

August 2023

TRINITY TIDINGS

A Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley, IL

Dear Saints,

Back in June, our Gospel reading was from Matthew 9, the story of Jesus calling Matthew to be one of his twelve disciples. "As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him" (9:9-13).

It's these verses that served as the inspiration for Caravaggio's *The Calling of St Matthew* (1599-1600).

Matthew was a tax collector, a man who had sold out his family, friends, and country to cooperate with the Roman enemy and become rich. Still, Jesus calls him by grace with his powerful words: "Follow me!"

Caravaggio powerfully emphasizes this point by his use of light. Light streams from the window behind Jesus onto the men sitting in darkness at the table. Jesus' call to Matthew is the only reason Matthew follows. Jesus finds him. Jesus enlightens him. Jesus gives him the power to follow.

The same is true for us. It is Jesus' words to us—words spoken, read, in the waters and the bread/Body and wine/Blood—that shower us with his grace, forgive our sins, and give us the Spirit to follow him. Jesus' call transforms our lives.

That's actually indicated by the posture of Jesus' hand. Take a closer look at his hand. Does it look familiar to you? It is almost a mirrored image of Adam's hand in Michelangelo's *The Creation of Adam* at the Sistine Chapel. In that familiar painting, God touches Adam's outstretched finger and imparts the spark of life.

Michelangelo seems to be portraying Jesus as the second, perfect Adam. Where Adam failed and sinned, Jesus succeeded and remained obedient. He is the perfect human, the true image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15). His touch—we could say his words rattling in our ears—is a recreation. It makes us who we were meant to be from the very beginning, truly alive, loving God and one another (1 Corinthians 15:22).

One last thing: there's some debate as to who is Matthew in this painting, but the best case is that he's the bearded man pointing at himself as if to say, "Me?!?" That's a familiar experience in the lives of Christians. We can say, "Who am I to follow Jesus? Why would he call me, of all people? I am an unworthy sinner."

And you're right—you're not worthy. But Jesus has still called you by grace into his family. That's how grace works; it calls the unworthy.

Pope Francis actually said as much in some recent comments on this painting. He wrote, "Here, this is me, a sinner on whom the Lord has turned his gaze. [...] I am a sinner, but I trust in the infinite mercy and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ."

When you see this painting, I hope you can see yourself in this painting, too. As a sinner, yes. But as a forgiven, beloved sinner, dependent on the infinite mercy of Jesus.

The Lord bless and keep you,

+ Pr Hatesohl



BOARD OF MINISTRY DIRECTORS *by Ken Ladage, Chairman*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we continue our Ministry at Trinity, May Jesus Christ be praised, He is risen, alleluia.

August has arrived and our ministry at Trinity continues as we begin the transition from summer to fall. Our Children and Grandchildren will begin school. Church programs return to the schedule. We look forward to the Senior Picnic on August 9th. Our attendance continues to be strong, and our financial position is good as we begin our fiscal year.

