

TRINITY'S GOOD NEWS

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March Birthdays

- 3/01 Ron Schulz
- 3/02 Sally Cook
- 3/03 Kyle Jacoby
- 3/06 Max Gronewold, Carrie Markham,
Brent Ufkes
- 3/08 Blaine Creasy
- 3/09 Jenny Robinson, Sandy Peterson
- 3/11 Kelum Fecht
- 3/14 Kaylee Menn, Heather Disney
- 3/16 Haiven Harrison
- 3/17 Heath Marmion
- 3/18 Brittany Ufkes
- 3/19 Haeli Johnson, Luke Busboom
- 3/20 Megan Harrell
- 3/22 Vonda Jacoby
- 3/23 Shirley Manning
- 3/24 Caiden Rainford
- 3/25 Lynnea Janssen
- 3/27 Debbie Johnson, Angie Fecht
- 3/28 Kathryn Gronewold
- 3/29 Molly Ufkes
- 3/30 Suzan Harrison
- 3/31 Kendall Sargent, John Morrison

March Anniversaries

- 3/05 Eldon & Darlene Harrell
- 3/07 Wade & Helen Nolden
- 3/14 Bill & Mildred Marshall
- 3/22 Dale & Edith Galloway

Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center. Anyone wishing to sing is welcome to join us!

Sewing Group

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

Committee Night

Committee Night is Tuesday, March 3. No meetings have been scheduled at this time.

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.

Financial Update

As of January 31, 2009

Current

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$11,902
Amt. Received YTD - \$16,093
Amt. Spent YTD - \$8,568
Current Fund Balance - \$21,501

Benevolence

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$1,553
Amt. Received YTD - \$1,197

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

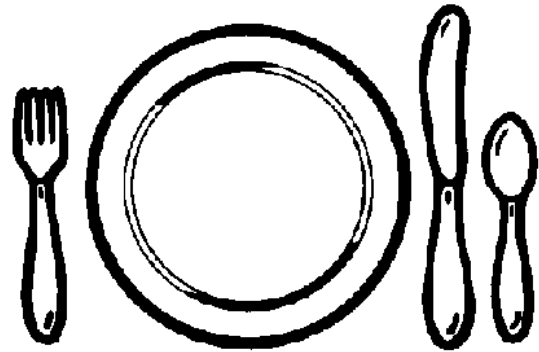
This **ministry at Trinity** is for anyone who wants to join us in prayer one day a week. Come to the Welcome Center at **7:00 a.m.** on Wednesday mornings. Prayer request slips are located in the pew racks. They may be filled out and put in the collection plates, or you may call Connie Schulz (357-6667) 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.

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 January 31, 2009, the amount given to the Welcome Center totals \$395,970. Of this amount \$4,645 was given through January 31, which compares to \$12,957 given through January 2008. Total cost of the project was \$548,653. For 2009 we have paid \$500 in interest through January compared to \$700 in 2008. We have reduced the Marine Bank loan by \$1,912 so far this year, leaving a loan balance of \$90,275. In addition there are \$62,000 of our own funds on loan to the Welcome Center. Our payments 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.

Address Change

Paul & Marcia Ewing
223 N. Fayette
Carthage, IL 62321

Thank You

Thank you to Trinity for the beautiful anniversary plaque we received from the church. We are truly blessed.

Lawrence & Marjorie Harrell

Food Resource Bank Announcements

1. We are making plans now for our 2009 Foods Resource Bank project. Anyone who is interested in donating an acre of soy- bean production or livestock of some type please contact Merlin Gronewold at 217-242-0943. Please respond by March 2.
2. The next Foods Resource Bank meeting will be March 2 at 7:00 p.m. here at Trinity.
3. Invitation to kick off the 2009 Food Resource Bank project with our urban partner St. Johns Lutheran on **Saturday, March 14** at 1 p.m. in Springfield. We will start with a tour of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, attend church at 5:00 with a service of blessing of the seeds and then have a meal. Please sign up in the Welcome Center.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Hosts Needed

Lenten soup suppers will be held each Wednesday, March 4 through Wednesday, April 1. **The light meal will start at 6:00 p.m., with worship to follow at 7:00.** Volunteers are needed to host the soup suppers. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Welcome Center.

