

Trinity Tidings

A monthly newsletter for family and friends of historic Trinity Lutheran Church-Prairie, Illinois

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LWML Devotion:

The Lesson of the Candy Corn

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11)

Every autumn a fresh crop of candy corn pops up in the stores and reminds us that harvest time is near. Invented in the 1880s, candy corn has been enjoyed for over 130 years. Now that is sweet success! This see-shaped confection can become a symbol of God's Word and how He uses us to accomplish His heavenly harvest.

Read the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:8-15). Jesus wants us to be generous in scattering His seed so that all might have the chance to hear God's Word and the message of salvation. Now take a look at what each color of the candy corn represents.

White—The tip of the candy corn is pure white and stands for God the Father who is perfect, holy, and righteous. The see is His Word we are to proclaim to others.

Orange—The color orange reminds us of the flames of the Holy Spirit who appeared on Pentecost. He enabled the disciples to speak God's Word in many languages. The large tapered section of this candy also represents the large harvest field. There are many who need to hear God's offer of forgiveness. It is the Holy Spirit who takes the seed of God's Word and nurtures faith in man's heart.

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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting
September 3, 2024

Present: Pastor Hojnacki, Tim Luebkekmann, Mark Liefer, Kathy Nagel, Dean Schoenbeck, Byron Burmester, Robert Nagel, Marvin Stellohorn, Darrell Salger, and Robin Booth.

Opening: Chairman Tim Luebkekmann called the meeting to order. Pastor led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from last month's meeting were sent out to all the Board. A motion was made, seconded, and moved to accept the secretary report.

Treasurer's Report: Dean reported that August had good donations to the roof fund and was able to pay off \$6,880.00 of that loan. So, the balance remaining in the Liefer Roof loan is \$6,950.57. He also reported that the Mission offerings were good again this month and we should be able to reach our commitment.

Principal's Report: The school year started out well with 40 students, 13 of those being in pre-school. With that number of students in pre-school it is a state law that there must be two teachers. So, we are needing to hire someone part-time for three hours in the morning. Currently, Angie's mother, Karen is helping until we hire someone. A Soc Hop is planned for the students in September.

Pastor's Report: Attendance for August was consistent with average of 120 each weekend. In official acts, August 24 was the wedding of Brie Luebkekmann and Austin Dillow. This Sunday is the beginning of Sunday School and Bible Class. Wednesday Bible Class begins tomorrow, September 4. Youth Confirmation classes will begin Sunday evening, September 8. A brief voters meeting will be scheduled for September 22, following the morning church service. With the SID Convention coming up in February, a lay delegate and alternate to the convention needs to be elected. Also nominations for District offices will be accepted. The mission budget must be voted on for next year. After discussion, a motion was made and moved to recommend to the congregation to leave the mission budget the same. Currently it is at \$15,000, with \$5,000 going to Christ Our Savior and \$10,000 going to the District. If we go over the budget, that excess will be split evenly between COSLHS and the District.

Elder's Report: The elders are assisting Pastor in the accreditation that is being done this year.

School Board Report: Nothing to report.

A letter was received from Rebecca (Juelfs) Kohne announcing her resignation as Youth Group leader effective next summer after they return from the 2025 National Youth Gathering. She has been one of our Youth Group leaders for the past 14 years. She wanted to give ample notice to find a replacement and to be able to work together with them to show them how things are done. If anyone is interested or has any questions, please contact Rebecca at 618,967-7601. We thank her for her many years of serving as Youth Leader for our congregation.

The meeting was adjourned. Pastor led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Nagel

Trinity Lutheran Church
Special Voters Meeting
September 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tim Luebke, following the Sunday morning church service. There were 37 in attendance.

MISSION BUDGET: The Mission Budget needs to be set for 2025. Previously, our budget was \$15,000, with \$10,000 of it going to the district and \$5,000 going to Christ our Savior Lutheran High School. A motion was made to set the 2025 budget at \$15,000 the same as previous years. Motion carried.

DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATE: A lay delegate from our congregation needs to attend the LCMS SID Convention to be held early 2025. Larry Erdmann and Michael Koester volunteered to be on the ballot. A motion was made and moved to accept the ballot. After ballot voting, Larry was elected as the delegate and Michael will be the alternate.

