

TRINITY'S GOOD

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November Birthdays

- 11/02 Beulah Weid, Wyatt Fecht
- 11/03 Barb Duffy
- 11/04 Adrian Creasy, Paul Ewing
- 11/05 Jesse Disney
- 11/06 Larry Ellefritz, James Ufkes
- 11/08 Donna High
- 11/09 David Hartweg, Caroline Hartweg,
Evelyn Briley
- 11/10 Bob Fecht, Naomi Jurgens
- 11/11 Sandi Morrison
- 11/13 Dale Galloway
- 11/14 Carl A. Hartweg, Dillon Darbyshire
- 11/16 Mandy Bruns
- 11/17 Sarah Donley
- 11/18 Jacqueline Galloway
- 11/20 Marjorie Harrell, Paul Hartweg
- 11/23 Phyllis Housewright
- 11/24 Brig Duffy
- 11/25 Alan Housewright, Else Aden
- 11/26 Bill Fecht
- 11/28 Kenny Gronewold, Suzy Holtsclaw

November Anniversaries

- 11/03 Jerry & Sharon Ideus
- 11/04 Paul & Marcia Ewing
- 11/06 Tim & Mandy Bruns
- 11/10 Merlin & Jolene Gronewold
- 11/14 Gary & Sarah Donley
- 11/18 Joel & Tanna Ellefritz
- 11/21 Elton & Doris Holtsclaw
- 11/24 Rick & Debbie Johnson
- 11/25 John & Jackie Adkins
- 11/28 Tom & Suzy Holtsclaw
- 11/29 Lance & Stephanie Stott,
Dave & Diana Harrison

Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to sing is welcome to join us!

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.

Sewing Group

The sewing group will meet each Monday at 9:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to sew can join us.

Financial Update As of September 30, 2008

Current

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$107,729
Amt. Received YTD - \$86,891
Amt. Spent YTD - \$82,969
Current Fund Balance - \$5,717

Benevolence

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$13,977
Amt. Received YTD - \$13,123

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!

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.

Address Changes

Joel & Jennifer (Hartweg) Brown
321 S. Oak Street
P.O. Box 675
Forrest, IL 61741

Lindsay Harrison
2520 Northside Drive #212
San Diego, CA 92108

Sue Harrison
330 S. Marion Street
Carthage, IL 62321

Josh & Ashley (Harrison) Koster
412 West Main
Pleasant Plains, IL 62677

Amy Moore
1601 S. 24th Street
Quincy, IL 62301

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.

Committee Night

Committee Night is Tuesday, November 4. No meetings have been scheduled at this time

College Student Addresses

Ashley Ufkes
Sheaffer-Trieschmann Hall, Box 12
605 N. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

Welcome Center Update

As of September 30, 2008, the amount given to the Welcome Center totals \$368,979. Of this amount \$28,163 was given through September 30, which compares to \$27,448 given through September 2007. Total cost of the project was \$548,653. For 2008 we have paid \$5,250 in interest through August

compared to \$5,162 in 2007. We have reduced the Marine Bank loan by \$49,594 so far this year, leaving a loan balance of \$108,156. In addition there are \$62,000 of our own funds on loan to the Welcome Center. On January 10, 2008 the construction loan ended and our payments now are 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.

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.

To Ushers, Greeters, Communion Deacons and Acolytes

If you signed up for or are on a schedule to perform any of the above duties throughout the church year, please check when it is your turn, and write it on your calendar. If you are unable to fulfill the date assigned to you, it is your responsibility to find someone to take your place.

Trinity's mission statement includes the words, WELCOME, ENCOURAGE and SERVE. We can be effective in carrying out that mission through our service in these positions.

Thank you.

Linley Bartell, Chairman Worship and Music

Candy Needed

If you have any leftover Halloween candy or see some good sales after Halloween, we are in need of candy for the Love Jar. Your donations will be greatly appreciated!

Church Council Highlights

October 9, 2008

Council members present were Brent Ufkes, Kathy Graham, Linley Bartell, Dave Hartweg, John Peterson, John Dittmer and interim pastor Dave Poland.

Brent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Dave Poland opened the meeting with a brief devotional reading relating to Christian leadership.

