

# TRINITY'S GOOD

Volume 9 Issue 1

## January Birthdays

- 1/01 Greg Ufkes
- 1/02 Tonya Boyer, Wyatt Brown
- 1/03 Kristine Gronewold
- 1/04 Jeremy Ufkes, Chris Harrell
- 1/05 Morris Gronewold
- 1/07 LaVerne Schmudlach,  
Greg Gronewold
- 1/08 Darin Klingler
- 1/09 Bud High
- 1/10 Merlin Gronewold
- 1/12 Travis Johnson
- 1/14 Rick Johnson
- 1/17 Taryn Geissler
- 1/18 Ryan Schardon
- 1/20 Tempie Rosenboom
- 1/22 Esther VanHove, Paige Gutting,  
Judy Cramer
- 1/23 Wesley Harrison
- 1/26 John Schwartz, Brian Flesner
- 1/29 Diane Schardon
- 1/30 Kim Nettles
- 1/31 Travis Duffy, Jason Hartweg

## January Anniversaries

- 1/04 Jerry & Linley Bartell
- 1/16 Ed & Brenda Seaver
- 1/18 Denver & Danelle Smith
- 1/26 Gerald & Cindy Brown

## Blood Pressure Checks by Health Ministries Team

The nurses of Trinity will be doing blood pressure checks for the congregation on the second Sunday of each month in the Welcome Center. These checks will be held before and after church.

## Committee Night

Committee Night is Tuesday, January 8. No meetings have been scheduled at this time.

## Welcome Center Debt Reduction

On January 10, 2008, our three-year construction loan expires. At that time the interest rate will increase from 3.95 to 5.25%. At a current debt to the bank of \$157,000, your council would like to see **how much of that debt we can retire before the higher interest rate takes effect.** If you choose to do so, you can make your contribution anytime between now and January 6. The debt repayment in general has exceeded any goals, and by doing this we keep helping ourselves. This continues to be another example of how you welcome, encourage and serve. Keep up the good work!

## Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, so if you are interested in singing, please join us!

## Financial Update As of November 30, 2007

### Current

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$125,600  
Amt. Received YTD - \$111,717  
Amt. Spent YTD - \$114,070  
Current Fund Balance - (\$2,863)

### Benevolence

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$20,692  
Amt. Received YTD - \$18,547

Thank you for your faithful giving as together we live out our mission of Celebrating Christ's love as we welcome, encourage, and serve God's people!

## Donations for Shepherd's Pantry

The food pantry could use the following items that aren't always available each month from the state food pantry system:

- Boxes of dry milk
- Cans/jars of spaghetti sauce
- Pancake batter
- Syrup
- Fruits and Vegetables

Shepherd's Pantry would appreciate any donations that members are able to make. Thank you for your help.

## Welcome Center Update

As of November 30, 2007, the amount paid toward the Welcome Center totals \$341,261. Of this amount, \$31,517 was given through November 30, which compares to \$41,629 given through November 2006. Total cost of the project was \$548,653 plus interest to date of \$21,577.12. We have reduced the Marine Bank loan by \$33,000 so far this year, leaving a loan balance of \$157,000. In 2006 we reduced the principal \$40,000. In addition there are \$62,000 of our own funds on loan to the Welcome Center. On January 10, 2008 the construction loan will end and our payments will be due monthly in the amount of \$2,412.29. Let's continue to work together as we pay down our debt as quickly as possible. An extra dollar paid now will save over twenty-five cents in interest over the next five years.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

**Together**, we are living out our congregation's missions of Celebrating Christ's Love as we Welcome, Encourage, and Serve God's people.

## Turn in Those Stewardship Packets!

There are still a few Stewardship packets to be picked up in the Welcome Center. There are also quite a few that were picked up and not yet returned. It's not too late! We need as many volunteers as possible to serve on committees, greet, lay read, usher, unlock

church, etc. Please turn them in to the church office as soon as possible.

## Address Changes

Ashley Harrison  
4942 N. IL 100  
Havana, IL 62644

Donald Schulz  
2587 Tanglewood Lane  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Rita Ufkes  
516 S. Marion Street  
Carthage, IL 62321

Phoebe Wilson  
1040 N. Cty. Road 2250  
Carthage, IL 62321

## Trinity Prayer Ministry

This **ministry at Trinity** is for anyone who wants to join us in prayer one day a week. Come to the Welcome Center at **7:00 a.m.** on Wednesday mornings. Prayer request slips are located in the pew racks. They may be filled out and put in the collection plates, or you may call Connie Schulz (357-6667) or the church office (357-2468) to request prayer. These names are used for the Prayer Ministry only and not in the prayer chain or Sunday morning prayers. Together we live out our congregation's mission of celebrating Christ's love as we welcome, encourage, and serve God's people.

## News From Our Sponsored Children

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Wishing you a happy Merry Christmas  
and a prosperous and successful New Year.  
Daniel Salau

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Following is a new address for your  
sponsored child, Brendon.

Brendon Luiz Cunha Da Silva  
110017886/00065  
Centro Educacional Professor Estevao Pinto  
Christian Children's Fund

Caixa Postal 602  
30.123-970  
Belo Horizonte, M.G.  
Brazil

## Church Council Highlights December 20, 2007

Council meeting minutes were not available at this time.

### Lost Keys

Two keys on a key chain with a blue background and stars were lost somewhere in the church. If you found them, please turn them into the church office. Thanks!

### Choir News

A switch in positions has taken place in the choir! Teresa Geissler, who has been directing the choir since September, will return to the alto section, and Linda Hartweg will leave the alto section and take her place in front of the choir as director.

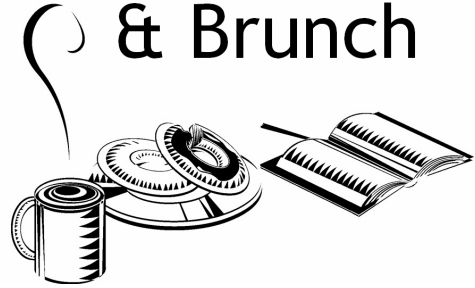
Thank you to Teresa for directing the choir. During a time of transition, Teresa stepped out of her comfort zone to take up a position that she had no experience in. She put her heart into setting up the music schedule, selecting some beautiful new music and trying to learn the intricacies of directing a choir. We are most grateful for her commitment and generous spirit in her endeavor to promote continuity in the choir.

Thank you to Linda Hartweg for taking on the director position. The choir looks forward to a new year of leading worship, as through song we welcome, encourage, and serve God's people.

Linley Bartell, Chairman Worship & Music



# Annual Meeting & Brunch



The annual meeting of our congregation is scheduled for Sunday, January 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will be preceded by a fellowship brunch immediately following worship.

All members of the congregation are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in this important meeting as we continue to grow in our mission and ministry. Not only will we celebrate the accomplishments of this past year, but we will also begin looking toward the future as we discern together where our gracious and faithful God is leading us!

Annual reports will be available for pick-up in the Welcome Center beginning on Sunday, January 20.