

The Trinity Trumpet June 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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Liz Freeland

Dawn Kestner

Cathy Wiley

Sue Deaton

Jane Righter

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2 8:30 Worship 9:30 church cleaning day	3 9 Sewing	4 4 Fairview Haven	5	6 5 addiction recovery June 6-8	7 Central/Southern Ill.	8 Synod Assembly
9 Pentecost 8:30 Worship Caleb Decker celebrates Affirmation of Baptism	10 9 Sewing	11 June 10-14	12 Crossways Conf. June 10-14 Vacation Bible School	13 1:30 WELCA in hall 5 addiction recovery Camp @ Augustana @ 1 st Presbyterian	14 College Church, Fairbury	15 1-4pm 25 th anniversary open house for Bob & Marilyn Herli @ TLC
16 8:30 Worship	17 9 Sewing	18	19	20 5 addiction recovery	21	22
23 8:30 Worship	24 9 Sewing	25	26 June 24-July 3	27 5 addiction recovery pastor on vacation	28	29
30 8:30 Worship pastor on vacation		On call pastoral care June 24-27: Pastor Corinne Blissard (815) 848-8506				

On Tuesday, January 26, 1909 my grandfather, John Edward Henry Frank Krieger was born at Strawn, Illinois, the son of Johann Christoph Weert Anton & Gesina Folmina Dorothea (Eilts) Krieger. Gesina would be buried in 1971 in Indiana by Pastor Carl Amelung, who himself served at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairbury beginning in 1940. History reminds us that we are more connected than sometimes we ever knew. History also reminds us that when it came to naming their children, parents had a hard time with the process of elimination.

On Sunday, July 19, 1908 Pastor Christian Helmreich of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Crescent City began preaching to a small group of Lutherans in Fairbury every other Sunday afternoon in the Free Methodist Church. This historical record marks the beginning of the ministry that has become Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC). The people of Trinity have called at least four locations church home over these 111 years; we have a history of transitioning to another place. This is a small part of the past of TLC.

On Wednesday, May 8, 2019 our Council gave conversation to the future of TLC. It was acknowledged that there are at present contributing factors influencing our membership and participation that are unlike the past. While TLC is a faith-based community, we gave thought to our present and future from a business perspective, wondering what we might be giving attention to in light of the number of people and the financial support we provide:

- Would we consider binding together around a common identity? So much of our energy these recent years has been given to welcoming all, including those that others would rather judge and exclude. Should we be all in, without hesitation, about making our welcome known? Are we a people who will genuinely reach out to and advocate for the unchurched and those on the margins, as Jesus did?
- Would we consider ever increasing our offering to be a ministry capable of affording (which at present we are not) a pastoral presence?
- Would we consider ending the ministry of TLC, and encouraging members to go to another ELCA congregation in our area, be it Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colfax or St. Paul Lutheran Church, Forrest to name the most obvious?
- Would we consider gifting our parsonage to Immanuel, encouraging people to become a part of that congregation (even though we know that not everyone from TLC would go to the same place for church if TLC were to close)?

These few bullet points do not cover every possibility; they are meant to spur your own pondering. Our present financial stewardship falls short of meeting our agreed upon ministry needs, so the question of the future of TLC is a real one, and as much as we would rather not talk about it, it is more responsible and faithful than sticking our heads in the sand.

On Sunday, September 15, 2019 our Council invites you to talk about the future of TLC. [September is when our Sunday schedule switches, and then our worship will be at 10:00am.] Following worship that day, those who care and are able, will stay to talk with one another about our future. This is not a Special Meeting of the Congregation, and no official action will be taken; just a chance to have a serious conversation. Between now and then, let's give God the best we have, as God has given us the best God has.

Pastor Tom

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

June Birthdays

1st Bonnie Smith
Emma Donze
2nd Asher Popejoy
4th Heather Tarter
6th Judy Smith
Rip VanWinkle
James Masters
Brendan Johnson
7th Elle Gibson
8th Kayla Chaplin
12th Tom Wilkey
Jayla Hammond
14th Tristan Lanz
17th Dale Studebaker
Conner Kupferschmid
Alaina Ricketts
18th Jeremy Thomas
20th Addison Livengood
21st Dillon Hall
23rd Lexi Kupferschmid
24th Madison Calvert
29th R. J. Weber
Brad Smith

June Anniversaries

4th Bob & Marilyn Herrli
5th Brent & Renea Calvert
7th Dale & Joni Studebaker
8th John & Delores Rath
11th Tim & Sabrina Kestner
14th Andrew & Emyli Quain
16th Colin & Christy Decker
17th Doug & Amber Carls
20th Zach & Raquel Lawrence
22nd Gene & Jeanne Weber
30th Dustin & Tess Popejoy

June Mowing

Mitch Carber

Communion Cleanup for June

9th/16th Betty Retter
23rd/30th JoAnn Holmes &
Jane Righter

June Ushers

2nd Andrew Quain, Dave Wiley, Katie
Ricketts, Matt Bohm
9th Dale & Shirley Lorange, Chuck &
Gail Huling
16th Wayne & Kay Hammer, J.C. Aberle,
Mike Maffett, Carl Tull
23rd Andrew Quain, Dave Wiley, Katie
Ricketts, Matt Bohm
30th Louis & Betty Retter, Liz Freeland

