

The Trinity Trumpet January 2019

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

Worship 8:30am

**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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Dawn Kestner

Cathy Wiley

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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>
		1	2	3 5 addiction recovery	4	5
6 8:30 Worship 9:30 undecorate	7 9 Sewing	8 4 Fairview Haven	9 7 Council	10 no WELCA meeting 5 addiction recovery	11	12
13 8:30 Worship 9:30 Annual Meeting Sunday School 4-6 Confirmation @ Gibson City	14 9 Sewing	15	16	17 5 addiction recovery	18	19
20 8:30 Bible Song Abraham's call Annual Meeting rain date	21 9 Sewing	22	23	24 5 addiction recovery	25	26
27 8:30 Bible Song Abraham's call 4-6 Confirmation @ Gibson City	28 9 Sewing	29	30	31 5 addiction recovery		

“All Solomon's sea of brass and world of stone is not so dear to thee as one good groan” once penned George Herbert.

Only one time in my life have I seen this quote used. There is something about it that I have never liked, and yet there is something about it that was perfect for the occasion. It was the second Thursday of April and the track team had gathered together; not for practice or a meet. Coach Olson led us in another of life's events. I cannot say that I remember a thing he said that day, though I am certain that it was meaningful and eloquent and real, as was everything that our college English professor / coach did. What I do remember that day in Ascension Chapel while I hunched over in the pew was the support of Kevin's hand on my shoulder, extended from the pew behind. Most times we extended hands it was to pass a baton, as one finished strong and one began to launch. That day in 1985 it was pure and simple support as we mourned the death of our friend.

It was the first Saturday of April thirty-one years later and Michelle and I gathered together with our immediate families and a couple close friends. Pastor Corinne led us in another of life's events. I cannot say that I remember a thing she preached that day, though I am sure that it was loving and full of grace, as is everything that our friend and colleague did. What I do remember that day in Trinity Lutheran while standing in the song and the Hall with the center aisle before us was the support of Michelle's hand, extended from beside. That day in 2016 it was pure and simple love as we promised ourselves to one another, ever and always.

It was the second Wednesday of December and I was making a rather unsuccessful attempt at sleeping. When I had been laying awake for an hour or more, shortly after 1:30 in the morning, is when I heard the vibration. And then another. Each vibration on the wood of the nightstand held one word.

Sigh

Groan

The quote that I have never liked but that has a specific meaning to me was immediately roused. Two and a half hours of conversation later verified that there is indeed nothing 'so dear to thee as one good groan.' I cannot say that the person on the other end will remember a thing I said, though I am certain that God was present in it all.

George Herbert was born in April one day on the calendar after these first two events. King James (**vae, thou whost commissioneth thee Bible thou mightest hast heardeth thereof**) thought well of George in his role of Public Orator of Trinity College, Cambridge. Herbert would become ordained in the Church of England, and was rather something of a poet. Yet what he was noted for [according to Wikipedia] was his “unfailing care for his parishioners, bringing the sacraments to them when they were ill and providing food and clothing for those in need.” The kind of guy who might have his priorities in order such to know that one good groan is of more import than everything else about church or life that we might wrap around us, or wrap ourselves around.

As we begin a new year, might we remember again what really matters: care for one another and for all, as Christ cared - and cares, for us.

Pastor Tom

January Birthdays

1 st	Holly Brantner Kris Carber
3 rd	Gail Huling
5 th	Mary Ellen Sanders
6 th	Dale Rigsby
7 th	Sue Deaton Judy Onsager
8 th	Marilyn Herrli
11 th	Donna Bowles-Mausser Myles Wenger
13 th	Debby Freed
14 th	Diane Ahlemeyer Dave Surber Kami White Delaney Carls
15 th	Leslie Zimmerman
19 th	Pauline Waters Logan Calvert
20 th	April Smith
21 st	Liz Freeland Carol Nylander Peter A. Severson
23 rd	Donna Brucker Jeht Ballenger
25 th	Laura Carmack
27 th	Colin Decker Mary Ludwig Joel Bachtold Justin Oelschlager
29 th	Dale Lorance Chris Tull Tim Hogan
30 th	Ron Barnes
31 st	Dave Wiley

January Anniversaries

11 th	Wayne & Abby Maurer
12 th	J.C. & Lori Aberle

Jan. Communion Cleanup

Liz Freeland
(all Sundays)

January Fin. Secretaries

Carl Tull & Dawn Kestner

January Ushers

6 th	Andrew Quain, Dave Wiley, Katie Ricketts & Matt
13 th	Louis & Betty Retter, Liz Freeland
20 th	Dale & Shirley Lorance, Chuck & Gail Huling
27 th	Wayne & Kay Hammer, J.C. Aberle, Mike Maffett, Carl Tull

