

February 2023

TRINITY TIDINGS

A Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley, IL

Dear Saints,

We're going to take a break from our reflections on Christian art for a few miscellaneous items this month:

First, thank you to everyone who gave to the Christmas Pastor's gift this year. My family and I thank God that we belong to such a caring, generous community of saints, and we look forward to following Jesus together with you in this new year.

Second, I wanted to mention the exciting opportunities you have next weekend.

On Sunday, February 5, the Rev. John Donkoh, the Bishop and President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana, is preaching and teaching Bible study at Trinity. He comes to us as a representative of the board of the International Lutheran Council (ILC), a worldwide Lutheran fellowship of which Trinity is a part.

I actually know Bishop Donkoh quite well. He was my roommate for the year I spent studying abroad in England. At the time, I didn't know he was so highly-regarded in Ghana--then he became their bishop a few years later!

I hope you'll come that Sunday to hear Bishop Donkoh proclaim God's Word, share about the Lutheran church in Ghana, and highlight the importance of the ILC to world Lutheranism.

Even though it's one of our normal non-communion Sundays, we will have communion this Sunday. The Bishop is coming, and it's his preference!

The evening prior on Saturday, February 4, the ILC is inviting us all to a reception at St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton. The reception with drinks and light food begins at 4:30 pm, followed by a "fireside chat" with the ILC board chair, Bishop Juhana Pohjola of Finland. Finally, we will join together in Evening Prayer for the future of the church and the life of the world.

This is a great opportunity to meet and learn from Lutheran Christians from around the world. For more information about this event, please visit here (<https://www.trinityhuntley.org/ilc-event>) or contact me.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

+ Pr Hatesohl

Lenten Schedule 2023

Ash Wednesday Service
February 22
7:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Supper and Service
March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Supper 6:00 pm
Service 7:00 pm



Trinity Lutheran Church
Huntley, IL

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BOARD OF MINISTRY DIRECTORS *by Ken Ladage, Chairman*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

May knowing Jesus bring you peace to bless each day, hope for each tomorrow, and joy in every season.

Ed Dennis and the Church Security Committee has been busy reviewing safety considerations at Trinity. All of our fire extinguishers have been checked and their placement. Signage will be used to clearly indicate these locations. The Committee has recommended the purchase of two Trauma Kits for the Preschool. These kits contain items designed specifically for use with children in the event of an emergency. Two Trauma Kits have also been purchased for adults. These kits contain items for use with adults. One kit will be placed on the main floor and the second one in the basement area. The committee is also reviewing training options for staff, ushers, and elders. This would include CPR and how to handle an emergency medical incident.

The financial performance at Trinity continues to be strong. The Church is operating in the black year-to-date. The Annual Financial Review was completed by an outside firm. As a result of Louise Johnson's excellent financial management, we received a positive report. The audit report is available for your review on the bulletin board.

We did have an emergency at the church during the holidays when a sprinkler head froze by the bell tower vestibule resulting in water flowing out the door and into the basement. The sprinkler head sent an alarm to the Fire Department and they alerted the church staff. Our insurance company, and sprinkler company were informed, and a professional restoration company was hired to clean up the area. Fortunately, the damage was minimal. The Fire Department recommended that a KnoxBox be installed on the outside of the building. This would allow firemen to enter the building without breaking down the door.

On February 5th the Reverend John Donkoh, Bishop of the Evangelical International Lutheran Church of Ghana will be preaching and teaching at Trinity. He is the secretary of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide Lutheran fellowship of which the LCMS is a part.

The Board will be meeting February 9th and your input is welcomed. A segment of each Board meeting, (second Thursday of the month at 5:00pm) is reserved for Steward comments, suggestions, or questions. A suggestion box is located in the Narthex.

