

The Trinity Trumpet November 2017

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

*Sunday School 9:00am
Worship 10:00am*

**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

Heather Masters, President

Andrew Quain, Vice-President

Tess Popejoy, Secretary

Debbie Brandt, Treasurer

Pastor Tom Krieger

Gail Huling

Sue Deaton

Carl Tull

Liz Freeland

Katie Ricketts

Aidan Krieger

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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 9:00 weekly devotions	2 5 addiction recovery	3	4 Wedding @ Immanuel 2am Sunday, Nov. 5 Don't forget to turn back your clocks!!
5 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 1:00 Fairbury food drive 1:30 PCCA Music on the Move begins here	6 9:00am Sewing	7 4:00 Fairview Haven	8 9:00 weekly devotions 7:00 Council meeting	9 1:30 WELCA in hall H: Liz Freeland LL: Kay Hammer 5 addiction recovery	10	11
12 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Thanksgiving potluck here w/Immanuel 4-6pm Confirmation	13 9:00am Sewing	14	15 9:00 weekly devotions	16 5 addiction recovery	17 17 th -19 th CSIS LYO	18 @ Carlinville
19 9:00am Sunday School no 6 th & up (Carlinville) 10:00 Worship w/Pastor Mary Kay Henson	20 9:00am Sewing	21	22 9:00 weekly devotions	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26 9-10 Church cleaning hour (no Sunday Sch.) 10:00am Worship 4-6pm Confirmation	27 9:00am Sewing	28	29 9:00 weekly devotions 7:00pm TLC invited to Thanksgiving worship @ Immanuel	30 5 addiction recovery		



Music on the Move

November 5

The Prairie Central Clergy Association (PCCA) invites you to share a progressive style musical celebration. We begin with the vocals of **Melissa Nagel**, and Immanuel's bell choir, at Trinity Lutheran Church. The afternoon goes like this:

- 1:30-1:45pm @ Trinity Lutheran
- 2:00-2:15pm @ 1st Presbyterian
- 2:30-2:45pm @ Faith Fellowship
- 3:00-3:15pm @ 1st Baptist
- 3:30-3:45pm @ 1st Methodist
+ coffee house

Thanksgiving

Immanuel Lutheran Church is invited to a Thanksgiving **potluck meal** at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairbury on Sunday, **Nov 12** starting about 11:00am (turkey, ham, dressing, rolls and drinks will be provided).

7pm Wed., **Nov 22** Thanksgiving **worship @ Immanuel**

CSIS LYO



Fri-Sun, **Nov 17-19** with Pastor Tony Metz and Dakota Road Music



TLC Financial Stewardship Review

Needed for July-Dec budget: \$7,358/mo.

July	7,195
August	9,129
September	7,368

Sept 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT Summary

2017 weekly ministry needs \$ 1,698.⁰⁰
(ministry needs = budget)

Sept weekly offering ave \$ 1,842.⁰⁴

Jan-Sept ministry needs \$83,483.⁶⁶

Jan-Sept expenses \$81,752.⁹⁰

Jan-Sept offering	\$72,151. ¹¹
transferred	\$11,035. ⁰⁰
+ other =	\$97,766. ³¹

2017 offering short of ministry needs

Jan-Sept \$11,332.⁵⁵

2017 offering short of expenses

Jan-Sept \$ 9,601.⁷⁹

average per month \$ 1,066.⁸⁷

average per week \$ 246.²⁰

November Birthdays

1st Ron Freed
2nd Randy Freed
Chase Bivens
3rd Christy Decker
Grace Chaplin
4th Lori Weber
Ross Muzik
Kole Donze
6th Dave Winterland
8th Tara Norris
Braden Thomas
9th Julie Maurer
10th Jack Tomlison
11th Blaze Burnett
13th Mary Ruth Ricketts
15th Chad Ahlemeyer
18th Clark Chaplin
20th Marilyn Kiper
Val Tarter
Ivan Johnson
21st Deborah Kicmal
Deonna McKeon
22nd Dawn Bolliger
Brian Hammer
25th Jason Bolding
26th Mandy Burnett
27th Tina Saldivar
29th Kevin Smith

November Anniversaries

8th Jeff & Melissa Nagel
12th Charles & Elizabeth Freeland
17th Jim & Karyl Kafer
19th Ron & Pat Barnes

November Financial Secretaries

Tess Popejoy & Katie Ricketts

November Ushers

5th LYO
12th Jeff, Gabby & Noah Nagel
19th Louis & Betty Retter
26th Dale & Shirley Lorange,
Chuck & Gail Huling

November Greeters

5th Cathy & Dave Wiley
12th Colin & Christy Decker
19th Mary Ellen Nylander & Phyllis Gerdes
26th volunteers needed