January Greeters

6 th	Phyllis Gerdes & Shirley Hulse
13 th	Dave & Cathy Wiley
20 th	Louis & Betty Retter
27 th	Andrew & Emyli Quain

Acolytes, †Bearers, Gospel Readers

6 th	Caleb Decker
13 th	Kelly Wilkey
20 th	Emily Wilkey
27 th	Bible Song in hall

January Lay Readers

6 th	Sue Deaton
13 th	Kay Hammer
20 th	Bible Song
27 th	Bible Song

January Communion Assistants

6 th	Emyli Quain
13 th	Carl Tull
20 th	no communion
27 th	Dave Wiley

Liturgical colors and their meanings

White is the color of light, gladness, purity, joy in Christ.

Red is the color of fire – the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Purple is the penitential color of Lent.

Blue is the color of hope.

Green is the color of growth.

Black is the color of ashes and humiliation and mourning.



Prayer Concerns

for those receiving nursing home care, and their families and friends:

Evenglow, Pontiac: Betty Niesmann

Fairview Haven, Fairbury: Gene Beal, Phyllis Eilers, Ronald & Barbara Gentes, Merle Holmes, Marilyn Kiper, Joy Zimmerman

Meadows: Wayne Rork

Good Samaritan Home, Pontiac: Joey Harding

for healing/health concerns:

Brian Bounds, Mitch Cool, Michelle Curl, Emma Rose Davis, Colin Decker, Don Denkins, Kelly Deterding, Dave Fehr, Kristen Fox, Dennis Johnson, Dick Johnson, Sandy Lerdal, Pete McGhee, Wilbur Moody, Edie Moulton, Elyssa Phillips, Vicki Phillips, Jessica Rathbun, Robert Ruff, Doug Tollensdorf

2019 Spring Preschool Screenings Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers (Birth to 5 years)

Parents of all birth to 5 year olds within the Livingston County Special Services Unit Co-op are invited and encouraged to have their children screened. Areas screened include vision, hearing, speech and language, learning, motor and social-emotional. Parents should call the school where their child may attend (*the week prior to the screening date*) for more information about location and to schedule an appointment. Prairie Central screenings are listed below.

School	Date	Phone
Prairie Central West #8 (in Chenoa)	Jan. 16 & 17	815-945-2971
Prairie Central East #8 (in Chatsworth)	Feb. 7 & 8	815-635-3555
Prairie Central West #8 (in Fairbury)	March 19 & 20	815-945-2971

Free developmental screenings are offered by Livingston County Special Services Unit, Livingston County Member Districts, Livingston County Health Department and OSF St. James JWA Medical Center.

WELCA: 2019 Bible Study with "Gather" magazine!

Start 2019 off right with "Gather's" four-session Bible study, "The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus", written by the Rev. Julie A. Kanarr.

Knarr, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Wash., helps us understand Jesus' message through his interactions with the people we meet in John's Gospel. Together, we'll explore the way Jesus engages people in honest, sometimes difficult conversations that lead to faith, renewal and transformation. We will do the first two sessions at our February meeting. All are welcome!

The four sessions are:

- 1) Come and see: Seeking and finding faith (John 1-2)
- 2) By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus (John 3-6)
- 3) Friends for life in Christ (John 8-9; 11-13; 17)
- 4) Seeing the risen Christ (John 20)

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes from November 14, 2018

Present: Pastor Tom, Carl Tull, Sue Deaton, Cathy Wiley, Dave Wiley, Dawn Kestner, and Katie Ricketts

Absent: Tess Popejoy, Heather Masters, Liz Freeland

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Carl Tull moved that October's Secretary's Report be accepted as written.

Dawn Kestner Second. Motion carried. For November meeting, Katie Ricketts filled in as Secretary in Tess Popejoy's absence.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Deaton moved that the Report from October be accepted as written. Dawn Kestner Second. Motion carried.

- A. November 18 will be Congregational meeting voting to approve a 2019 budget. 31 voting members are required for a quorum. Heather or Dave will lead the meeting. Tess will take notes.
- B. Audit Committee for 2018- Heather will need to ask Louis and Wayne if available. If not, ask Ruth Runyon.
- C. Nominating Committee (Sue, Carl, Tess)-New council members will serve 3 terms (Feb. 2019-Jan. 2022). This must be done by annual meeting.
- D. Date for January annual meeting-Possible 13th. Ask Debbie and will adjust date for what is best for her.

Carl moved that the meeting be adjourned. Cathy Wiley Second. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Ricketts (acting Secretary for November)
Heather Masters (President)



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The newsletter may also be found on this website.