

The Trinity Trumpet December 2016

**Trinity Lutheran Church
100 West Cherry St.
Fairbury, IL 61739**

***Sunday Worship 8:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am***

**What is important
to the People of Trinity,
as discovered through
the LIFT process:**

fostering active involvement

offering unconditional support

willingness to invest ourselves

being/becoming excited about our faith

making people feel welcome and accepted

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Trinity Council

Val Curl, President

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Paige Jackman

Dave Hammer

Tess Popejoy

Carl Tull

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		*on call during pastor's vacation: Pastor Mary Kay Henson, 309-530-4192 & Pastor Ed Hudelson, 815-674-8635		1 5 addiction recovery	2 8am-8pm TLC ringing Salvation Army bell @ Dave's	3 12:45pm Blue Holiday remembrance service @ Duffy-Pils
					pastor on vacation thru	Dec. 4 th *
4 pastor on vacation 8:30am Worship w/ Marcia Buchs 9:30 Sunday School 5 th -high school class to food pantry	5 9am Sewing	6 8am-8pm TLC ringing Salvation Army bell @ Dave's 4pm Fairview Haven	7 9am weekly devotions	8 5 addiction recovery 6:30pm WELCA Christmas party in hall	9	10
11 8:30am Worship 9:30 Congregational Meeting (postponed from Nov. 6) No Sunday School	12 9am Sewing	13	14 8am-8pm TLC ringing Salvation Army bell @ Dave's 9am weekly devotions 7pm Council meeting	15 5 addiction recovery	16	17
18 8:30am Worship 9:30 Sunday School 5 th & up to shop for Giving Tree, then wrap gifts & pizza	19 9am Sewing 2pm-8pm TLC ringing Salvation Army bell @ Dave's 6-7pm Christmas caroling @ Cornell	20	21 9am weekly devotions	22 5 addiction recovery	23	24 5pm Worship @ Immanuel, Colfax 7pm Worship @ TLC
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December Birthdays

2nd Cody Freed
3rd Erin Lisak
4th Ruth Runyon
Vickie Thomas
Cassidy Tull
5th Madeline Bounds
Gabby Nagel
6th Carol Ruther
7th Joni Studebaker
Tricia Creek
Courtney Friant
8th Jason Winterland
9th Betty Niesmann
11th Steve Ricketts
13th Cathy Johnson
14th Scott Barnes
Andrew Quain
15th John Rath
17th Jane Righter
Pastor Tom
Melissa Nagel
18th Iola Aberle
Lynette Bazzell
19th Mary Ellen Nylander
20th Chandler Norris
21st Cathy Wiley
22nd Kailey Masters
26th J.C. Aberle
27th Kenny Friant
Lexi Surber
30th Ashton Jefferson
31st Carol Drach
Greg Lee
Cathy Rigsby
Traci Bachtold

December Custodial

volunteers needed

December Happy Our

volunteers needed

December Anniversaries

6th Wayne & Kay Hammer
9th Ron & Debby Freed
Jon & Brenda DeFries
Josh & Kelli Maquet
11th Greg & Betty Lee
12th Merle & JoAnn Holmes
15th Bob & Iola Aberle
Doug & Karen Steidinger
30th Chuck & Gail Huling

Ushers for December

4th LYO
11th Wayne Hammer, Ken Luering,
J.C. Aberle, Mike Maffett,
Carl Tull
18th Jeff, Gabby & Noah Nagel,
Dave Hammer
24th* John & Ruth Luttrell,
Louis Retter, Mike Norris
25th Dale & Shirley Lorange,
Chuck & Gail Huling

Greeters for December

4th Sue Deaton & Joy Zimmerman
11th Mary E. Nylander & Phyllis Gerdes
18th John & Delores Rath
24th* Aldora Hextell & Judy Smith
25th Ruth Runyon & Edie Moulton

Acolytes, †Bearers, Gospel Readers

4th Emily Wilkey
11th Brock Jackman
18th Aidan Krieger
24th Noah Nagel
25th Gabby Nagel

Lay Readers for December

4th Virgil Hulse
11th Emily Wilkey
18th Kay Hammer
24th Aidan Krieger
25th Wayne Hammer

Dec. Communion Assistants

4th no communion
11th Liz Freeland
18th Dawn Kestner
24th Michelle Curl
25th open

December Communion Cleanup

4th no communion
11th Gail & Katie Huling
18th Wayne & Kay Hammer
24th* Wayne & Kay Hammer
25th Wayne & Kay Hammer

December Financial Secretaries

Josh Creek & Dawn Kestner

*Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00 pm

Prayer Concerns:

...for healing/health concerns, and strength for their families:

Louise Allen, Leanne Bahler, Toots Brown, Matt Burnett, David Clapp, Michelle Curl, Emma Rose Davis, Don Denkins, Carol Drach, Brent Edelman, Nadine Evans, Dave Fehr, Ray Fehr, Kristin Fox, Delma Freed, Jon Freed, Sue Friant, Mike Frickey, Phyllis Gerdes, Dennis Johnson, Al Kieser, Sandy Lerdal, Dan Masters, Herb Miller, Edie Moulton, Peg Olson, Jessica Rathbun, Mary Ellen Sanders, Nathan Svanda, Doug Tollensdorf, Tom Whitfill ...and those undergoing drug rehabilitation

...for those receiving nursing homecare/ community, their family & friends:

Gene Beal, Phyllis Eilers, Marilyn Kiper, Betty Niesmann, Mary Ruth Ricketts, Joey Harding, Wayne Rork

...for those who mourn...

for the parents (Lu & Kyle Bellinghausen), family and friends of Liam Bellinghausen

Congregational Meeting

@ least 31 voting members must be present for any business to be conducted

Sunday, Dec 11

Agenda:

1. Motion to strike/remove from congregational constitution: C10.04 Thirty-one (31) voting members shall constitute a quorum. If approved by a 2/3 majority at this meeting, it has to be ratified at our Annual Meeting, and then approved by our Central Southern Illinois Synod... to be accepted and go into effect.
2. 2017 Budget
3. Vote by paper ballot whether to accept Servants United geographical parish Agreement (thereby voting to join - or not - Servants United geographical parish in 2017).
A 2/3 majority vote is needed to approve this.