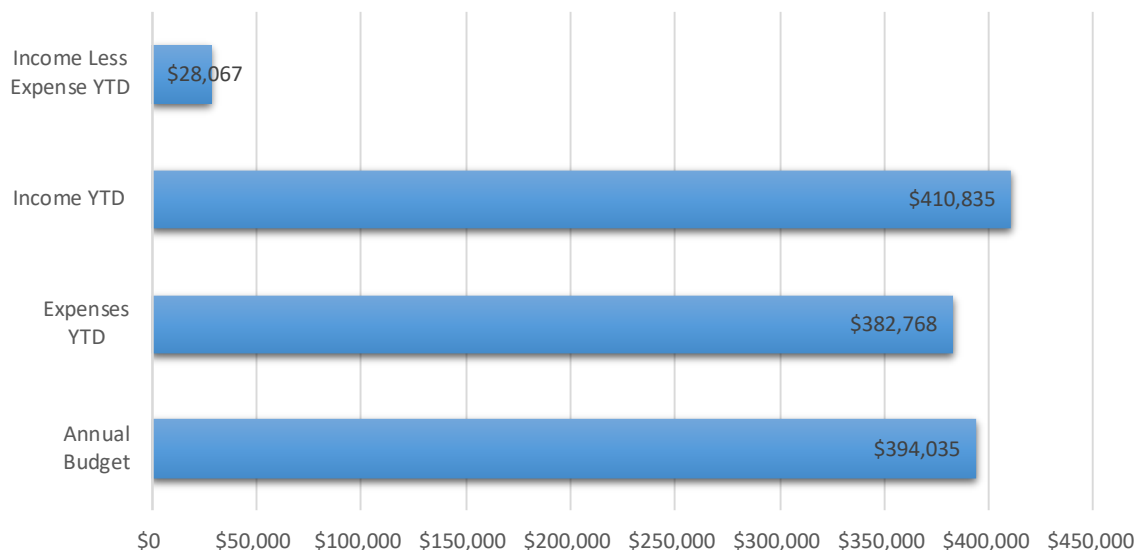
The Board’s next meeting will be September 14th at 5:00 pm. The Board welcomes your input. A segment of each Board meeting is reserved for Steward comments, suggestions, or questions. A suggestion box is in the Narthex.

Your Brother in Christ,

Ken Ladage, Chairman, Board of Ministry Directors

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER *by Louise Johnson*

Quarterly Financial Update – Q4 2022-2023 Fiscal Year



OFFICIAL ACTS - JULY 2023

Baptism: Reese Arthur Kopp, son of Adam and Emily Kopp, on July 2, 2023

Birth: Ashton Randall Von Ahnen was born on July 4, 2023 to Alex and Adrienne Von Ahnen.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS *Psalm 100:2*

August 2023 Elder / Usher Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Elder	Assitant Elder	Usher
8/6/2023	Sunday	8:00 am	Donovan Johnson	N/A	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
		10:30 am	Keith Bereolos	N/A	Reuben Velez
8/13/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Donovan Johnson	Solomon Post	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 am*	Roger Orkfritz	Rick Castel	Matt Castel
8/20/2023	Sunday	8:00 am	Tim Mahnke	N/A	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
		10:30 am	Steven Drescher	N/A	Bella Westberg
8/27/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Steven Drescher	Rick Castel	Matt Castel
		10:30 am*	Solomon Post	Tim Mahnke	Bella Westberg

* 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.)

Kid's Worship Bags



Kid's Worship Bags (lovingly sewn by The Trinity Quilters) are 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.



A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR *by Lana Gibbons*



*Opportunity is knocking right at your door!
I'll ask you again, then ask you some more!
Play your instrument and lend us a helping hand!?
Make music together; play in a band?
I know you are out there and maybe you're just shy!
But, seriously, just give it a try!
There are people who love to ring and sing and play!
Try it as you think about it and pray!
Let's get together serving God with songs of praise!
Could we get together one of these days?*



Opportunity is knocking . . . Start thinking how you could be a part of the music ministry here at Trinity! You are welcome (no experience required!) to join us any Tuesday evening! Give it a try; see what you can do! *Celebration Ringers* (Handbells) meets at 6 p.m. in the loft; *Voices in Praise* (Adult Choir) meets at 7 p.m. under the loft starting September 19th.



Opportunity is knocking . . . What do you play? Find your instrument, meet other musicians and be part of *HIS!* Band (instrumentalists) as we praise God together in worship! Just let me know what you can do and I will find music for you! We do not have a regularly scheduled weekly rehearsal. However, we meet before the service to rehearse.



Opportunity is knocking . . . Answer God's call to serve! Then, also think about who could you invite to be a part of the music ministry? Who could you invite to the grace-filled life of Jesus at Trinity?

Opportunity is knocking...

LWML *by Reta Stohs*

The 2023 LWML National Convention in Milwaukee has ended and the new mission goal of \$2,350,000 has been set, new officers have been elected and 31 mission grants have been selected with the goal of servicing them through prayers and Mite offerings for the next two years.