Church Council Highlights *February 19, 2009*

Council members present were Galen Krieg, Mary Sargent, Angie Fecht, Delmer Schlueter, David Hartweg, Ryan Schardon, Merlin Gronewold, Kathy Graham, Pastor Gayle Pope, Dave Poland, John Dittmer and Connie Flesner. Absent: John Schwartz and Linley Bartell

Merlin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Devotions and opening prayer led by Dave Poland.

The minutes of the January 8, 2009 and the special meeting January 18, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Dave Hartweg. Seconded by Kathy Graham. Motion carried.

The following Petitions or Communications reported:

- 1) A thank you note from Justin Neally was presented by Kathy Graham regarding the donation to his participation in the Forget Me not Ministry to Romania.

Financial Secretary's Report – Financial Secretary Report dated January 31, 2009 was reviewed. Motion to approve the financial secretary report by Kathy Graham. Seconded by Angie Fecht. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2009 was presented and explained by Dave Hartweg. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Kathy Graham. Seconded by Mary Sargent. Motion carried.

Christian Ed. (Angie Fecht) – Angie showed two devotional booklets to give to our youth. *The Little Lutheran* will serve our 0 – 6 year olds and *Davy and Goliath* could be given to our 2nd, 3rd, & 4th graders. Discussion followed. Angie made a motion to provide our youth with these devotional booklets. Dave Hartweg seconded. Motion carried. There was discussion about the date for confirmation.

Evangelism (Connie Flesner) – Connie reminded the council that John Peterson had announcements in the bulletin and newsletter about the Pictorial Directory. She also asked the council's direction and description of these committees. Dave provided a directory of the various church committees from the previous year. There was discussion about the constitution's directives. Pastor Gayle also provided some insight.

Fellowship (Mary Sargent) – Mary reported that there will be a sign-up sheet for the coffee hours and the Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers in the Welcome Center.

Finance (Kathy Graham) – Kathy reported that the finance committee did not meet in February. Requests for donations to the after-prom committees from Warsaw/ Nauvoo and Illini West had been received. After discussion, a motion to give \$100.00 to each of these committees was made by Kathy Graham. Angie Fecht seconded. Motion carried.

A letter and request from Ramo Stott regarding a service project called Students Today, Leaders Forever, a Pay It Forward Tour, was received. He will participate in 7 service projects in 7 cities in 9 days during spring break. Angie Fecht made a motion to give Ramo \$100.00 for this project. Dave Hartweg seconded. Motion carried.

Memorial (John Dittmer) – No report.

Property (John Schwartz) – There will be a work day on Saturday, February 21, at 9:00 a.m. to work on the organ pipe room. They will be lining the room with insulation and plywood. Any help will be appreciated.

Social Ministry (Galen Krieg) – Galen has been discussing several ideas and the role of social ministry with his Sunday School class. Because of the current economy, he had information about a program, Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey. This is a "biblically based accountability class to

train congregations and community to manage resources.” Discussion followed.

Stewardship (Delmer Schlueter) – No report at this time. Delmer will talk with Merlin about goals from the past.

Worship & Music (Linley Bartell) – No report.

Youth (Ryan Schardon) – Ryan discussed the success from the cookie sales to help with their trip. There will be matching funds from Thrivent. Two young people are interested in taking his term when he leaves for college. There was discussion about the term for the youth representative, if it should be shortened. It was noted that it is a three-year term in the constitution.

Call Committee – No report.