The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Linley Bartell. Seconded by Kathy Graham. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report – Financial Secretary Report was reviewed. Motion to approve the financial secretary report by John Peterson. Seconded by Linley Bartell. It was noted that the balance in the memorial account included memorials from Ralph Logan (designated for the organ) and Joyce Jurgens (designated for the Welcome Center). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Kathy Graham. Seconded by Linley Bartell. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Christian Ed. (Angie Fecht) – Confirmation: Pastor Gayle was going to attend a planning meeting for camp at Augustana in June of 2009. Sunday School started great with Rally Day. We need to encourage parents to bring their kids. Pre-K through 8th grade meet in the parish hall and have music, story, snack and crafts as a group. Some field trips are being planned. CLASP is still looking for a director.

Evangelism (John Peterson) – John asked is there might be an interest in a community-wide dinner sometime in the fall. He will explore the possibility and interest further. Carl Sandburg Literacy program inquired if Trinity is interested in participating in their angel tree program. This is a program to provide Christmas gifts to those less fortunate. John will get more details. It has been suggested that there is a need for more signage in the welcome center. Gary Vest has offered to make some more signs for direction to rest rooms, cry room, office, etc.

Fellowship (Jody Miller) – No report.

Finance (Kathy Graham) – Kathy reported that the committee had met with Mike Jurgens regarding Trinity's investment portfolio. Although the market and the church's investments have done poorly recently, there should probably be no major change at this time.

Memorial (John Dittmer) – No report.

Property (John Schwartz) – No report.

Social Ministry (Tammy Snyder) – No report.

Stewardship (Merlin Gronewold) – No report.

Worship & Music (Linley Bartell) – No report.

Youth (Ryan Schardon) – No report.

Call Committee – No report.

Carthage Ministerial Alliance Report (Ron Schulz) – No report.

Pastor's Report – Confirmation is going well. There has been positive feedback so far. Michael Haas will continue to attend as he provides some enthusiasm through music and other means. Attempts to contact and minister to shut-ins has not been working as effectively as planned. It was suggested that maybe members of the congregation would be interested in assisting with this. The congregation could be informed from the pulpit and/or in the newsletter. Pastor Gayle and Dave will meet next week to discuss this further. Dave asked that members continue to inform him when they see a need. Dave commented on a community-wide program for Hispanics that move into the community.

Old Business: Merlin will continue to make arrangements for the harvest program with St. John's October 18. There was a meeting about the geographic parish in Augusta recently. Pastor Gayle, Dave, Minor Garrelts and Delmer Schlueter attended. Bill Barker

will conduct services October 26. Deacon Pat from Immanuel will preach this coming Sunday as part of the pulpit exchange. November 30 and December 28 are open yet. Other possible substitute ministers were mentioned. There was brief discussion about Pastor Gayle's compensation, but it was decided to wait until the next council meeting to act on it. The Stewardship Banquet will be held November 23. Ben Ellefritz is scheduled to speak. Dave Poland reported that he provided a brief history of Trinity for the book being printed and made available for the upcoming court house celebration.

New Business: Jennifer (Hartweg) Brown will be ordained at Trinity on November 8. Pastor Greg Busboom will be preaching at this special service. The new offering envelopes will have a line designated for the Welcome Center. The pledge cards will be updated also. Dave Poland spoke briefly on a book called "Book of Faith," which is being made available to congregations to expand adult bible study. ELCA published the book and it will be available starting spring of 2009.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Recorded By: John Dittmer, acting Secretary

FAMILY News

"Family News" is a place where we can celebrate together the many good things that are happening in the lives of Trinity's members and friends. We hope to include news about all of our members and their

families. To submit good news, please call Denise at the church office (357-2468) or send an e-mail to oldtrinity@hotmail.com. This is yet another way we are ***caring for each other***.

*Congratulations to **Ben & Jessica Ellefritz** on the adoption of a daughter, Mia Riley. Mia was born on September 3, 2008 and was placed in their arms on September 28. Grandparents are Tracy & Cindy Kramer and Keith & Terri Ellefritz.

