 9:00 a.m. Mike Seidell, Chris Whitley  
10/20 9:00 a.m. Brad Juergens, Dave Harms  
10/27 9:00 a.m. Mike Seidell, Owen Miller

### ALTAR GUILD

10/06 Melissa Deverman / Cori Spaeth  
10/20 Lynn Brown / Lauren Juergens

### ALTAR FLOWERS

10/06 *Open*  
10/13 Owen & Jane Miller, *for their 46th wedding anniversary on October 13.*  
10/20 *Open*  
10/27 *Open*



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## **Life Chain Sunday, October 6 2:00 p.m.**

Lutherans for Life will again participate in the **Life Chain on Sunday, October 6, 2024**. 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. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life. Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception.

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**Trinity's youth** are invited to join the youth of St. John's, Pekin for a wiener roast on **Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.** We will meet at the picnic shelter in Marquette Heights Park, on the corner of Lasalle Blvd. and Sangamon Rd. in Marquette Heights. The park has a nice disc golf course, so anyone who wishes may bring discs and play the course. We will have other game equipment available, as well. All food and drinks are provided. Just come and bring a friend! If you have any questions contact the St. John's church office at 347-2136.

# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Members of Trinity,

I have been serving as your vacancy pastor for almost a year now. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve you. This past September 5<sup>th</sup>, in your Special Voters' Meeting, you voted to call me to serve you as your full-time pastor here at Trinity. On Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> (which also happened to be my youngest daughter Joy's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday), I received the official documents of the call for me to examine and pray over.

You might think that this is a slam dunk for me to accept this call, but I am obliged to tell you that nothing is easy. I shall be spending the next week or two wrestling with the Lord in prayer as I consider this call to serve. I also covet your prayers for me and for my family as we consider this important call to serve at Trinity.

What should you pray for? Pray for God's guidance in deliberation of this call. Do not assume that if I accept this call that my wife and kids will transfer their membership from Bethel to Trinity. My wife is a called teacher at Bethel, and my two youngest daughters attend school at Bethel (elementary and high school). My youngest is going to be confirmed at Bethel and is graduating from the school. Their friends are at Bethel, and it would be unfair to uproot them at this stage in their lives. It was difficult enough when we did it seven years ago when they were much younger. Our oldest daughter, Grace, is attending college at Concordia University in Seward, NE. She would be graduating in few years and would not be affected by this decision anyway. Will they visit or attend worship at Trinity? Possibly, on rare occasions, but their church home will remain at Bethel as long as they are in elementary school and high school. Thank you for your prayers and understanding.

Pray as well for my continued health and safety (those of you who remember what happened during Holy Week can appreciate this request). It has now been over a year since I had my last chemotherapy treatment, and thus far, I have had a clean bill of health and am in full remission. It is my prayer that I don't have a relapse any time soon.

By the time you get this, I should have reached a decision on the call. This will have been done prayerfully, thoughtfully, with everyone involved taken into consideration. Thank you for your prayers and your support.

In Christ,

*Pastor Mark R. Dreus*

**Save the Date** for the 75 & Over Dinner on **Saturday, October 26 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 Christo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church, East Moline. The event is scheduled for **Sunday, October 13, 2024, 2:00 p.m.** at **St. John's Lutheran Church, 711 Court St., Pekin.** Music for Missions will feature guest organist Samuel Bishop, vocalists Allison Harley and Jennifer Rosa, the Bells of St. John's, St. John's Sanctuary Choir, and ample congregational singing. A free will offering will be gathered to support Christo Rey Lutheran Church, a mission congregation of the Central Illinois District, LC-MS. Refreshments will be served following the program. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact the St. John's, Pekin church office at 309-347-2136.

### **Current Dollar for Missions Project**

**Amount to be Funded:** \$25,000 (*currently half-funded*)

**Project:** Replace furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb

Church services are held at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday in the student center's Chapel of St. Timothy the Learner. Students and members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, CID's partner in campus ministry in Macomb. On Wednesday evenings, students are invited to meals prepared by church member families in the student center kitchen prior to a weekly Bible study session also in the student center. The pastor's office and church office for Immanuel Macomb are located in the center and highly accessible to students.

The student center celebrated its 50th anniversary some five years ago. Now, the furnaces need to be replaced. The current Dollar for Missions project will provide \$25,000 for furnace replacement to keep the student center operational for years. Donations can be put in the container in the back of the sanctuary.

### **Camp Cilca Events**

#### **G.R.I.T. Run - Saturday, October 5**

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. Participants will be able to take an alternative route for anyone nervous about navigating the creek bed. Registration for ages 6 - 18 is \$10, and all others is for \$30.

#### **Women's scrapbooking Retreat**

**Friday, November 15 - Sunday, November 17**

The Fall 2024 Scrapbooking Retreat will be held November 15 - 17. The cost is \$90 for your shared room and meals. (Private rooms are available upon request for \$120.) Not a scrapbook enthusiast? Bring your favorite craft or hobby that you need to focus and catch up on. Sewing, crocheting, writing, photography, painting, or drawing; whatever your craft, there is a spot for you! 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.

**Contact the camp office for more information  
or to register for any of these events.  
217-487-7497 / [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)**



# 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.

## 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 2024

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





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OCTOBER



**Entire Month of October**

Operation Christmas Child

**October 6**

Lutherans for Life - Life Chain

**October 10**

Voter's Assembly Meeting

**October 13**

Music for Missions at St. John's Pekin

**October 26**

75 & Over Dinner