Your Brother in Christ,

Ken Ladage, Chairman, Board of Ministry Directors

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER *by Louise Johnson*

Quarterly Financial Update – 2nd Quarter 2022-2023 Fiscal Year
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Annual Budget	\$394,035
Expenses YTD	\$200,431
Income YTD	\$204,063
Income Less Expense YTD	\$3,632

2022 FINANCIAL CLOSE REVIEW has been completed and the report is on the board in the narthex. This is the "audit" done by our CPA.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS *Psalm 100:2*

February 2023 Elder / Usher Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Elder	Assitant Elder	Usher	Confirmation Usher
2/5/23	Sunday	8:00am*	Keith Bereolos	Tim Mahnke	Hoppy Kahl	unfilled
		10:30am*	Steven Drescher	Rick Castel	Matt Castel	Anthony Sindelar/Jacob Steinbach
2/12/23	Sunday	8:00am*	Tim Mahnke	Donovan Johnson	Hoppy Kahl	unfilled
		10:30am*	Rick Castel	Solomon Post	Reuben Velez	Noah Drescher/Gavin Kittel
2/19/23	Sunday	8:00am	Steven Drescher	N/A	Bella Westberg	unfilled
		10:30am	Donovan Johnson	N/A	Roger Stettner	unfilled
2/22/23	Ash Wed	7:00pm*	Tim Mahnke	Keith Bereolos	Georgina Ozga-Dortch	N/A
2/26/23	Sunday	8:00am*	Donovan Johnson	Solomon Post	Bella Westberg	unfilled
		10:30am*	Steven Drescher	Rick Castel	Matt Castel	Gavin Kittel/Sam Sneed

* Communion



Sign up for weekly emails from Trinity!

<https://www.trinityhuntley.org/email-sign-up>

Emergency Line



Pastor is always available to you in the case of a pastoral emergency, even after hours. Simply call the main Trinity phone number, 847-669-5780, and follow the instructions.

Your call will then be forwarded to the pastor.

(Note: Pastor's cell phone number has changed. To reach him for non-emergencies, call the office or send him an email.)

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR FOR 2023

Volunteer sign-up spots are available for hosting/providing goodies for the Fellowship Hour between Sunday services (coffee and juice is provided by the church). You can host on your own, with a friend or with a group.

Sign-up on the board in the Narthex

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR *by Lana Gibbons*



*JESUS LOVES ME! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong:
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, JESUS LOVES ME! Yes, JESUS LOVES ME!
Yes, JESUS LOVES ME! The Bible tells me so.*

*JESUS LOVES ME! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Let's His little child come in.
Yes, JESUS LOVES ME! Yes, JESUS LOVES ME!
Yes, JESUS LOVES ME! The Bible tells me so.
"Jesus Loves Me" (LSB 588)*



JESUS LOVES ME! What a beautiful Biblical truth! Simple? Sure! For children? Of all ages! Profound? Indeed! The central truth that Jesus, who died for us all and calls us His children, is stated so clearly in the hymn! He loves us! No doubt about it! In this month, where many will be sharing valentines with one another, let us look to Jesus who shares His love with us every day in so many ways. As we approach Ash Wednesday with penitent hearts, we follow Jesus' love story to the cross and the empty tomb. What an outpouring of love! Let's put love into practice as we respond to Jesus' love by serving Him and inviting others to the grace-filled, joy-filled, love-filled life of being God's child. And, what could be better than that?

JESUS LOVES ME! What a delightful *Joyful Chorus* of praise! How exciting it is to hear the Sunday School children sing about Jesus' love! And, how encouraging to see God's people of all ages helping out. That's serving! That's sharing God's love! And, what could be better than that?

JESUS LOVES ME! What a wonderful way to serve! Be a part of the Music Ministry! There is always room for you to play Bells, sing in Choir, or play an instrument. *Celebration Ringers* (Handbells) and *Voices in Praise* (Adult Choir) meet on Tuesday evening - Bells at 6:00 pm in the loft, Choir at 7:00 pm under the loft. Do you play an instrument? Let me know and I will get you music for worship! And, what could be better than that?

VOICES IN PRAISE

Handbells & Choir
Tuesdays
Bells at 6 pm, Choir at 7 pm

CELEBRATION RINGERS

See worship folder for more information

TLC PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Linda Kranz, TLC Preschool Director*

February is a month that is so easy to talk and do activities that show love and kindness. Love for our families, friends and of course our God who loves us more than we can imagine. Registration has begun and we are on our way to filling our classrooms for the fall. If you know of anyone who is looking for preschool, please pass on our information. We love to show off our school!

