

# **The Trinity Trumpet September 2016**

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

**Sunday Worship 8:30 am  
Happy Our 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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**Gail Huling, Secretary**

**Debbie Brandt, Treasurer**

**Pastor Tom Krieger**

**Dawn Kestner**

**Jimmy Vinson**

**Paige Jackman**

**Dave Hammer**

**Tess Popejoy**

**Carl Tull**

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# September 2016

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b> 5 addiction recovery	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Pentecost 23</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30 LYO to food pantry	<b>5 Labor Day</b>	<b>6</b> 4:00pm Fairview Haven	<b>7</b> 9am weekly devotions 10:45am Good Samaritan Home	<b>8</b> 5 addiction recovery 7 WELCA gen. mtg. H: Debbie Brandt & Edie Moulton LL: Pastor Tom	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 Pentecost 24</b> 8:30am Worship 10:00am God's Work. Our Hands. @ Colfax; Sunday School to Colfax, then DQ	<b>12</b> 9:00am Sewing	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Garden Club	<b>14 Holy Cross Day</b> 9am weekly devotions 7pm Council meeting	<b>15</b> 4:45 TLC hosts Fairbury food pantry 5 addiction recovery	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Pentecost 25</b> 8:30am Worship Installation of Sunday School teachers 9:30 Sunday School 1:30 Geo Parish Q & A @ Anchor 4-6pm Conf. @ Forrest	<b>19</b> 9:00am Sewing  <u>Central/Southern IL</u>	<b>20</b>  <u>Synod Leaders Retreat</u>	<b>21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b> 9am weekly devotions	<b>22 fall begins</b> 5 addiction recovery	<b>23</b> Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 2:00pm Ashley Meiss/Brian Lewis wedding
<b>25 Pentecost 26</b> 8:30am Worship 4:00pm Conference LYO @ Roberts	<b>26</b> 9:00am Sewing 7:00pm Clearinghouse @ Methodist Church	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9am weekly devotions	<b>29 Michael and All Angels</b> 5 addiction recovery	<b>30</b> Rehearsal (out of town)	

## September Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Debi Donze  
Renea Calvert  
Christina Bounds  
2<sup>nd</sup> Randy Stephens  
Jaidan Ballenger  
6<sup>th</sup> Sadie Maurer  
9<sup>th</sup> Tom Seegmiller  
10<sup>th</sup> Megan Ruiz  
12<sup>th</sup> Kaci White  
13<sup>th</sup> Wayne Maurer  
14<sup>th</sup> Dave Thomas  
Tammy Johnson  
15<sup>th</sup> Bryce Vinson  
Collin Vinson  
Aiden Tipton  
16<sup>th</sup> Kathy Bunting  
Katie Huling  
17<sup>th</sup> Jeff Nagel  
Addison Bounds  
18<sup>th</sup> Taylor Tull  
19<sup>th</sup> Darlene Bahler  
Aubrey Thomas  
Zachary Thomas  
20<sup>th</sup> Denice Masters  
21<sup>st</sup> Phyllis Eilers  
Tyler Studebaker  
22<sup>nd</sup> Austin Trease  
Sebastian Trease  
25<sup>th</sup> Carol Bryant  
27<sup>th</sup> Herb Miller  
Trey Bazzell  
28<sup>th</sup> Jake Fellers  
Virgil Hulse  
JoAnn Holmes  
Karen Steidinger  
29<sup>th</sup> Rhonda McClellan  
Becky Bounds  
30<sup>th</sup> Dylan Bazzell

## September Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup> Shane & Dawn Kestner  
6<sup>th</sup> Eugene & Terri Miller  
9<sup>th</sup> Matthew & Penny Dawson  
11<sup>th</sup> Chuck & Debbie Friant  
20<sup>th</sup> Mike & Connie White  
Jon & Diane Zimmerman  
21<sup>st</sup> Jim & Ruth Winterland  
Scott & Traci Bachtold  
25<sup>th</sup> Gerry & Debbie Brandt  
Tim & Mandy Hogan  
26<sup>th</sup> Isaiah & Brooke Stork

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### accepted ~ September Ushers

4<sup>th</sup> John & Ruth Luttrell, Louis Retter,  
Mike Norris  
11<sup>th</sup> LYO  
18<sup>th</sup> Dale & Shirley Lorange,  
Chuck & Gail Huling  
25<sup>th</sup> Wayne Hammer, J.C. Aberle, Ken  
Luering, Mike Maffett, Carl Tull

