

# TRINITY'S GOOD

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## September Birthdays

- 9/01 Dalton Cook  
9/02 Robin Young, Casey Krieg,  
Katie Biery  
9/04 Tammy Snyder, Lester Lantz  
9/05 Kyle Schulz, Kathy Ehlert  
9/06 Kevin Cook, Rylie Harrell  
9/10 Harold Weid, Bev Ufkes  
9/11 Kristina Johnson, Liz Snyder  
9/17 MiKayla Janssen, Jackson Klingler  
9/18 Danelle Smith  
9/19 Shelle Fecht  
9/20 Tyrone Jacoby  
9/23 Daniel Harrell  
9/24 Denise Schwartz, Tori Johnson,  
Christian Livingston  
9/26 Melvin Wetterich, Shelby Reppinger  
9/27 Gary Vest, Phoebe Wilson  
9/29 Mary Sargent  
9/30 Billie Kirby, Ron Garrelts,  
Dean Fecht, Kirby Fecht

## September Anniversaries

- 9/03 Phil & Susan Gronewold  
9/04 Jack & Bev Ufkes  
9/06 Ryan & Erin Biery  
9/07 Sid & Kristin Huls  
9/10 Ryan & Heather Stevenson  
9/11 Meinert & Kathryn Gronewold  
9/15 Shawn & Lydia Gutting  
9/16 John & Arlis Dittmer  
9/18 Travis & Jennifer Duffy  
9/21 Gilbert & Barb Duffy  
9/24 Robby & Jenny Robinson  
9/30 Chuck & Kathy Ehlert,  
Scott & Nikki Scheetz

## Choir Practice Resumes

Choir practice will be held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We will start singing during worship on Sunday, September 7. 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 July 31, 2008

### Current

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$83,789  
Amt. Received YTD - \$70,463  
Amt. Spent YTD - \$71,845  
Current Fund Balance - \$1,482

### Benevolence

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$10,871  
Amt. Received YTD - \$10,214

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!

## Address Changes

Jared Schwartz  
800 S. Mattis Ave. - Apt. E6  
Champaign, IL 61821

Harold & Beulah Weid  
2130 Harrison St. - Cottage 18B  
Quincy, IL 62301

## Welcome Center Update

As of July 31, 2008, the amount given to the Welcome Center totals \$364,413. Of this

amount \$23,597 was given through July 31, which compares to \$23,438 given through July 2007. Total cost of the project was \$548,653. For 2008 we have paid \$3,826 in interest through July compared to \$4,051 in 2007. We have reduced the Marine Bank loan by \$45,810 so far this year, leaving a loan balance of \$111,640. 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.

#### 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.

#### School Bags

There are still a few school bags needing to be picked up and filled. If you picked up a school bag to fill and have not yet returned it, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support of this project.

#### Committee Night

Committee Night is Tuesday, September 2. No meetings have been scheduled at this time.

#### 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.

**Sunday at the Movies**  
"Sunday at the Movies" will be held the second Sunday of each month and is hosted by the Carthage Ministerial Alliance. It will be held from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at a different church each month and is open to all those in 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Join us on September 14 at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 701 Wabash for a movie from the Star Wars series. Snack and discussion time provided. We will meet in the high school room on the second floor. Plan to join us!

#### Confirmation Parents Meeting

A meeting for the parents of the students who will be confirmed this fall is set for Sunday, August 31 immediately following worship. Meet in the sanctuary area.

#### Confirmation 2008-2009

The new confirmation classes for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades will begin Sunday, September 14 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. Classes are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month in the parish hall. Watch bulletins and mail for further information.



## High School Bible Study Kick Off

September 7 at 5 p.m. the High School Bible Study group will be meeting at Lance & Stephanie Stott's house for a wiener roast. There will be games, Bible study and info about future get-togethers. All high school and post high school Trinity members are welcome and can bring a friend if they wish. We want to extend a special invitation to our new freshmen to come see what we're all about. Call Steph at 217-257-6995 for more information.

### Thank You

A special thank you to Evelyn and everyone who brought food and helped with the lunch after Tempie's funeral. It was delicious and very much appreciated by the family and friends. Thank you so much!

