

TRINITY'S GOOD

Volume 9 Issue 10

October Birthdays

- 10/01 Debbie Housewright, Kristen Huls
- 10/03 Jody Miller
- 10/04 Wade Nolden, Arlis Dittmer
- 10/07 Kameron Miller
- 10/08 Connie Flesner
- 10/11 Philip Weid
- 10/14 Jessica Ruhs
- 10/16 Stephen Weid, Melissa Moore,
Stephen Hartweg
- 10/19 Darlene Harrell, John Malloy
- 10/21 Karol Carr
- 10/22 Brenda Seaver, Gerald Brown
- 10/24 Brad Schardon, Jack Ufkes
- 10/27 Caitlin Clostermery, Kenny Sargent
- 10/29 Bailey Boyer
- 10/30 Carol Schoch

October Anniversaries

- 10/04 Dean & Angie Fecht
- 10/06 Harold & Beulah Weid
- 10/07 Michael & Melissa Moore
- 10/20 Josh & Michelle Schulz
- 10/21 Ron & Susie Schulz
- 10/22 Alan & Debbie Housewright

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 August 31, 2008

Current

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$95,759
Amt. Received YTD - \$78,863
Amt. Spent YTD - \$78,233
Current Fund Balance - \$2,711

Benevolence

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$12,424
Amt. Received YTD - \$11,725

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. Together we live out our congregation's mission of celebrating Christ's love as we welcome, encourage, and serve God's people.



Address Changes
Adam & Andria Harrison

125 Sunrise Drive
Freeburg, IL 62243-1011

Shea Redenius
1520 Knight Street
West Plains, MO 65775

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 August 31, 2008, the amount given to the Welcome Center totals \$366,017. Of this amount \$25,201 was given through August 31, which compares to \$26,118 given through August 2007. Total cost of the project was \$548,653. For 2008 we have paid \$4,486 in interest through August compared to \$4,615 in 2007. We have reduced the Marine Bank loan by \$47,562 so far this year, leaving a loan balance of \$110,188. 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.

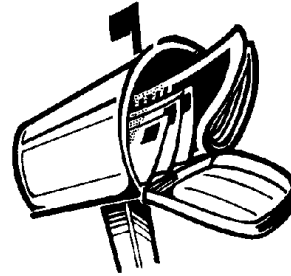
Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

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Church Office

The church office will be closed on Thursday, October 2 and Monday, October 6. If you need assistance, please contact Brent Ufkes at 217-430-8604.

Committee Night
Committee Night is Tuesday, October 7. No meetings have been scheduled at this time



College Student Addresses

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Church Council Highlights September 18, 2008

Council members present were Brent Ufkes, John Schwartz, Jody Miller, David Hartweg, Ryan Schardon, Angie Fecht, John Dittmer, Merlin Gronewold, Linley Bartell, Ron Schulz, Dave Poland and Pastor Gayle Pope. Absent were Kathy Graham, John Peterson & Tammy Snyder.

Brent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Devotions from the "Book of Life" were discussed. Opening prayer led by Dave Poland,

The minutes of August 21, 2008 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented by John Dittmer. Seconded by John Schwartz. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report – Financial Secretary Report dated August 31, 2008 was reviewed. Motion to approve the financial secretary report by John Schwartz. Seconded by Merlin Gronewold. No further discussion held. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2008 was reviewed. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by John Schwartz. Seconded by Linley Bartell. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Christian Ed. (Angie Fecht) – Angie reported that the parents set confirmation for November 9. The new confirmation and Sunday school classes have begun. Dave Poland reviewed the new sermon notes and gave an update on the first confirmation class Sunday night.

Evangelism (John Peterson) – In John's absence, Ron Schulz reported that photos will be posted from Rally Sunday. The committee is working on a brochure. A craft and bake sale is being planned again for the Christmas Open House on December 4. A notice will be given to Denise for the newsletter for donations of craft and baked good items.

Fellowship (Jody Miller) – Jody reviewed the new fellowship schedule and changes. Starting September 28, fellowship hour will be scheduled, with Church Council hosting that day. The change was due to lack of volunteers signing up to host.

Finance (Kathy Graham) – The investment and account balances from July - September 2008 were reviewed. The markets continue to be down; however, funds will stand as invested at this time.

Memorial (John Dittmer) – No report.

Property (John Schwartz) – John gave a follow-up report on the hail damage to the church. The adjuster came and prepared a report; however, it did not include all damage. John has been in contact with Sharon Kraft, senior claims analyst at Church Mutual, to get all items included. A check for \$17,404 would be issued for a cost replacement claim for now for the items included in the initial report. John stated a meeting was held to discuss replacing the roof. At this time, volunteers are limited and contractors are extremely busy. It was decided that next spring would be when the parish hall roof project will begin. Volunteers will be needed to tear off the roof and Bill Kirby and his crew would put the new roof on.

Social Ministry (Tammy Snyder) – No report.

Stewardship (Merlin Gronewold) – Merlin stated that next year's offering envelopes have been ordered. The stewardship banquet is in the planning stages. A tentative date of November 23 was set. More information to follow.

Worship & Music (Linley Bartell) – Linley reported our congregation hosts the worship at the nursing home this Sunday. Chris Nettles will give a short message and the choir will perform. Eileen received a thank

you letter from Professor Roth for letting him play.