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### September Greeters

4<sup>th</sup> Karyl & Jim Kafer  
11<sup>th</sup> Mary E. Nylander & Phyllis Gerdes  
18<sup>th</sup> open  
25<sup>th</sup> Sue Deaton & Joy Zimmerman

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**Acolytes, †Bearers,**

### Gospel Readers for September

4<sup>th</sup> Brock Jackman  
11<sup>th</sup> Aidan Krieger  
18<sup>th</sup> Noah Nagel  
25<sup>th</sup> Gabby Nagel

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### September Lay Readers

4<sup>th</sup> Sue Deaton  
11<sup>th</sup> Paige Jackman  
18<sup>th</sup> Emily Wilkey  
25<sup>th</sup> Kay Hammer

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### Sept. Communion Assistants

4<sup>th</sup> Carl Tull  
11<sup>th</sup> John Luttrell  
18<sup>th</sup> Dave Wiley  
25<sup>th</sup> Vickie Thomas

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### Communion Cleanup/September

4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> JoAnn Holmes &  
Donna Bowles-Mausser  
18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Jane Righter & JoAnn Holmes

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### Mowing in September

Aug. 21-Sept. 3 Tom Wilkey  
Sept. 4-17 Mike Maffett  
Sept. 18-Oct. 1 Jim & Karyl Kafer

*Active involvement*

### Sept. Financial Secretaries

Gail Huling & Carl Tull

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### September Happy Our

All dates open

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### September Cleaning

All dates open

## Safety first

TLC Council approves this plan, as well as supports background checks:

If you believe a child is in immediate danger call 911 first.

If you suspect sexual misconduct, you are to notify the pastor (mandated reporter), who then is responsible to contact Illinois DCFS. The DCFS 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline is 800-252-2873.

If the pastor is the one accused of sexual misconduct, the CSIS Bishop should also be notified.

The CSIS office is 217-753-7915 or toll free 844-330-2747.

## God's Work. Our Hands.

The ELCA's annual work day is Sunday, **September 11**. **Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colfax** invites TLC to join hands with them picking potatoes, tying fleece blankets, making posters & treats for local firefighters, gathering books for prison ministry, working on Operation Shoebox kits, and more.

A brief service at **10:00am** at Immanuel starts God's Work.

### LYO (Jr + Sr High)

Northeast Conference LYO

4pm Sunday, **September 25** fishing, field games, s'mores near Roberts

Central/Southern Illinois Synod LYO

Friday-Sunday, **November 11-13** @ Carlinville; theme > "Relentless"

## Mission Trip

**October 8-15** "Eight Days of Hope" will be rebuilding homes in South Carolina, where there was a thousand-year flood in 2015. People of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colfax + TLC are invited.

## Special Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, **November 6** following worship, TLC will meet with the following agenda:

1. Motion to strike/remove from congregational constitution: C10.04 Thirty-one (31) voting members shall constitute a quorum.
2. 2017 Budget
3. Vote whether to accept Servants United geographical parish Agreement, thereby voting to join Servants United geographical parish in 2017 (with ELCA congregations at Anchor, Chenoa, Cornell, Dwight, Gibson City, Sibley).

TLC hosts a Q+A session **Oct. 2** after worship.

Servants United host Q+A sessions **Sept. 18** (Anchor) & **Oct. 9** (Chenoa), both at 1:30 p.m.

The Servants United Agreement is now available by email, on our website, or print copies at church.

*@ least 31 voting members must be present November 6 for any business to be conducted*

# Prayer Concerns

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

Louise Allen, Leanne Bahler, Matt Burnett, David Clapp, Michelle Curl, Emma Rose Davis, Don Denkins, Brent Edelman, Nadine Evans, Dave Fehr, Ray Fehr, Kristin Fox, Delma Freed, Jon Freed, Mike Frickey, Phyllis Gerdes, Dennis Johnson, Marie Kieser, Sandy Lerdal, Dan Masters, Herb Miller, Edie Moulton, Warren Moulton, Mary Ellen Nylander, Mary Ellen Sanders, Nathan Svanda, Doug Tollensdorf