Hunger Fest

The 5th annual Carthage Ministerial Alliance Hunger Fest will be held on Sunday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church. Join us for an evening of music making and fellowship as the congregations of Carthage and surrounding communities gather to raise awareness of the needs of the hungry and to offer tangible support to the Shepherd's Pantry. A variety of musical ensembles and choirs will perform. A free-will offering of both cash and non-perishable foods will be received. Following the concert, cookies and drinks will be served in the church basement.



Greetings to our Trinity family!

Let me first say a huge Thank You to all of you who have been keeping Joel and I in your thoughts and prayers in the past few weeks and months. We have been living a life of continual change—graduation, marriage, interviewing for calls, moving and waiting to hear what God has had in store for us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support and

encouragement. It means so much to us both!

Well, let me bring you up to date. After being married at Trinity in June, Joel and I have been immersed in the call process, both of us working with call committees, churches, and the synod office. In late July Joel received and accepted a call to serve at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Crescent City, Illinois. On August 16, Joel was ordained at St. John Lutheran Church, his home congregation in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Since then our lives have been filled with celebration upon Joel's call and ordination, chaos regarding when and where we would be moving, and the anxiety of not knowing when I would receive a call.

On September 7, Joel and I visited First Lutheran Church in Pontiac, Illinois, and attended their church services and church picnic. It was our first time back since my first two interviews with them. At their congregational meeting immediately following the Sunday services, they voted to extend a call to me to be their Associate Pastor.

With that news, Joel and I began the moving process. We moved into our new home on September 12th (we are living in the parsonage of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Forrest) and Joel began his call the following Monday, the 15th. Joel will be installed as Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church this Sunday, September 28. My ordination date will be November 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity. Thank you again for your prayers, your thoughts, your support and encouragement. Joel and I are truly blessed to have such a caring church family surrounding us during this exciting (and anxious) time of transition.

God's richest blessings to you all,
Jennifer (Hartweg) and Joel Brown

Our new address:
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321 S Oak St
Forrest, IL 61741

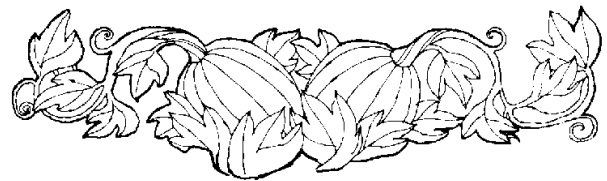
Ladies Bible Study

There were 11 ladies participating in the new Bible Study that is held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in my home. The title of the 9 month study is "The Hidden Land of God: Wisdom Stories from Ruth, Daniel and Esther." There is lots of discussion and no wrong answers to questions that arise. There is always room for one more at the table and the group is very welcoming. The next meeting is November 13. For any questions you might have give me a call at 357-2737. Copies of the current Bible Study are available in the organist mailbox in the parish hall.

Doris Holtsclaw

Ten to be Confirmed at Trinity

On Sunday, November 9, ten young people will be confirmed here at Trinity – Grant Clark, Kirby Fecht, Trey Geissler, Chris Holtsclaw, Katelyn Jacoby, Kristina Johnson, Skyler Johnson, Zach Lemley, John Malloy and Kyle Miller. Please remember these young people in your prayers as they affirm the promises made to them in baptism and as they continue their lifelong journey of faithful discipleship in Christ.



All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 2, we remember with Thanksgiving all those who have passed on and have now joined the Church Triumphant. We especially remember those members of our congregation who have died in the past year and who now rest in God's Easter promises: Richard Wachtendorf, Junius Ufkes, Laurine Gronewold, Ralph Logan, Tempie Rosenboom, Ruby Heyen, Dorothy Ufkes and Joyce Jurgens.

On this day we will also be celebrating the baptism of Abigail Lynnae Livingston, daughter of Noren and Vickie Livingston.

Would You Like to Be an Assisting Minister?

Every Sunday, a month at a time, you see someone walk in with the minister, bend their head in prayer at the altar, and help lead the congregation in worship and prayer. In the bulletin, you will note that when there is an A in the margin, the ASSISTING MINISTER takes that part, and when there is a P, the PRESIDING MINISTER takes over. Assisting ministers will sometimes read the scriptures, write and offer prayers, sing or say the liturgical responses and invitations, and dismiss the congregation at the end of the service.