DISTRICT CONVENTION NOMINATIONS: Pastor Hojnacki has been serving as our Circuit Visitor for the last 3 years. His term is up and needs to be filled. A motion was made to nominate Pastor to again serve as our Circuit Visitor. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Nagel, Secretary

LWML Devo:

Yellow—Yellow represents the light of Jesus Christ, the Word in flesh. He calls us to be His witnesses. When we scatter the seed of God’s Word, we spread His light and the message of salvation to the world. We are the harvest workers as we walk in the light of Christ.

And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest (Luke 10:2)

A Symbol of Prayer—As it points upwards, the candy corn also reminds us to pray. Each time you eat a candy say a prayer and ask God to bless His Word, the workers, and the harvest.

Celebrate the Lord is God!
Awesome and wonderful is He.
Never have I needed Your love and forgiveness more than now.
Daily You deliver me from my sin.
You are the Lord for the Harvest who provides all my needs.

Count the many blessings that You bestow.
Open my ears to hear Your Word and my mouth to give You praise.
Rejoice with all who receive Your righteousness
Now and forever. Amen



Sing: “Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling” LSB 827

(The Lesson of The Candy Corn by Kristin Kaldahl, Spencer, Iowa. Published by the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, 2014 Posted on December 04, 2020 lwml.org

October Birthdays*

October 1
Marian Elliott

October 3
Kolan Schoenbeck

October 4
Parker Hern
Walker Hern

October 5
Kevin Langrehr

October 6
Carson Hern

October 7
Bonnie Piel

October 8
Maureen Liefer

October 9
Gerald Hitzemann
Susan Lucht

October 11
Julie Fehr

October 12
Michael Koester
Andrea Sattler

October 13
Finn Juelfs
Doug Stamm

October 16
Jessica Kloepper
Lydia Mehring
Lori Woods

October 17
Vernon Budde

October 18
Emily Homrighausen
Logan Oakley
Ervin Stamm
Robert Voges

October 19
Ryan Wendt

October 23
Jeanie Stellhorn

October 27
Justin Kadlec
Bernice Salger
Krista Wandro

October 28
Byron Burmester
Mallory Hesch
Roger Langrehr

October 30
Dorothy Wilkening

October 31
Karen Liefer



October Anniversaries*

October 1
Matt & Dee Bollinger

October 2
Nikki & Adam
Matzenbacher

October 9
Derek & Bridget
McKnight
Dale & Faye Piel

October 11
Tony & Jesse DuFrenne

October 14
Vernon & Jane Lucht

October 15
Roger & Carol Buch

October 18
Scott & Gayle Juelfs
Joe & Charlotte Schnepel

October 22
Jon & Cassie Heller

October 24
Jason & Rachel Salger

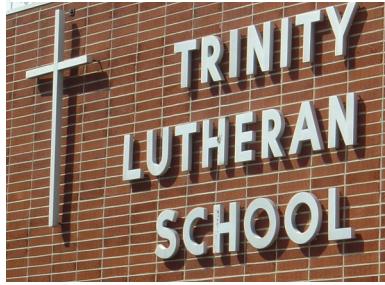
October 27
Orville & Denise Heller

October 28
Nicholas & Stephanie
Falkenhein

October 30
Keith & Lorna Kinzel

* If there are any edits, corrections, deletions, or additions to these lists, please notify Heather so she can update the church's membership computer program. Thank you!

May your special day be filled with God's blessings!



Trinity Lutheran School

Dr. Robin Booth, Principal

Mission Statement:

To aid parents and the church by providing Christian education to nurture children in mind, body, and spirit.

Important dates in October

“Endure” Hebrews 12:1-3

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Amy Blow will chair the rummage sale. Thank you!