Please join us for an Eat Out at Rookies on February 15th from 5:00-8:00 pm. Eat in or take out will both work for our fundraiser. No need to cook and do dishes! Sounds like a good plan right?

At this time, I would like to announce that I will be retiring after this school year as director and teacher here at TLC. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years here (27) and will take with me so many memories I cannot even count. Thank you for having a wonderful church preschool for me to have been a part of.

Linda Kranz, TLC Preschool Director

TLC school year theme:



ELGIN PREGNANCY CENTER DRIVE



Donate diapers, baby wipes, baby lotion, baby oil, gift cards, etc.

January 22nd - February 12th



See the *Worship Folder* for more information.

January 22nd - February 12th is Trinity's time to celebrate the lives of babies through our support of the Elgin Pregnancy Center with a collection of baby items. The Center is requesting diapers in smaller sizes 1, 2, and 3. There is a real need also for onesies and infant sized new clothing along with baby soap, wipes, lotions and powders. Mom's baby bags and bottles are also requested. Please drop all items off in the bin near the mailboxes in the narthex (beginning Jan 22nd).

The Galloping Horses Quilters will be displaying their baby quilt donations for the Elgin Pregnancy Center soon. Many of the moms receive these quilts when they graduate parenting classes there.

Trinity has an ongoing collection for the **Grafton Food Pantry**.

Cash donations are the best and most efficient way to offer help... every \$1 buys \$8 worth of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. However, they cannot purchase household supplies and personal care products, so they are the next most needed items.

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener, Dish Soap, Scouring Pads, Plastic Wrap, Aluminum Foil, Baggies, Cleaners for Toilets - Bathrooms - Ovens - Kitchens - Floors - Furniture - Windows - etc.

Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Deodorant, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Lotion, Q-Tips, Band-Aides, Pain Relievers, Cold Medicines, Ointments, etc.

All donations are appreciated, needed and used. Food items must be non-perishable.

Items are always picked up and delivered weekly from the food cart in the narthex. Contact Judy Melman with any questions.



MISSION GOAL REACHED!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Thanks to all from Trinity who supported the outreach efforts of the LWML through your Mites, donations and prayers.

"Through the generous women of LWML and all of our benevolent givers, God has allowed us to surpass the \$2,150,000 Mission Goal for the 2021-2023 biennium!

"We continue to praise God for His provision and for each one of you for your generosity in stewarding the gifts you have been given. Thank you for coming alongside LWML as together we proclaim Christ, support missions, equip women, and serve others!" [LWML Facebook Post](#)

Being a Christian is a blessing and the Joy of Jesus in our lives should be evident. The LWML website is full of information and contains all the news and events going on. You can visit them at www.LWML.org

You can check out their latest eNews newsletter by clicking [HERE](#).



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Gerhard Pilz	2/2
Luke Mahnke	2/2
Dale Schoenrock	2/7
Connor DeVries	2/7
Richard Mueller	2/9
Pat Phillips	2/10
Dorothea Lotter	2/10
Caelum Johnson	2/10
Richard Stallbaum	2/15
Darren Erath	2/16
Rich Bieniek	2/20
Louise Johnson	2/20
Ian Furmanek	2/21
Eileen Solsberger	2/21

John Varga	2/22
Craig Dvorak	2/23
Courtney Thomas	2/26
Nolan McCoy	2/26
Miles Kahl	2/27
Keith Bereolos	2/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Lynette Schiesher 43 years on 2/2

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the wrong information, please call the church office.

BIBLE STUDIES, GROUPS AND EVENTS




Sunday, February 5, 2023

Rev. John Donkoh,
Bishop of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church of Ghana,
will be preaching and teaching
Bible Study.

See the worship folder for more details!




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THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY, 9:15 AM
SEE WORSHIP FOLDER FOR MORE INFO

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 - 10:15 am
In the Sanctuary
Age 3 - Grade 6




Men's Breakfast

2nd Saturday
of the Month at 8:00 am

*All men are welcome to meet
for breakfast and fellowship*

Meets at the Village Inn
Huntley



The Trinity Quilters



Meets on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Church Basement

Contact Marilee Payne for more info

THE TRINITY QUILTERS are looking for those who are willing to share their sewing talents! Making quilts also require cutting, ironing and pinning. On the job training is available! Any questions call Marilee Payne at 847-659-9086. Drop by and see what we are doing.