Youth (Ryan Schardon) – Ryan stated the National Youth Gathering will be held next summer. Jason has pre-registered 6 youth and 2 chaperones for the event in New Orleans. A down payment of \$1,000 was requested. Information will be given to Merlin for payment. No fundraisers have been planned yet; however, the event is scheduled for July 22-26, 2009 and fund raising events will be forthcoming.

Call Committee – No report.

Carthage Ministerial Alliance Report (Ron Schulz) – Ron stated the CMA met earlier this month and Doug Groth from the vet clinic did a presentation. He stated many of the workers are Hispanic and they are looking for ways for the community to reach out to their workers. The CMA will hold a worship service at the Mental Health Center the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. The CMA will have a booth set up at the courthouse celebration on October 18. The most recent Sunday at the Movies event had 8 youth attending. The next event is on Sunday, October 12 at the Methodist Church from 1:30 – 4 p.m. Trinity is hosting the next CMA meeting on October 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor's Report – Dave reported the following:

1. Dave stated he spent some time this past month visiting with staff and members and learning some of the processes, receiving information on shut-ins and working with Angie on the youth program.
2. Dave and Ron have visited almost all shut-ins this month on the list.
3. The worship service was reviewed and the confession and creed have been added.
4. Pastor Gayle has taken care of items that Dave was unavailable to do.
5. Dave will be gone October 26, November 30 and December 28.

6. Dave asked that the congregation keep him updated on events and when there may be a ministry need.

Old Business:

- A. Food Resource Bank – The date for the Share the Harvest event has been changed to Sunday, October 19 at 2 p.m. The St. John's bible school youth have taken a collection and will present it to the food resource bank project. A meal is being planned and donations of desserts may be requested. The location will be held on one of Minor Garrelts' farms. More information will follow.
- B. Geographic Parish Report – The next meeting will be September 25 at 7 p.m. at Faith, Augusta.
- C. Compensation Guidelines – Brent stated he has not received the compensation guidelines for Pastor Gayle's oversight.
- D. Reimbursement – Pastor Gayle reported the number of visits, meetings, etc. that she has done on behalf of our congregation. Reimbursement for mileage was discussed. Pastor Gayle will submit her report to Dave Hartweg for payment.

New Business:

- A. Meeting Date Change – Brent stated that Denise has requested the council meeting date be moved up as it is hard to get items included in the newsletter on time. The meeting date will be changed to the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9 at 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. by John Schwartz. Seconded by Merlin Gronewold. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

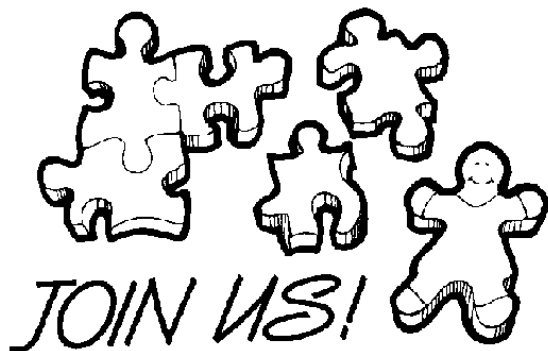
Recorded By: Jody Miller
Council Secretary

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***.

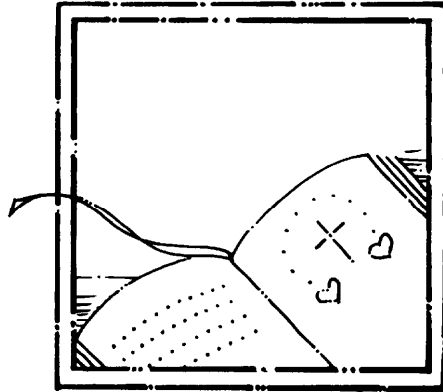
*Vickie and Noren Livingston are the proud parents of Abbie Lynnae, born Friday, September 19. She joins her big brother Christian, in their home in Rushville. Grandparents are Sandy and John Peterson.

School Bag Packing Party
On Thursday, October 9, from 9 to noon, the women of Trinity are invited to a school bag packing party. All of the filled bags are now in, but all of the contents need to be checked, placed in a ziplock bag in the school bag and colored paper must be added to each. After that we tie down the handles with yarn and box them up. We will have more than 100 to do, so all pairs of hands are welcome. Since this is a Lutheran event, there will be refreshments!



Soap for Mission

You will see plastic tubs in the back of the church and the welcome center in which you may put bar soap for Lutheran World Service. Any bar soap is OK. The soap will be shipped in late October.



New Bible Study

The ladies of Trinity have started a new Bible study. It will be held on the second Thursday of the month. For more information call Doris at 357-2737.

Food Pantry Food Drive

The confirmation kids will again be holding a food drive for the Shepherd's Pantry. They will be collecting food each Sunday October and boxes will be placed in the church and welcome center for your donations. Watch bulletins for more information.

A Song of Praise

In every land and every tongue
Our gratitude to God be sung.
Praise Him that makes the sun to rise
And guides us in our daily lives.
Praise Him whose spirit fills our hearts
And causes evil to depart.
Praise Him who understands our fears,
Gladdens us and dries our tears.
For Him let's sing a song of praise
In thankfulness our voices raise.
In gratitude for all good things
And all the blessings each day brings.

Dolores Karides