Carthage Ministerial Alliance Report (Ron Schulz) – Merlin gave Ron’s report. During Holy Week there will be breakfast and a message at the First Christian Church from 7 to 8 a.m. Different churches are responsible each day. Monday, April 6 is Calvary; Tuesday, April 7 is Trinity with Chris Nettles in charge; and Wednesday, April 8 is the Catholic Church. A Good Friday community service will be held at the First Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

High School Bible Study is being held at Calvary each week on Thursday during both lunch periods. A \$2.00 donation from each is given to the church providing the meal. Trinity is responsible for Thursday, February 26.

Dave’s Report – Dave reported on member visits for the month of January. He will be gone March 14, 15 & 16 to Wartburg Seminary for a retreat. There was discussion about “Living Waters” and the positive response from their music. Connie will send a thank you from the council.

Pastor Gayle’s Report – Pastor Gayle reported her visits and fee schedule.

Old Business:

Organ Update: We have paid \$15,000 from the organ fund, memorials and special funds. We will need around \$14,000 upon completion of the reconditioning. Special donation envelopes have been available in the church. Information will be put in the bulletin and newsletter. The organ is scheduled to be finished before Easter Sunday.

New Business:

Lenten Services: Discussion was held for the Lenten services schedule. Delmer Schlueter made a motion to have Good Friday service April 10 at 7 p.m. David Hartweg seconded. Motion carried. Ash Wednesday evening service, February 25, and all other Lenten Wednesday services will be at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service, April 9, will be at 7 p.m., as well as the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 11. Easter Sunday service, April 12, will be at 9 a.m. The youth will be serving breakfast prior to the service.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. The April meeting will be Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 by Galen Krieg. Seconded by Mary Sargent. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Recorded By: Connie Flesner, Council Secretary

High School Bible Study

Attention Illini West Students! Invite your friends and come study God’s Word each Thursday at Calvary Assembly of God Church, 720 Miller Street, Carthage. Please bring a \$2.00 donation for lunch. Bible Study is hosted by Carthage Area Ministerial Alliance at both lunch hours.

HUGS in Hancock County

“Nutrition and Cancer” is the topic for the March meeting of HUGS, a support group for cancer patients or survivors, their caregivers and loved ones. Deborah Schuster, registered dietician at Memorial Hospital of Carthage, will speak on nutrition for cancer patients and foods to avoid during treatment. The meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Memorial Hospital, in the executive conference room. HUGS supports people impacted by cancer by offering monthly meetings for fellowship and education. A limited amount of financial assistance is also available through HUGS. For more information, contact Florine Dixon at Memorial Hospital, Carthage, 217-357-6565, or Jetty Calvert at Carl Sandburg College, 217-357-3380, ext. 6922.

Fellowship Hosts Needed

We need volunteers to host coffee fellowship on Sunday morning. If you would be willing to host, please sign up in the Welcome Center. Thanks!

Ladies Bible Study

There is a 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 March 12. 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

Organ Fund

There are few things that signify the beauty of worship better than the sound of a church organ. It is hard to imagine a service without it.

Trinity’s organ has been in need of repairs for some time now. An estimate a few years ago was close to \$100,000. The search for something reasonable has been ongoing, and seemingly unattainable. But thanks to a recommendation from Dr. Roth, a former Trinity member who played the organ during the Carthage College era, we connected with a company that is able to repair our organ for only \$29,400.

With the use of organ fund and consolidation of some smaller funds we have \$17,468.19 (which is close to 60% of the cost) leaving a balance of only \$11,931.81 that needs to be paid upon completion of the job. The goal of the project was to have the organ refurbished by Easter, but it could be as early as mid March.

I appreciate that we come to you requesting money for many things. I am constantly amazed at the willingness of all of you to contribute just when we need it most. I once again, humbly ask for your generosity towards this project. An envelope is included in this newsletter. You may drop your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday morning or return it to the church office. This contribution will be appreciated immediately by all members for many years to come.