Thursday Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month

Join the study for a brown bag lunch at 11:45 am.
Bible study begins at 12:30 pm.
Meets under the balcony.

CHURCH CONTACT AND OTHER INFO

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Elders

Keith Bereolos
 Enrique Castel
 Steve Drescher
 Donovan Johnson
 Tim Mahnke
 Roger Orkfritz
 Solomon Post
 Dale Schoenrock

Board of Ministry Directors

Keith Bereolos
 Ed Dennis
 Nancy Dvorak
 Ken Ladage
 Keith Nelson
 Sandy Phelps
 Janet Westberg

Trinity Worship Times

Sundays @ 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Holy Communion

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

Worship Service Broadcast

Every service is broadcast live on the internet. You can find it at TrinityHuntley.org/live or on the Trinity home page.



@TrinityLutheranHuntley

Church Office Hours The church office is open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Hatesohl is available in the office both Tuesday and Friday mornings and by appointment.

Help Keep Church Records Up To Date If your contact information has changed or you are not receiving emails, please let the church office know. Call the church office at 847-669-5780 or email at office@trinityhuntley.org.

Prayer Chain Trinity's prayer chain is always available to pray for you and those you love. Jesus hears our petitions and He will answer according to His good and perfect will. With thanksgiving, we make our requests to Him. Call or email the church office.

Hospital Visits Please contact the church office if you or a family member are, or are planning to be, in the hospital. You can be added to the prayer chain and/or a visit can be scheduled.

Flower Chart The flower chart for 2023 is on the bulletin board above the tract rack in the Narthex. To place flowers at the altar for a special date, sign your name and occasion (if applicable) next to that date. The cost is \$35. Altar flowers may be taken home after the last service (If more than one person has signed up, please just take one vase). This is a great way to glorify God as you remember someone you love or celebrate a milestone!

Electronic Giving Trinity offers two options, Give+Online and the Vanco Mobile App. Visit TrinityHuntley.org and click on the "Giving" tab for more information.

Head over to Culver's Restaurant of Huntley, Rt. 47, on ANY Saturday evening, ANY Sunday or ANY Wednesday and present your weekend bulletin when ordering and Culvers will donate 10% of your total order to Trinity.

WORSHIP ANEW - A Program for Shut-Ins A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised weekly on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at WorshipAnew.org.

MCRide is a great way to get around McHenry County. It is an "on-demand" travel service available to citizens of Huntley. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and dropoff destinations. Call 1-800-451-4599 to schedule a ride.

Grafton Food Pantry Please place donations in the "shopping cart" located in the narthex. Please also consider a monetary gift. If you would like to make a monetary donation you may place a separate envelope from your Trinity donation in the offering plate labeled FOOD PANTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Questions: Contact Judy Melman at 847-669-6563 or lmelman02@comcast.net.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP REKINDLES

Today we seem to reference life to before, during or after the pandemic. Pre-pandemic some Trinity women had been meeting in a book review group to read and discuss what they considered good reads. Reading and discussing the story, characters and what it all meant to us became a wonderful experience where books were enjoyed and friendships formed.

During the pandemic the group stopped meeting in person. Telephone conversations, emails or in masked visits usually included asking what they were reading.

Voracious reader Sandra Kuert shares her thought on the benefits of a review group: "I consider it such an incredible joy to be reading and discussing books with everyone, gaining insight as we compare thoughts and perspectives."

Post pandemic will see the Trinity Book Review Group rekindle. We invite all Trinity women to attend an organizational meeting on Thursday, February 9th, 2:00 pm in the undercroft at Trinity. Any questions you may have may be directed to Judy Ladage, 224-858-7282 or Marilee Payne, 847-659-9086.



Kid's Worship Bags



Trinity has new kid's worship bags (lovingly sewn by The Trinity Quilters) that are now available each Sunday at the back of the Sanctuary. These bags are appropriate for kids 3 - 10 years old.

The bags are filled with crayons, coloring pages that go along with the day's scripture readings, books and other surprises which can help keep the squirms and wiggles at bay.

Kids are invited to take a worship bag into the worship service with them and are asked to place the worship bag to the return basket after service.