The first three projects are: 1) The Orphan Grain Train Servant Center - \$100,000, 2) Healing Space for at risk children at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch - \$100,000, 3) Serving Gods Children with Special Needs (Journeys Lutheran School) in Milwaukee, WI - \$100,000. Other projects will be given later in other articles.

Your prayers, mites and support are needed to enable us to reach our goals of bringing the Gospel and the compassion of Christ throughout the world. Please remember that Mites are collected the first Sunday in each month by placing your Mite boxes or checks marked LWML in the regular offering collection.

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](#).



TLC PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Kaszuba, TLC Preschool Director*

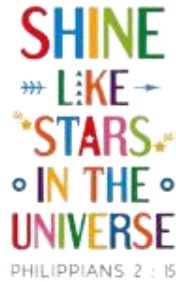


The Preschool Summer Camps have been a great success! We had children celebrating Christmas, blasting off to different planets, camping under the stars and getting ready for Kindergarten before their year truly begins. It's so wonderful to hear the laughter and see the joy in the little children's faces once again.

Registration is moving along well and we have been fortunate to meet some new families with tours coming through. It is such a blessing to see new faces and have the opportunity to spread our love of TLC Preschool and our Lord Jesus with them.

Our staff is ready to get started and we have our Meet-n-Greet coming up on August 20th to introduce ourselves to the 2023-2024 school children. Kona Ice will be on site for a nice cold treat, while families tour the classrooms and meet the staff. A fun way to start off the year!

Our 2023-2024 School-year theme:



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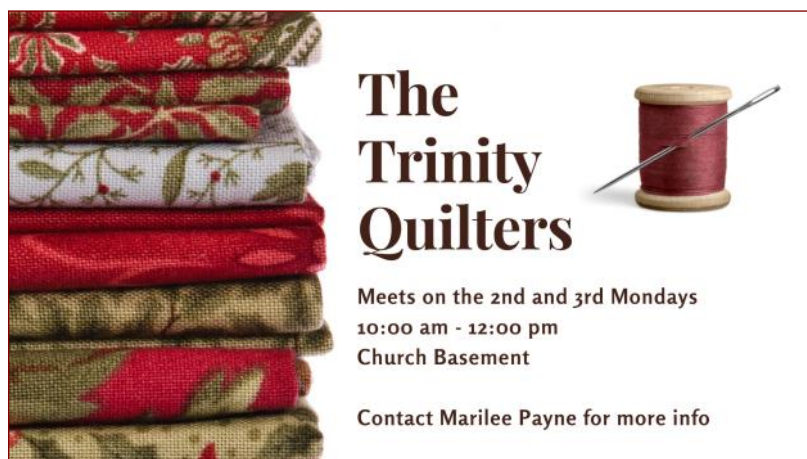
BIBLE STUDIES, GROUPS AND EVENTS



Trinity's Annual Senior Picnic

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
 4:00 pm, Dinner at 5:00 pm
 Fountain View Pavilion at Del Webb

Sign-up in narthex by Aug. 6
See Worship Folder for more details.



The Trinity Quilters

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

Contact Marilee Payne for more info



For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
 Matthew 18:20



Men's Breakfast

2nd Saturday of the Month at 8:00 am

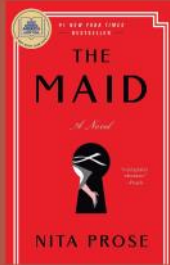
All men are welcome to meet for breakfast and fellowship

Meets at the Village Inn Huntley

BOOK REVIEW GROUP

Any questions you may have may be directed to Judy Ladage, 224-858-7282.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP



All women are welcome!
 2nd Tuesdays (new day)
 2:00 pm @ Trinity

Join us on August 8th!
 We will be discussing:
 "The Maid"
 by Nita Prose



Altar Flowers

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2023 IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.
 TO PLACE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR FOR A SPECIAL DATE, SIGN YOUR NAME AND OCCASION (IF APPLICABLE) NEXT TO THAT DATE.
 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!
 THE COST IS \$35. FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE IN THE RACK IN THE NARTHEX.