- 6: Spaghetti dinner
- 7-20: Rummage sale set up
- 7-11: Fire Prevention week
- 10: Marking period ends
- 11: Teacher in-service (no school)
- 14: Columbus Day (no school)
- 15: Parent/Teacher conferences (1:45 p.m. dismissal)
- 17: Shake out drill (10:19 a.m.)
- 17: Parent/Teacher conferences (1:45 p.m. dismissal)
- 18: No school due to prior Parent/Teacher conferences
- 18-20: Rummage sale (begins 1:00 p.m.)
- 21-25: Red Ribbon week

Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

EDUCATION SUNDAY September 8, 2024

Trinity Lutheran School children (K-8) sang LSB Hymn 664: "Fight the Good Fight."



BOOK PRESENTATION

Kindergarten students will receive a Bible story book to begin learning more about Jesus. One student was present to receive her book.



**EDUCATION SUNDAY
September 8, 2024**

Sunday School teachers were installed this day.
Andrea, Sarah, and Marilyn were present.
May God bless your teaching.

NLSA

A group of individuals is working diligently to prepare for National Lutheran School Accreditation.

Please keep our Trinity Lutheran School, staff, and the accreditation committee workers in your prayers.

(Note: The Self-Study Report is about 105 pages.)

With the Lord begin your task...
LSB Hymn 869

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

**Evidence Based
Self-Study Report**

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YOUNG CHRISTIANS

In Missions

NEW GROUP TO JOIN!

GRADES 3-8

You can make a difference!
Serve others in your community through outreach projects.

Questions & to sign up, see
Ms. Wetzel

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

YOUNG CHRISTIANS ON MISSIONS

A new group is being formed to make a difference by serving others in the community.
Students in grades 3-8 are welcome!

Contact Mrs. Wetzel for more information and questions.



Trinity Lutheran Hoofprints

September 18, 2024
School Office: 618-282-2881
Website: trinityredbud.com



"Endure" - Hebrews 12:1-3

If any congregation members would like to receive the weekly school newsletter, Hoofprints, by email, please send a message to Mrs. Sattler at asattler@trinityredbud.com
You will be added to the list email list.

SOAP: A SHORT LEAD TIME!

If you would like to purchase bulk soap products, the order must be in by October 1, Please contact a school family to place your order.

SOCK
HOP
F-U-N

Most of the students attended the hop. Some even brought friends!

The new sound system got a workout!

The kids enjoyed refreshments:
popcorn &
lemonade.

AND

The photo booth was a big hit!





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THANK YOU

A word of thanks to the congregation for your prayers for our son-in-law, Marvin Frederick. His radiation treatments are finished and he is doing well.

**With grateful hearts,
Richard & Barbara Mehring**

Trinity Lutheran BOCE Meeting Minutes***Sept 24, 2024**

Opening devotion was led by Pastor Hojnacki.

Attendance: Dr Booth, Lori Woods, Charlotte Schnepel, Jonathon Mehring, Julie Fehr, Tim Luebkemann, Cheri Lange, Pastor Hojnacki

Sunday school report: Off to a good start, all teaching and admin positions are covered.

Finance report: Approved as presented.

Administration report: Health dept is coming in on Oct 7th to offer flu shots to faculty and staff. The fire department will be here for Fire Prevention week on Oct 17th. This Friday the 27th is a Teacher Institute day, the staff will be talking about curriculum mapping and what to expect with accreditation. Dr Booth has done 3 teacher observations so far, more to come. She is also looking into the possibility of offering an online coding class to the Jr high students. One of the AC units at school has gone out and the one in the PreK room is acting up also. Dr Booth suggested that Trinity school continues to donate 10% of each fundraiser to the church to help defray some costs of repairs at the school. The Board voted to continue this practice. Jonathon asked about the possibility of getting a permanent Trinity Lutheran School sign at Rte 3 and South Prairie Rd. We will table this for now until more information can be found. The sock hop was well attended and everyone had a great time.

Old Business

MAP test scores will be given out at PT conferences in October

Substitute teacher pay will be increased to \$110 a day to be competitive in our area.

Rachel Salger is the new Teachers aide for Preschool and Kathleen Nagel has accepted the aftercare position.

The mum fundraiser sold 484 mums and raised over \$1600. Thank you to Charlotte Schnepel for chairing that fundraiser.

New Business

CPR certifications for faculty and staff are current

It's time to look ahead to Christmas program/stage set up/refreshments on Sun Dec. 15th 6pm.