We will know the outcome of the votes by all of the other parish congregations; already Anchor, Cornell, Gibson City, Sibley, and Dwight have approved.

The Servants United Agreement is on our website www.FairburyTLC.com, as well as print copies at church.

2017 Budget

The 2017 budget proposed to the congregation by TLC Council keeps the base salary for the pastor at the same amount. That amount is what

our synod suggests for a pastor with 8 years experience (our pastor has 25 ½ years experience at the time the budget goes into effect). That is equivalent to 79.1% of guidelines (not taking into account lost retirement earnings). Calculated into a year's time, that would amount to 10 weeks and 6 days less (not counting usual days off).

If the proposed budget is approved, the pastor will in effect subsidize the congregation's offering by 20.9% of his income, carrying a proportionally large part of the burden for meeting the congregation's expenses again.

One solution is to ask **everyone** at TLC to contribute 20.9% of your income to the ministry. Were we to do this, we might not be facing the same challenges at this time next year. Matter of a fact, we might find ourselves more invested in other ways as well. Not expecting this idea is going to fly, however, I bring it up all the same because it is important for us to know that our share in the ministry is not only how much we can cut back, but also how much we can give of our time, talents, and possessions (signs of God's gracious love).

Pastor Tom & Michelle will be on honeymoon Nov 28 – Dec 4.

On call will be

Pastor Mary Kay Henson
309-530-4192

Pastor Ed Hudelson
815-674-8635

Marcia Buchs (Immanuel, Colfax) will be leading worship at TLC Dec 4



“After the election of Donald J. Trump, fears are growing that segments of his base may physically or emotionally abuse minorities, immigrants, women and members of the L.G.B.T. community. As a show of support, groups of people across America are attaching safety pins to their lapels, shirts and dresses to signify that they are linked, willing to stand up for the vulnerable.” wrote Valeriya Safronova

November 14, 2016
The New York Times

As our biblical witness shows, disciples of Jesus stand with the most vulnerable: the poor, women and children, the alien, those with ongoing physical challenges.... Some of those who have voted for our next president have been emboldened by his rhetoric and show hatred for the vulnerable in our country: poor, minorities, immigrants, women, Muslims, and LGBTQ people ...not to mention the environment. The next appointment(s) to the Supreme Court will almost certainly embolden those of like mind with our president-elect to attack the human rights of some of these children of God. Wearing a safety pin is just one way that I will publicly support those who deserve the same human rights - and love - as you and I. ~ P.T.

Christmas caroling 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 19 at Community
Lutheran of Cornell.

Christmas Eve December 24 7:00 p.m. worship

Our annual celebration of the birth of Jesus as told by Luke, with candlelight, carols, and communion.



Christmas Day December 25 8:30 a.m. worship

An a cappella service of carols with communion, with the significance of Jesus' birth from John's Gospel.



Trinity Lutheran Proposed 2017 Budget

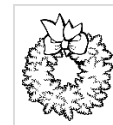
Benevolence	
Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA	0
Comm. Welfare Clearing House	700
Mission Project: Good Samaritan	700
Lutheran Social Services	0
	1400
Pastoral Ministry	
Base Salary	42000
Social Security Offset	3742
Pension and Medical	34252
Housing Equity Allowance	3600
Continuing Education	0
Confirmation Camp	225
Mileage Reimbursement (IRS rate)	3350
Parsonage Electricity	2800
Parsonage Telephone	0
Parsonage City Services	1050
	91019
Further Ministries & Ministry Support	
Organist	2250
Choir Director, Accompanist, Music	0
Office Secretary	6500
Social Security-IRS	1600
Supply Pastor/Interim Pastor	600
Office Expense	1300
Postage	300
Worship	700
Christian Education	1200
LYO	1000
Synod Convention/ N E Conference	900
Electricity	3200
Natural Gas	3000
City Services	400
Telephone	600
Church & Parsonage Maint/Supplies	300
Snow Removal	500
Insurance	5950
Misc.	100
	30400
Total (benevolence/pastoral/ministries)	122819

Service of Remembrance

Please accept this invitation to join us for a service of remembrance for those we have served in 2016. On Saturday, December 3, 2016 beginning at 12:45pm Duffy-Pils Memorial Homes and area clergy will jointly host this service with special music provided by the ISU String Project. After this brief service all are invited to stay and share with those who have lost someone special. Coffee and cookies will be provided in our kitchenette following the service. Please join us at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, 100 W. Maple St., Fairbury. ALL ARE WELCOME!



WELCA Christmas Party



The WELCA Christmas potluck is Thursday, December 8, beginning at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service.

Instead of a grab bag, this year we will be making Christmas wreaths. You may bring a glue gun if you have one and any small Christmas decorations such as balls, bells, or anything you might want to glue on your wreath. Wreaths will be provided, and bows will be made and furnished. If you don't need another wreath, come anyway and help someone else with their wreath.

Sign up on the WELCA board so we will know how many are coming ~ should be a fun night!

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The newsletter may also be found on this website.