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Psalm 100:2




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

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. 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.





Are you using Trinity's Photo Directory? There are four ways to view the direc-

1. Download the app on your phone at www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app/. When searching for Instant Church Directory, choose the one with the little green house.
2. Download from any computer/laptop at www.members.instantchurchdirectory.com/
For both options 1 & 2, you will set your account up with your email. Only emails that are listed in the directory will sync. Contact Jamie in the church office if your email doesn't match and she'll update it.
3. Request a PDF directory from the church office.
4. If you are unable to access through a computer, please contact Jamie in the church office for a printed copy.

Note: The app and online version are always current and updated. The PDF and printed version will only be updated at the time of publishing.

If you do not have your picture in the directory, it's never too late! You can submit online or send an image to the church office email.

Is your photo in the directory?

If not, here are several options to do so:

Upload your photo here: https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/submit_photo.aspx?id=370d1885-7d39-4035-8e99-6335c71c96b5

- Send your photo to the church office via email.
- Drop off a photo that can be scanned and uploaded.
- Visit the Selfie Station after service and have your photo taken. Please be sure to sign the form so we know who the picture belongs to.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Ed Dennis	8/3	Gene Hinners	8/21
Jocelyn Miller	8/5	Janet Westberg	8/21
Cliff Moellenkamp	8/5	Mary Post	8/22
Anna Dziekanski	8/6	Danielle Bahn	8/23
Kim Carroll	8/6	Roger Orkfritz	8/23
Shirley Zoellick	8/7	Alex Post	8/27
Emily Kopp	8/8	Kay Hildebrand	8/28
Amy Lyons	8/8	Benjamin Kahl	8/29
Gary Schultze	8/10	Norm Fossmeier	8/29
Tripp Kopp	8/11	Mary Siebert	8/31
Eric Schoenfisch	8/12		
Gladys Stewart	8/12	<i>If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the wrong information, please call the church office.</i>	
Juli Conway	8/13		
Steven Drescher	8/16		
Abigail DeVries	8/19		
Mary Mueller	8/20		

ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Jan Dennis	9 years on	8/2
Michael & Juli Conway	6 years on	8/5
Phil & Mary Post	45 years on	8/5
Donovan & Louise Johnson	19 years on	8/7
Vern & Joyce Manke	62 years on	8/12
Jerry & Gail Nepermann	36 years on	8/14
Don & Connie Garrison	61 years on	8/18
Randy & Lita Lee	16 years on	8/25
Ken & Judy Ladage	56 years on	8/26
Gene & Marge Hinners	63 years on	8/27
Dan & Liz Siegrist	12 years on	8/30
Randy & Vicky Bahn	27 years on	8/31
Chris & Bridgid Furmanek	27 years on	8/31
Anton & Renate Schoenauer	55 years on	8/31

CHURCH CONTACT AND OTHER INFO

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Elders

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

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.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND TLC PRESCHOOL

July 16, 2023,

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REACHING



Dear saints of Trinity,

I have received a call to serve as associate pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, IL. Let me explain what this means.

The call to be a pastor is a divine call. This does not mean that the pastor is divine—all evidence points to the contrary!—but that the pastor fills an Office instituted by Jesus himself, the Office of the Holy Ministry. Congregations call pastors to fill that office and deliver Jesus' Word and Sacraments faithfully.

When a call arrives, a pastor seeks to discover where he can do the most good for the Kingdom of God—where his gifts might be best used, his words best heard, and his skills best applied.

After prayer, visits, meetings with leaders, honest talk, advice from other pastors, and critical self-evaluation, the pastor can choose to decline the new call and continue to serve at his current church or accept the call and leave to serve at his new church.

What does this mean for us together at Trinity?

I currently have two divine calls: one to Trinity and one to St. John.

In the coming weeks, I will be deliberating between the two calls. My plan is to announce my decision on August 6. In the meantime, I welcome any input or questions you may have.

Most of all, please remember me and my family in your prayers, as we always include you in ours. We love you all.

The Lord bless and keep you,

+ Pastor Hatesohl