The girls basketball tournament at Trinity will be Fri/Sat Dec 6th-7th. We will need to set up the stage immediately following the tournament. Volunteers are needed to help with the tournament.

Plans need to be made to organize our BOCE and faculty Christmas event in Dec. Tentative date, pending approval from Pours Vineyard is Monday Dec 9th or Monday Dec 23rd.

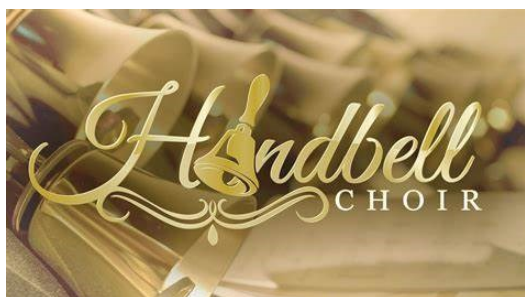
Meeting adjourned with the Lord Prayer.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 22nd, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Julie Fehr

* Pending approval

Newsletter Deadline:
Please submit items for the November 2024 issue of Trinity Tidings by October 22...articles, information, recognitions, pictures, etc.
 Maureen Liefer
 mmliefer@htc.net
 618-615-3091 (cell/text), 282-2072 (home)
 Hard copies accepted.



Choir Practice

Handbell Choir
 at 6:30 p.m.
 and
 Family Choir
 at 7:30 p.m.



ANNA (Widows') GROUP

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

All widows are welcome to attend.

POC: Janice Cowell or Cheryl Sauerhage.

Altar Guild Schedule	Acolyte Schedule
Oct 6: Carol Crabill & Betty Fehr	Oct 6: Micah Sattler
Oct 12: Pearl Guebert & Cindy Schnepel	Oct 13: Isaac Luebkemann
Oct 13: Cathy Burmester & Michelle Mehring	Oct 20: Trent Sternberg
Oct 26: Lois Eckert & Luann Nurnberger	Oct 27: Allyson Rohlfing
Oct 27: Sheryl McKnight & Faye Piel	

Usher Schedule (for the week of...)

October 6: Jeff Mehring	November 3: Dean Schoenbeck
October 13: Matt Piel	November 10: Roger Liefer
October 20: Michael Koester	November 17: Doug Stamm
October 27: Daryl Whelan	November 24: Tim Luebkemann

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
August 2024

GENERAL FUND

Balance August 1 **56,344.51**

INCOME:

General Fund Envelopes	23,313.79	
General Fund Plate Offering	984.00	
Mission Envelopes	2,095.00	
Missions - Plate	90.50	
Roof Fund Donation	5,120.00	
Fidelity, Pershing, Ed Jones, Schwab	1,000.00	
Thrivent	104.00	
Tuition	3,640.00	
Registration	410.00	
Donations	250.00	
Rent	100.00	
Total Income		37,107.29

EXPENSES:

Assessment-COSLHS	419.56	
Federal Withholding & SS	5,608.74	
IL Dept of Revenue	1,211.66	
Brotherhood Mutual (school accident insurance yearly premium)	361.20	
Monthly benefits/life,disab/retire	8,573.86	
Missions - So IL District	1,765.94	
Payroll service	110.00	
Brotherhood Mutual (church and school insurance monthly premium)	1,235.74	
Employee self retirement savings	82.39	
Salaries	22,745.00	
Health Equity Fee	13.20	
Ideal Environmental (3 year asbestos inspection)	650.00	
Reliable Sanitation	292.05	
Postage	73.00	
Utilities - Church	397.67	
Utilities - Parsonage	312.35	
Utilities - School	843.48	
Prime Cutting LLC (grass mowing)	2,800.00	
So IL Radio -WHCO	120.00	
Water Testing	135.00	
Mohr Softwater (school toilet leak repair)	85.11	
Culligan (water treatment)	104.75	
Concordia Publishing House(bibles,catechisms,wafers,large POP)	397.47	
Transfer to Roof Fund	5,120.00	
Illinois Secure Choice	355.98	
Miget Piano Service (church piano tuning)	130.00	
Royal Boeder (guest preacher and mileage)	125.46	
County Journal (school ads)	104.00	
Neals Heating and Cooling (school A/C leak repair and freon)	455.00	
Total Expenses		54,628.61