Morris & Karen Gronewold

### Trinity's Website is Growing!

[www.carthagetrinitylutheran.com](http://www.carthagetrinitylutheran.com) has seen a few additions in the past couple of months that you may want to check out.

We now have a monthly calendar. Just click on any date shows an entry and you'll get a popup of everything going on for that day. Is there something you'd like to add to the calendar? Just scroll to the bottom of the "Contact Us" page and send your entry to get it added.

We've also added a page entitled "Inspirational / Fun." Did you know that we Lutherans actually have a song? Well, a link to it is on there so check it out.

There have been a lot of photos from this year's vacation bible school put on the site so please check them out as well.

And keep those requests and ideas coming!

### Thank You!

Once again the generosity of the people in our community shines through! Even though we did not ask for donations, nor was any mention made that there would be a tin for donations, you saw the tin and responded! At the end of the night, there was \$132 taken in. The donations went to the Shepherd's Pantry, which is seeing an increase in the number of families that can use some assistance.

Thanks to Dave and Diana Harrison for setting up and taking down the stage. It is quite a job, and we appreciate your labor and time!

Thanks to John Malloy for distributing the fliers to local businesses. They helped get the word out to the community, inviting all to hear God's word in music.

Thanks to the council for funding the concert and allowing us the use of the facilities.

We hope you enjoyed the Living Water Praise Band, and the message they brought to us in the upbeat music and song! And again, thank you for attending the concert and for your gifts to the food pantry.

Your Evangelism Committee

### Attention All You Crafters!

### Attention All You Bakers!

We are planning on having the craft and baked good sale during the Carthage "Christmas on the Square" event, which will be here before we know it! So, to give you a bit of an early notice, we wanted to get the word out now. More details to follow!

The past sales have been quite successful and we thank you for your donations then, and hope you will continue supporting this one. We look forward to first time participants as well!

If you have any questions, please contact someone on the Evangelism Committee:

Paul & Marcia Ewing, Ron Schulz, John & Sandy Peterson.

## Church Council Highlights August 21, 2008

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

Brent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Opening prayer led by Dave Poland. Brent welcomed Ron Schulz to the meeting as a representative for the Carthage Ministerial Alliance. Upon recommendation from the Bishop, Pastor Gayle will provide services as an Interim Oversight and Ordained Pastor as needed.

The minutes of July 24, 2008 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented by John Dittmer. Seconded by Angie Fecht. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The following Petitions or Communications were reported: None

**Financial Secretary's Report** – Financial Secretary Report dated July 31, 2008 was reviewed. Motion to approve the financial secretary report by John Peterson. Seconded by Kathy Graham. No further discussion held. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer's Report dated July 31, 2008 was reviewed. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Merlin Gronewold. Seconded by Kathy Graham. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**Christian Ed. (Angie Fecht)** – Angie stated at this time we have no CLASP Director, therefore, there will not be a CLASP program unless a director is found. Brent will make a call to a possible director. Lydia Gutting is

the new Sunday school superintendent and is revising the current program. Rally Sunday is being planned for September 14, 2008. Galen Krieg continues to lead the adult program. A meeting was held this evening regarding the new confirmation program for this upcoming year, which will start September 14, 2008. Pastor Gayle & Dave Poland have agreed to lead the program, which is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Tim Snyder will assist with the technical setup. Discussion was held regarding the date for confirmation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. The original date was scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>; however, the date will need to be changed due to a conflict with Dave's schedule. A second year confirmation parents meeting will be scheduled to determine a new date and make final plans.

**Evangelism (John Peterson)** – John thanked the council for approving the fees for the Living Water Concert held on August 10<sup>th</sup>. A free will donation of \$132 was collected for the food pantry. John requested permission to use the Welcome Center again for the craft and bake sale during the Christmas Open House. Permission was granted for use on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Fellowship (Jody Miller)** – No report.

**Finance (Kathy Graham)** – The investment and account balances from June - August 2008 were reviewed. Kathy stated that the finance committee has not met nor has she had any requests for the finance committee at this time. It was also noted with the markets down – investments are down. Upon discussion of a letter Kathy just received from the Carthage Area Roundtable regarding their annual school supply drive, a motion was made to pay the Youth Working Group of the Carthage Area Roundtable up to \$250 to match the previous year's amount for school supplies which will be paid out of the Marie Fecht Money Market. Seconded by John Peterson. Motion carried.