## *...for those receiving nursing home care/community, their families & friends:*

**Fairview Haven**, Fairbury: Gene Beal, Phyllis Eilers, Marilyn Kiper, Betty Niesmann, Mary Ruth Ricketts

**Good Samaritan Home**, Flanagan: Joey Harding

**Meadows**, Chenoa: Wayne Rork

## *...for those who mourn:*

the family and friends of Margaret Johnson, Linda Angus and Delores Koopman

# Lutheran World Relief

We are in need of the following items:

**For School Kits:** metric rulers, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, crayons, pink 2-inch erasers

**For Personal Care Kits:** bath soap and sturdy combs

**For Baby Care Kits:** t-shirts, gowns, sleepers without feet, receiving blankets, soap

Please watch the bulletin for updates. Thanks for your help!

# Operation Christmas Child

We are invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child (shoebox project) with Immanuel Lutheran, Colfax. Items needed: chapstick, bangle bracelets, crafting beads, small board books, children's flip flops & children's socks. You may leave your donations in the church office. Donations will be needed by September 11<sup>th</sup>, when we are invited to join hands with Immanuel for the ELCA's annual God's Work Our Hands work day.

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Summary From July 20, 2016

**Present:** Pastor Tom, Paige Jackman, Dawn Kestner, Jimmy Vinson, Carl Tull, Val Curl, Josh Creek, Dave Hammer, Gail Huling and Heather Masters. **Absent:** Tess Popejoy

President Val Curl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Paige Jackman led devotions with a reflection on the theme for this year's Leadership Lab. "Do. Love. Walk. Micah 6:8.

**Secretary's Report** – Jimmy Vinson moved to accept the report as written. Josh Creek second. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Josh Creek moved to accept the report as written. Dawn Kestner second. Motion carried.

TLC picnic date has been set for August 28, 2016 at the Church. Games for children and bingo for adults.

Insurance – Debbie Brandt met with Mark Trainer at Keck's about the church and parsonage insurance policies. Based on his findings three recommendations were made.

1. All items stored near furnace should be removed and clearance of at least 3 feet maintained at all times to reduce the fire hazard.
2. All portable fire extinguishers on the premises should be mounted using approved brackets no more than 5 feet from the floor to the top of the extinguishers. They should be located in conspicuous areas to be easily visible and accessible to reduce the fire hazard. There was a question of whether signage for each extinguisher was required. Gail Huling said she would contact Fire Chief Leroy McPherson for this information. Chief McPherson said that each extinguisher should have a sign either on the wall above it or hanging from the ceiling.
3. Insured should use an abuse awareness training program with prevention tools to ensure all employees and volunteers working with children are protected to reduce the liability exposure. This means we have to have a crisis management plan in place in the event of sexual misconduct. Mark is going to try to find a generic form we can use as a guideline. We must conduct background checks once a year on all employees and any volunteer who has contact with the children. Even if they only help with one event a background check is required. Included in this should be an abuse awareness training program with prevention tools to ensure all employees and volunteers working with children are protected to reduce the liability exposure. We need to give the insurance agent a copy of the plan when we have it completed. This needs to be done ASAP. Jimmy Vinson is checking with Country Insurance for info on a crisis management plan. Josh Creek will check with the school for their plan.

Heather Masters spoke about the concern for the church finances. She said there is an informal group of women who have been talking about ideas for church growth. These activities include Bible studies, social activities, intergenerational activities, and community outreach to encouragement engagement outside of our normal church service. Heather asked if they could form a formal group and include WELCA. The Council gave her the ok.

Pastor Tom reported that the Servants United geographical parish agreement has been submitted to Bishop Roth.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Colfax has invited us to join them September 11 and 18 for "God's Work, Our Hands" event and potato bake. They also extended an invitation for October 8-15 Eight Days of Hope mission trip rebuilding homes in South Carolina.

Music Ministry – Diana Tull will continue to play on Sundays. If she will not be available for service CD music will be used.

Pastor Tom reported that the southwest sidewalk corner is chipping and probably needs attention. The Council will inspect.

The thermostats in the sanctuary are not programmed. Pastor has been adjusting them on Saturday or Sunday. Jimmy to check to see if the programming is available.

Josh Creek moved the meeting be adjourned. Carl Tull second. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Huling, Secretary  
Val Curl, President