Nov. Acolytes, †Bearers, Gospel Readers

5th Aidan Krieger
12th Brock Jackman
19th Gabby Nagel
26th Emily Wilkey

November Lay Readers

5th Paige Jackman
12th Aidan Krieger
19th Kay Hammer
26th Sue Deaton

November Communion Assistants

5th Dawn Kestner
12th Mike Maffett
19th Emily Wilkey
26th Liz Freeland

November Communion Cleanup

5th & 12th volunteer needed
19th & 26th Christy Decker

Prayer Concerns:

for Pastor Chris Lee, son of Greg & Betty,
ordained Oct. 29th

for those receiving nursing home care: Louise Allen, Gene Beal, Phyllis Eilers, Joey Harding, Marilyn Kiper, Betty Niesmann, Mary Ruth Ricketts, Wayne Rork

for healing/health concerns: Toots Brown, David Clapp, Michelle Curl, Emma Rose Davis, Don Denkins, Brent Edelman, Dave Fehr, Ray Fehr, Kristen Fox, Randy Freed, Vinnie Hannibal, Nan Hibsich, Virgil Hulse, Dennis Johnson, Dick Johnson, Matt Johnson, Sandy Lerdal, Pete McGhee, Edie Moulton, Elyssa Phillips, Vicki Phillips, Jessica Rathbun, Doug Tollensdorf, Nancy Widlacki

...for those who mourn: for the family and friends of Tom Whitfill

Notes from the Garden

We are still harvesting tomatoes and will continue to do so until the first frost. Not only are we getting tomatoes we are getting A LOT of tomatoes. So stop by the garden and pick some for yourself.

We have had the fall soil testing done and will be making the recommended amendments to the soil. This will be done after the garden has been completely cleared off.

Since we are near the end of the season I thought I would recap the adventure we had this summer.

We planted asparagus, spinach, kale, 3 varieties of lettuce, cucumbers, zucchini, summer squash, spaghetti squash, butternut squash, hot peppers, 2 varieties of onions, radishes, carrots, tomatoes, green beans and Brussels sprouts. We are still waiting on the Brussels sprouts as they are very slow growing.

Two residents of Fairbury who are not members of Trinity Lutheran donated extra produce from their garden for us to distribute. I think this is wonderful. God's Garden is truly a community garden.

We had 220 visitors to the garden! This number does not include those served at the Food Pantry. We were at the Food Pantry for 5 monthly distributions. We had many opportunities to share God's love this summer.

I believe when serving in a ministry those serving can learn as much as those being served. So here is a list of things I learned in the garden this summer. This list is in no particular order.

Plants don't grow well without rain and sun. I think that applies to people. We need rain (hard times) to develop good root systems and the sun (good times) to help us grow and reach out to others.

Weeds are like sin. They grow up one at a time, but left unchecked will take over.

This ministry is about more than providing food. Sometimes folks just want to talk, so we stop and talk.

When God wants you to do something, He will overcome your objections and perceived obstacles. It is pointless to argue with Him. As they say on Star Trek, "Resistance is futile."

A ministry is a lot more than just a day of services. It is a commitment of time, talent and when necessary, money, that lasts over a period of time.

God always gives you what you need, not necessarily what you want when you want it. I wanted the tomatoes to ripen earlier. However, they came in God's time and that was better.

Giving away vegetables is a little like telling someone about God's gift of grace. Some want to pay for it or trade something for it. Both are gifts and nothing is required but to accept it.

God can use my mistakes and make something better. We planted tomatoes and some died because it got too hot after we transplanted. (I didn't check the weather forecast.) We picked up a different variety on sale and planted those. Because we had different varieties we have had tomatoes over a longer period of time.

God multiplies the work you do. We planted a garden and gave away produce. We had multiple visitors to the garden who asked if they could pick up produce for others who were not able to come themselves.

When I am obedient to God everything will work out. Probably better than I could have imagined and in a different way than I planned!

I also learned a few things about gardening along the way.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to contribute to the success of God's Garden this year! Planning for next year has already started so please let me know if you would be interested in serving in this ministry.

Gail Huling, Humble Gardener

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes from September 13, 2017

Present: Pastor Tom, Heather Masters, Andy Quain, Liz Freeland, Carl Tull, Gail Huling, Sue Deaton, and Katie Ricketts; Absent: Tess Popejoy

Heather called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Gail Huling moved that August Secretary's Report be accepted as written. Sue Deaton Second. Motion carried. For September meeting, Katie Ricketts filled in as Secretary in Tess Popejoy's absence.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Tull moved that the report from August be accepted as written. Katie Ricketts Second. Motion carried.

A plan for the congregational meeting scheduled for September 17 was discussed. There will be a time for questions and comments from the congregation. The minimum number required for a quorum is 31. If there are not enough members present, a second date will be scheduled. Liz and Andy volunteered to be counters for number of people and votes.

God's Garden: Approximately 20 visitors per week.

Elected via e-mail: Sue Deaton to fill vacant council position (until the Annual Meeting in January 2018). This position starts in September.

Vacant Council Position: Congregation needs to be aware of additional vacant council position. Aidan Krieger has volunteered to fill position if no other volunteers.

Council discussed best way to contact all council members.

New Insurance policy through Dimond Brothers Insurance Agency.

Different stewardship ideas and thoughts were discussed. Discussed building a float for the Christmas Parade in town. An invitation to our church service could be put in the God's Garden bags. The Dave Ramsey course was discussed. Stewardship is an area that the council will continue to look at and discuss.

Discussed the corner of the sidewalk that is damaged and in need of repair. Andy volunteered during a non-busy time to help in this repair.

September 18-20: Pastor at CSIS Professional Leaders Conference in Carlinville

October 4-5: Pastor is off.

Immanuel wiener roast with TLC: Sunday, October 8 at 5:00 p.m. (Potluck).

PCCA progressive musical: November 5, will begin at TLC.

TLC Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 12 at 11:00. Immanuel is also invited to share in meal.

Carl Tull moved that the meeting be adjourned. Andy Quain Second. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

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



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