**Memorial (John Dittmer)** – No report.

**Property (John Schwartz)** – In John's absence, Brent stated they are still waiting to hear from the insurance company regarding the hail damage to the roof on the parish hall. No update was given on the facility exterior inspection.

**Social Ministry (Tammy Snyder)** – No report.

**Stewardship (Merlin Gronewold)** – No report.

**Worship & Music (Linley Bartell)** – Linley stated she and Eileen met with Dave and discussed some changes. On August 31st Dr. Roth will play the organ and hold a hymn singing in place of the sermon. Further discussion was held regarding the organ. It was noted that some notes still don't work. An organ repair fund has been established. Linley will continue to research options for the organ.

**Youth (Ryan Schardon)** – No report.

**Call Committee** – No report.

**Carthage Ministerial Alliance Report (Ron Schulz)** – Ron stated the CMA met on August 13<sup>th</sup>. They are planning a "movie night" which will be rotated among the area churches. The movie night is held for middle & high school youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. It will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 4 p.m. at the Christian Church. The host congregation is responsible for providing snacks. A flyer was provided and will be included in the newsletter. The CMA is planning for their annual pulpit exchange, which will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in January. Father Tony will be working on the rotation schedule. Ron stated the CMA is also planning another mission trip to New Orleans March 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Permission for the use of the van was requested. Insurance coverage needs to be verified if no members from our church end up attending. Currently one member is planning to participate. The CMA

would pay for the gas for the van. Due to the limited use of the van, it was felt a maintenance check would need done before the trip. A motion was made by Linley Bartell that the van be used for the mission trip to New Orleans, seconded by Tammy Snyder. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** – Dave shared that he was out of town when Tempie Rosenboom passed away and had spoke with the family regarding this. Services were planned by Tempie's son. Dave stated that he has received a request for a wedding from a non-member and inquired about the guidelines and fees policy. A copy should be reviewed. Current council members were not all aware of the policy and fees. It was also noted that parts of a traditional Lutheran service were not being included in the bulletin. Dave will talk with Denise about what he would like to include in the service. Dave & Ron reviewed the list of shut-ins and will split the list and rotate monthly. Any other interested member in visiting shut-ins should contact Dave or Ron. Dave mentioned that on September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> a Synodically Authorized Ministry retreat is being held. Currently 4 members from Nauvoo will be attending and highly recommending having representation from our congregation as well. A motion was made by David Hartweg to pay the \$50 registration fee for any interested member, seconded by Merlin Gronewold. Dave stated that both congregations could share rides if needed. A copy will be available in the Welcome Center and included in the newsletter.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. Food Resource Bank – Merlin reported the committee is still making plans for the October 11<sup>th</sup> gathering.
- B. Geographic Parish Report – Recently the Luther Fest program was held at Weinberg King State Park. Approximately 130 attended from the various Lutheran congregations in our geographic area. The next meeting for the geographic parish committee will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at

Faith Lutheran in Augusta. Minor Garrelts & Delmer Schlueter are the congregation's representatives.

reschedule confirmation for the second year students). Brent will work on coverage for these dates.

### **New Business:**

- A. Communion Authorization – Bishop Freiheit has authorized Dave to administer communion to our members and for Ron to administer during shut-in visits.
- B. Interim Compensation – The current Synod approved rate is \$150 per Sunday and car allowance. It was noted that Dave began July 20<sup>th</sup> and is currently doing more than just Sundays when available. A motion was made by Linley Bartell to pay Dave \$1,500/month plus mileage, which includes visits to shut-ins, confirmation and hospital visits. Seconded by Kathy Graham. Motion carried. This rate will take effect August 1<sup>st</sup> and be paid monthly.
- C. Interim Leader – Discussion was held regarding payment to Pastor Gayle as an Interim Oversight. Brent was to receive payment information from the Synod office; however, that had not been received yet. This will be discussed again at next month's meeting and a rate determined.
- D. Banner - Brent stated that Pastor Hale had purchased a banner from the Augsburg Fortress for the sanctuary before he left. It has been received and Linley will contact the Altar Guild to determine placement.
- E. Hospital Visits – Pastor Gayle stated she would be more than willing to help with hospital visits. Please just make her aware and she'll go.
- F. The "To Do" List was reviewed from last month's meeting regarding the new transition. It was determined that the items have been taken care of.
- G. Dave's schedule – Dave previously provided a copy to Brent of his schedule through November. It was noted that Dave will be gone August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup> (if possible) and October 26<sup>th</sup> (therefore needing to