Balance August 31 **38,823.19**
Line of Credit Balance **0.00**

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
August 2024

BUILDING FUND

Balance August 1 **6,389.41**

INCOME:

Donation Cemetery Fund	0.00	
Donation Building Fund	50.00	
Donation School Roof Fund	1,090.00	
Donation Church Remodel	50.00	
Roof Fund Donation Transferred from General Fund	5,120.00	
Interest	0.49	
Total Income		6,310.49

EXPENSES:

Neals Heating and Cooling (parsonage A/C)	215.00	
Mark Liefer (school loan payment)	6,880.00	
Total Expenses		7,095.00

Balance August 31 **5,604.90**

Allocated Funds:

Beautification Fund	313.57	
School Memorials	914.86	
Cemetery Fund	2,635.71	
School Roof Fund	7.41	
Church Remodel	679.56	
CD#1=13473.90 CD#2=20739.46 CD#3=13326.62 CD#4=207464.99		

Total Allocated Funds without CD's **4,551.11**

Total Allocated Funds in CD's 4 CD's Church Remodel **255,004.97**

Non Allocated Funds Building Fund general use **1,053.79**

Liefer Loan Balance (loan start date 9-1-23)		13,807.12
2% interest 8-1-24 thru 8-31-24		23.45
Loan Payment 8-31-24		6,880.00
Liefer Loan Balance 8-31-24		6,950.57

MISSIONS

Mission Commitment **15,000.00**

Envelope Offering	2,095.00	
Plate Collection	90.50	
Total Offering		2,185.50

COSLHS Monthly Assessment	419.56	3,511.29
Southern Illinois District	1,765.94	7,951.44
Total Offering to date		11,462.73
Balance of Commitment		3,537.27

Dean Schoenbeck, Treasurer

October 2024

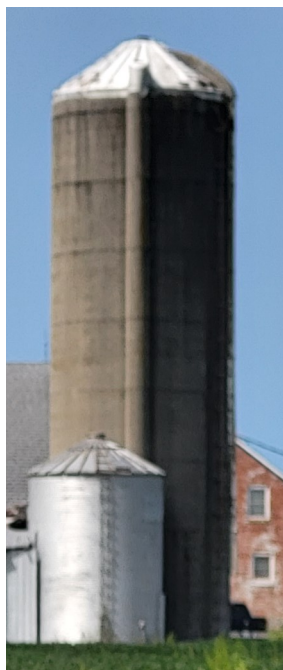
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 p.m. Elders 7:30 p.m. Church Council	2 7:50 a.m. Chapel 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 Family Choir	3	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner 7:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class	7	8 7:00 p.m. Sow N Grow	9 7:50 a.m. Chapel 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 Family Choir	10	11 No School	12 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
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27 Reformation 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service 7:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class	28	29 7:00 p.m. BOCE	30 7:50 a.m. Chapel 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 12:30 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 Family Choir	31		

School Flat Roof Fund Approximate Total

Thanks be to God...

\$125,000	\$126,000	\$127,000	\$128,000	\$129,000
\$130,000	\$131,000	\$132,000	\$133,000	\$134,000
\$135,000	\$136,000	\$137,000	\$138,000	\$139,000
\$140,000	\$141,000	\$142,000	\$143,000	\$144,000
\$145,000	\$146,000	\$147,000	\$148,000	\$149,000
\$150,000	\$151,000	\$152,000	\$153,000	\$154,000
\$155,000	\$156,000	\$157,000	\$158,000	\$159,000
\$160,000	\$161,000	\$162,000	\$163,000	\$164,000
\$165,000	\$166,000	\$167,000	\$168,000	\$169,000
\$170,000	\$171,000	\$172,000	\$173,000	

Loan repayment October 3, 2023: \$5,000; November 5, 2023: \$7,000;
 December 31, 2023: \$7,500; April 30, 2024: \$7,500; June 30, 2024: \$5,000;
 August 30, 2024: \$6,880
Loan balance due: \$6,950.57



And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

Genesis 41:49 ESV