Not everyone feels comfortable about being an assistant minister. But if this is a form of ministry that interests you, and you would like to participate in the service in this way, please let me know. You can call the church office and leave your name with Denise, or you can call me directly at 357-2304 or 357-5208. I would then arrange for a short training session.

As someone who has done this for a couple of years, I can attest to the fact that this preparation for prayer and for leading worship gives a deeper understanding of God's word. It is an opportunity for spiritual enrichment and a deepening faith in our Lord.

Linley Bartell, Chairman of Worship and Music

Community Thanksgiving Worship

Our annual Community Thanksgiving Worship, sponsored by the Carthage Ministerial Alliance, will be held on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. The speaker will be Rev. Bill Deischer of Burnside United Methodist Church. A Love Offering will be received to benefit the Christmas Club Food Baskets.

Trinity Medicare Recipients

After November 15 of each year you may change your Medicare Part D drug coverage, or decide to stay with your present insurer. Rates change and drugs covered change from year to year, so it is a good idea to review your Part D coverage each year.

All of the information you need is on the Internet. If you desire assistance, contact Jackie Adkins at 357-2012 and we can set up a time to review your coverage rates. Or, Carol Gronewold with the Area Agency on Aging will again be providing this service. Watch the newspaper for dates and times.



Please plan on attending this year's stewardship banquet, which will be held on Sunday, November 23 at 10:15. We will have a brunch type meal followed by Ben Ellefritz, a past member of Trinity, who will bring us the message. Ben, his wife Jessica, and new daughter Mia live at Mt. Sterling, IL. All food and drinks will be provided. Please be sure to return your packet at the banquet.

News from the Sewing Circle

On Thursday, October 23, Wayne Fecht picked up 29 boxes from the sewing room at Trinity, some of the many that he picks up from area Lutheran churches before he takes his horse trailer full to Bloomington for the annual Lutheran World Relief Gathering.

This year the Trinity sewing circle, assisted by the women (and men) of Trinity sewed 116 quilts and 101 school bags, which you,

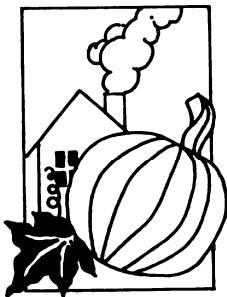
our congregation, generously filled. You also donated 43 pounds of soap.

Thank you to all of the faithful Sewing Circle members, also to those who pick up quilt kits and sew quilt tops at home. Thank you to those who donate fabric, old blankets, sheets, mattress pads, bedspreads and drapes that can be used for quilt tops, fillers and backs. Thank you for the women of Trinity who help on School-Bag-O-Rama day and those who helped assemble bags for shipping. Thank you to all of you who filled the school bags. Special thanks to Wayne Fecht for his mission of taking everything to Bloomington each year.

Now, we start all over again. All of you are welcome to help in your own way as we serve God's people.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is have a blood drive on Wednesday, November 5 from noon to 6 p.m. at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. The drive is sponsored by the First Christian Church and Carthage Primary and Middle School Students. For an appointment, please call Jane McDaniel at 357-2432.



Craft and Baked Goods Sale

As mentioned earlier, Trinity will be holding a Craft and Baked Goods sale during the Carthage Christmas on the Square. We will be set up in the Welcome Center, in the gathering space just inside the double doors. The night of the activities is Thursday, December 4th, at 4:00.

Of course, to have a successful Craft and Baked Goods sale, we need crafts and baked goods! So we would like to ask for donations of items for the sale. Anything you can make, or bake, or if you know someone who would like to help, we will appreciate all donations.

There are a few limitations, though. The Health Department restricts the sale of cream pies, pumpkin pie, or generally, anything that needs refrigerating.

If you can donate something, please price it. If it is food, please wrap the item first and then price each package.

All the proceeds will go to The Shepherd's Pantry.

If you would like to help with the sale, such as with setting up, cleaning up, or "manning" the tables, please call me or someone on the Evangelism Committee.

Thanks for your support in helping to reach out and serve those in our Community.

Committee members are:
Marcia Ewing, Paul Ewing, Sandy Peterson, Ron Schulz, John Peterson

Stewardship Packets
Stewardship packets will be available for pick up in the welcome center beginning November 9. Please be sure to fill out your information and return your packet to the church office or at the stewardship banquet on November 23!