Next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. by Angie Fecht. Seconded by John Peterson. No further discussion. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Recorded By: Jody Miller  
Council Secretary

### College Student Addresses

If you have a student attending college this year, please contact the church office with their address. You may call the office, leave a note in Denise's mailbox or send an e-mail to [oldtrinity@hotmail.com](mailto:oldtrinity@hotmail.com)

### Shepherd's Pantry

July was a busy month for the pantry. We served 96 households. The pantry board thanks the evangelism committee for donating the \$132 collected at the ice cream social. We appreciate your help as we continue to serve.

### Hymn Sing Sunday

Professor William Roth will be playing a "Hymn Sing" during worship on Sunday, August 31. Professor Roth was a former organist here at Trinity and a professor at Carthage College.

### Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (402 Main Street) on Tuesday, September 9 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. For an appointment, please call Mary Twaddle at 357-2286. You are eligible if you haven't donated since July 15. Please

remember ID – Red Cross donor card or photo ID.

## 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](mailto:oldtrinity@hotmail.com). This is yet another way we are ***caring for each other***.

\*Congratulations to **Larry and Cheryl Buckert** who are the proud grandparents of a new grandson, Matthew Christian Buckert, born to Wade & Jamie Buckert of Chillicothe, Missouri on August 25. He will be welcomed home by his big sister, Sarah Anne.

\*Congratulation to **Stephen and Barb Hartweg** who are the proud grandparents of a new granddaughter, Pearl Renee Winheim. Parents are Eric and Carrie Winheim.

### Synodically Authorized Ministry Retreat

A SAM Retreat, “Opening the Book of Faith: How Lutherans Read the Bible,” will be held on September 12 and 13 at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2800 W. Jefferson, Springfield, Illinois. For more information or a registration form, please contact the church office.

### New Bible Study

The ladies of Trinity are starting a new Bible study. It will be held on the second Thursday of the month. The first one will be held on September 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Doris Holtsclaw. For more information or a copy of the bible study call Doris at 357-2737.

### SHARE THE HARVEST

Many of you have heard about our Church’s efforts to put together our own project as part of the Food Resource Bank nationwide organization. Thanks to the efforts and contributions of a number of our farmers, our project is now off the ground. We are calling it “SHARE THE HARVEST” as that is exactly what we are doing. The monies will be given to international projects that are helping people to support themselves by providing assistance in helping them raise food and establishing resources to provide them good drinking water. This isn’t a program where food and supplies are just given. This program teaches people to provide for and help themselves.

This is a joint project with St. John’s Lutheran Church in Springfield where our farmers put in the crop (this year it is soybeans) and St. John’s provide the input cost. Our farmers are providing the land, labor, equipment and fuel. We have 10 farmers who are providing one acre each; another one providing a steer and another providing goats (kids) for St. John’s to sponsor. In the fall we will have a harvest day where St. John’s members will come over to see the harvesting done and have lunch out on one of the farms with us. This time will not only allow them to see the harvest but will give an understanding as to what their contributions were used for. We hope that many of you will also be able to join us.

We anticipate that this project will continue to grow each year with more participation from our congregation and possibly others in the community and at St. John’s. Our vision for the future is to have a 20 – 80 acre parcel of land, so that our project is all at one location. This would be more convenient at harvest time and it would also be more visible to others as to what this project is doing for those less fortunate. If any of you have a parcel of land that you would consider donating or cash renting for this purpose, please get in touch with Merlin Gronewold or Jerry Bartell.

Thanks to all the farmers who are contributing to this project.