June Greeters

2nd Louis & Betty Retter
9th Dave & Cathy Wiley
16th Andrew & Emyli Quain
23rd Judy Smith & Donna Bowles-Mauser
30th Kay & Wayne Hammer

Acolytes, †Bearers, Gospel Readers

2nd Caleb Decker
9th Alaina Ricketts
16th Emily Wilkey
23rd Asher Popejoy
30th Alaina Ricketts

June Lay Readers

2nd Kay Hammer
9th Roxie Thomas
16th Sue Deaton
23rd Kay Jammer
30th Sue Deaton

June Communion Assistants

2nd Caleb Decker
9th Carl Tull
16th Vickie Thomas
23rd Andrew Quain
30th Dave Wiley

June Financial Secretaries

Liz Freeland & Cathy Wiley





Prayer Concerns

for those receiving nursing home care, and their families and friends: **Evenglow, Pontiac:** Betty Niesmann; **Fairview Haven, Fairbury:** Phyllis Eilers, Ronald Gentes, Merle Holmes, Marilyn Kiper, Joy Zimmerman; **Meadows:** Wayne Rork; **Good Samaritan Home, Pontiac:** Joey Harding

for healing/health concerns: Brian Bounds, Nancy Brandt, Mitch Cool, Michelle Curl, Emma Rose Davis, Colin Decker, Don Denkins, Kelly Deterding, Dave Fehr, Kristen Fox, Liz Freeland, JoAnn Holmes, Dennis Johnson, Dick Johnson, Cal Koenig, Sandy Lerdal, Abby Maurer, Pete McGhee, Wilbur Moody, Edie Moulton, Elyssa Phillips, Vicki Phillips, Jessica Rathbun, Robert Ruff, Doug Tollensdorf, Tanner Vaupel, Dana Vermilya, Tom White

FREE Hearing Screening

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Dave's Supermarket East Parking Lot, FREE Hearing Screening for those age 10 or older (Ages 10 to 17 with parental consent) IMMEDIATE RESULTS

Those individuals detected with a hearing loss are encouraged to seek additional testing by a professional. The purpose of the testing is to inform the individual of potential problems before serious loss occurs.

Coordinated by the Fairbury Lions Club and the Lions of Illinois Foundation



25th Anniversary Celebration

Bob and Marilyn Herrli, Fort Myers, FL (formerly of Fairbury) will be honored with an open house June 15th to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Family and friends are invited to attend from 1 to 4 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairbury. A lunch will be served. Bob and Marilyn request no gifts.

Marilyn Ackerman and Bob Herrli were married on June 4, 1994 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairbury.

Their children are Shelle Roland (Will), Moline IL, Amy Laible (Joel), Lexington IL, and Rex Ackerman (Tracy), Clarksville IA. They have 9 grandchildren: Jordan Roland, Tiffany Ackerman, Taylor Kramer (Daniel), Natalie Mickeal (Victor), Donovan Laible, Allison Roland, Devin Laible, Aden Laible and Avery Laible. They also have 6 great grandchildren with one on the way: Elizabeth, Chase, William, David Allan, William and Deja.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes from May 8, 2019

Present: Pastor Tom, Dave Wiley, Dawn Kestner, Jane Righter, Katie Ricketts, Sue Deaton, and Liz Freeland

Absent: Cathy Wiley and Heather Masters

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Pastor motioned that the April minutes be accepted as written. Sue second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Liz moved that the report from February be accepted as written. Sue second. Motion carried.

- A. Pastor motioned that Hayes William Langel be received into membership through baptism. Dawn second. Motion carried.
- B. Youth FYI: VBS is June 10-14 at 1st Presbyterian (TLC) and Immanuel. No one from either congregation will be attending Confirmation Camp. 2 from TLC will be attending this year's Leadership Lab.
- C. Property FYI:
 - a. Creeping Charlie @ Parsonage is out of control. If taken care of, WITHOUT the use of chemicals.
 - b. Mowing for the summer-Mitch Carber
 - c. Hostas by West entry-being eliminated
 - d. Parsonage heating will not be adequate next winter without further repairs.
 - e. Tree west of church sign-should it be removed?
 - f. Replacing lights by sidewalk that haven't worked for several years. Pastor motioned that the lights be replaced with solar lights. Sue second. Motion carried.
- D. TLC will receive a substantial donation from the estate of Gene Beal. In anticipation of this gift being received, Pastor made a motion for ½ of the money to be put in the General Fund and the other ½ be put in the Memorial Fund. Jane second. Motion carried.
- E. Future of TLC-What are our options?
 - a. Forget about it at the moment and keep going as is?
 - b. Keep this topic on the Agenda & continue next month?
 - c. Open topic up to congregation in meeting?
 - i. Tentative discussion after September 15 worship service with congregation.
 - ii. Council will work on ideas, surveys, etc... over summer months
- F. Dinner Auction Fundraiser- Read article about ELCA congregation in Carbondale

Sue moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dawn second. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Ricketts (Secretary)
Heather Masters (President)



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The newsletter may also be found on this website.