

November 2023

# TRINITY TIDINGS

A Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley, IL

Dear Saints,

We celebrated Reformation Sunday the last weekend in October, so I wanted to mediate with you this month on a famous piece of Reformation art.

What you see below is an altar painting from a church in Torslunde, Denmark, dating to 1561. Interestingly, it's one of our earliest and best depictions of Lutheran worship from this time (look at what the pastors are wearing). On the right, the pastor is preaching. The center shows the distribution of the Lord's Supper. The far left shows a baby being baptized and welcomed into the Kingdom of God.

Note how the congregation also stands or sits on the floor, spilling beyond the frame, as if to include us in the worship service. We in the room, in the current assembly, are joined to that gathering.

What is at the center and top of the painting? The crucified Christ. The painter is teaching us that the center of all Christian worship is Jesus, crucified and risen. But he is present among us in specific ways: in the Gospel preached from the Scriptures; in the meal of Christ's Body and Blood at the center of the room; in the waters of Baptism where we are buried and raised in Christ's death and resurrection. Jesus' gifts of forgiveness and everlasting life flow from the cross through these specific gifts. If we want to find Jesus, we go to those places.

Why does this matter? The Reformation re-focused Christian worship on receiving God's gifts. Much of Christian piety and worship in the late medieval age focused on worship as what we do for God. Most famously, the Lord's Supper was emphasized as a sacrifice the priest does for God, rather than receiving the benefits of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

This painting reminds us that when we come to worship, God descends to us. He pours out his grace and mercy. Then, we respond with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. But Christian worship—like the Christian life—is always about what God does first and foremost, not what we do.

The Lord bless and keep you,

+ Pr Hatesohl



Martin Luther, Smalcald Articles, III: 4  
Altar Frontal  
Torslunde Church, 1561

## BOARD OF MINISTRY DIRECTORS *by Ken Ladage, Chairman*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

There will be two Board of Ministry Directors positions up for election in early December. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Janet Westberg, includes Ken Ladage, Chuck Yerke, and Gary Schultze. The committee is preparing a slate of Board of Ministry Director candidates for election at the Voters meeting scheduled on December 3rd at 9:15am. Pastor Hatesohl is an ex officio member of the committee.

As stated in Trinity's Constitution: "The Board of Ministry Directors shall be the governing body of the congregation and is responsible to administer all the congregation's affairs. The primary responsibility of the Board of Ministry Directors is to represent the Stewards of the congregation at Trinity. Desired outcomes describe the purpose of our Church, what results we are here to achieve, who the recipients will be, and the cost of those results."

The Nominating Committee encourages nominations from members of the congregation. Candidates are members of Trinity, eighteen years of age and older. Please submit a nomination by November 12<sup>th</sup> and a slate will be presented to the congregation for review on November 19<sup>th</sup> and elections on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Blank forms and a box for the nominations are placed in the Narthex. Also, please remember that before you nominate an individual, you need to acquire that person's permission. If you have any questions, please contact a committee member.

I also wanted to give you an update on where our building expansion project stands.

We had two productive town hall meetings in October where we discussed our strategic goals, building expansion, and TLC preschool.

In the coming weeks, the Village Team will explore the feasibility of remodeling our education wing to include a larger fellowship space, a meeting room, and accessible bathrooms. The architect will develop a plan, and a general contractor will give us a price.

Then, the plan will be presented to the Board of Ministry Directors for their review and approval. Next, the complete plan will be presented to the congregation for their approval. If approved, the plan moves forward. If the plan is rejected, then the plan will be revised according to the congregation's suggestions.

Your Brother in Christ:

Ken Ladage, Chairman, Board of Ministry Director

## OFFICIAL ACTS - OCTOBER 2023

### Transfer Out

Ernie and Pat Link to Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Chandler, AZ, on October 3, 2023.

### Death

Kenneth Sturtecky on October 21, 2023

### 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.

# SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS *Psalm 100:2*

## November 2023 Elder / Usher Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Assistant Elder</u>	<u>Usher</u>
11/5/2023	Sunday (All Saints Day)	8:00 am*	Tim Mahnke	Rick Castel	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
		10:30 am*	Keith Bereolos	Solomon Post	Reuben Velez
11/12/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Donovan Johnson	Roger Orkfritz	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 am*	Steven Drescher	Rick Castel and Caleb Kittel	Matt Castel
11/19/2023	Sunday	8:00 am	Keith Bereolos	N/A	Niko Bereolos
		10:30 am	Donovan Johnson	N/A	Bella Westberg
11/22/2023	Wednesday (Thanksgiving Eve)	12:00 pm*	Tim Mahnke	Roger Orkfritz	Georgina Ozga-Dortch
11/26/2023	Sunday	8:00 am*	Steven Drescher	Caleb Kittel	Hoppy Kahl
		10:30 am*	Solomon Post	Roger Orkfritz	Reuben Velez

\* 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.)



## Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 12:00 pm



# A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR *by Lana Gibbons*



## Thank the Lord!

*Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises  
and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia, alleluia.*



*(Post-Communion Canticle, Divine Service, Setting One)*

**THANK THE LORD!** Thank God for all He has done and continues to do as "He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life." And He does this purely "out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me." What a God! What a privilege "to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." This is most certainly true, right? Let us all continue to thank, sing, seek, and bear His name as we recall all of God's guidance and faithfulness and then tell everyone what He has done! And, that's not just at Thanksgiving! It's a way of life; it's Thanksliving!

**THANK THE LORD!** Think and pray about how you can be part of the music ministry at Trinity. You would be very appreciated and welcomed by a loving group of people! Come and join us singing and/or ringing on Tuesday evenings - *Celebration Ringers* (Adult Handbells) meet at 6:00 pm under the loft and *Voices in Praise* (Adult Choir) meets at 7:00 pm under the loft. If you play a musical instrument you are welcome to play with *HIS Band* (Instrumentalists). They are given music and rehearse before the services they play at. Perhaps you'd like to be involved learning songs for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season? Give it a try! If you have children or grandchildren bring them to Sunday School at 9:15 am so that they can sing God's praises as a *Joyful Chorus!*

**THANK THE LORD!** Ringing, singing, playing are all opportunities to serve in the music ministry! I personally thank God for all the musicians who give of their time and God-given talents; what a blessing you are! What a God we serve who orchestrates praises that resonate here and through all eternity. **THANK THE LORD!**

**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 Kathy Kaszuba, Acting TLC Preschool Director*

October has been such a fun month for the children! We celebrated the month with our wonderful Noah's Ark parties! The children enjoyed dressing up as adorable animals and couldn't wait to see what the other children were dressed up as. The anticipation was contagious and lots of laughter filled the hallway!



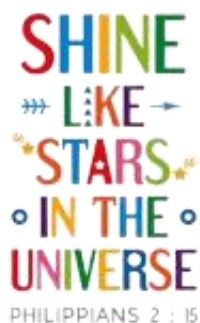
We ended the month with a couple of fun community events. We set up a table at the Trick or Treat on the Square and got to enjoy all the adorable children that stopped on by. The cute costumes and the joy of the children made for a fun afternoon! We also got to meet more children and families from the HCL Therapy Group from Crystal Lake. We met some wonderful families that stopped by the Fall Fest and made the children happy with our fun little giveaways.

The excitement of November is in the air and there are lots of discussions about being thankful and loving towards one another. "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever". We are very thankful for the families and the children that attend TLC Preschool and grateful for the love they show us daily. We are looking forward to Jesus' birth and sharing the good news with everyone!

*"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us."*

Isaiah 9:6

Brightest Blessings,  
Kathy Kaszuba



## LWML *by Reta Stohs*



LWML is an organization of Lutheran Women in Mission! As such, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. If that sounds like something you'd love to do too, please join us!

The Trinity ladies are part of the LWML No. IL District.  
Click link to learn more.




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](http://www.LWML.org)

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




# BIBLE STUDIES, GROUPS AND EVENTS


*Sunday Bible Study*

Sundays at 9:15 am  
See the Worship Folder for more information.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

**Train up a child in the way he should go:  
and when he is old,  
he will not depart from it.**


Proverbs 22:6



**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.*



 **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
AND TLC PRESCHOOL


***The Catechumenate***

Saturdays, 8:45 - 10:00 am

For all adults desiring to be baptized or join Trinity

Breakfast provided!

See the worship folder for more info

**For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there am I among them.**

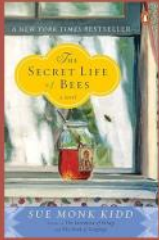
Matthew 18:20



### 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  
1:30 pm @ Trinity

Join us on November 14th!  
We will be discussing:  
"The Secret Life of Bees"  
by Sue Monk Kidd



## 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



## Serve the Lord with gladness!

Psalm 100:2



## The Trinity Quilters

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

Contact Marilee Payne for more info



### 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



## 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.

# SNAPSHOTS OF TRINITY



## THANKSGIVING COLLECTION



GRAFTON  
FOOD PANTRY

Help Trinity with a collection of personal care and household items to support the Grafton Food Pantry.

ITEMS DUE TO CHURCH BY NOV. 19

LIST OF ITEMS ON BOARD IN NARTHEX

### **DONATIONS NEEDED:**

- Gas cards and Gift Cards for local stores
- Paper Towels, Tissues, Toilet Paper
- Household Cleaning Products
- Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap & Sponges
- Glass or Plastic Food Bags & Storage Containers
- Garbage Bags of all sizes
- Aluminum Foil & Plastic Wrap
- Body Wash, Deodorant, Lotions

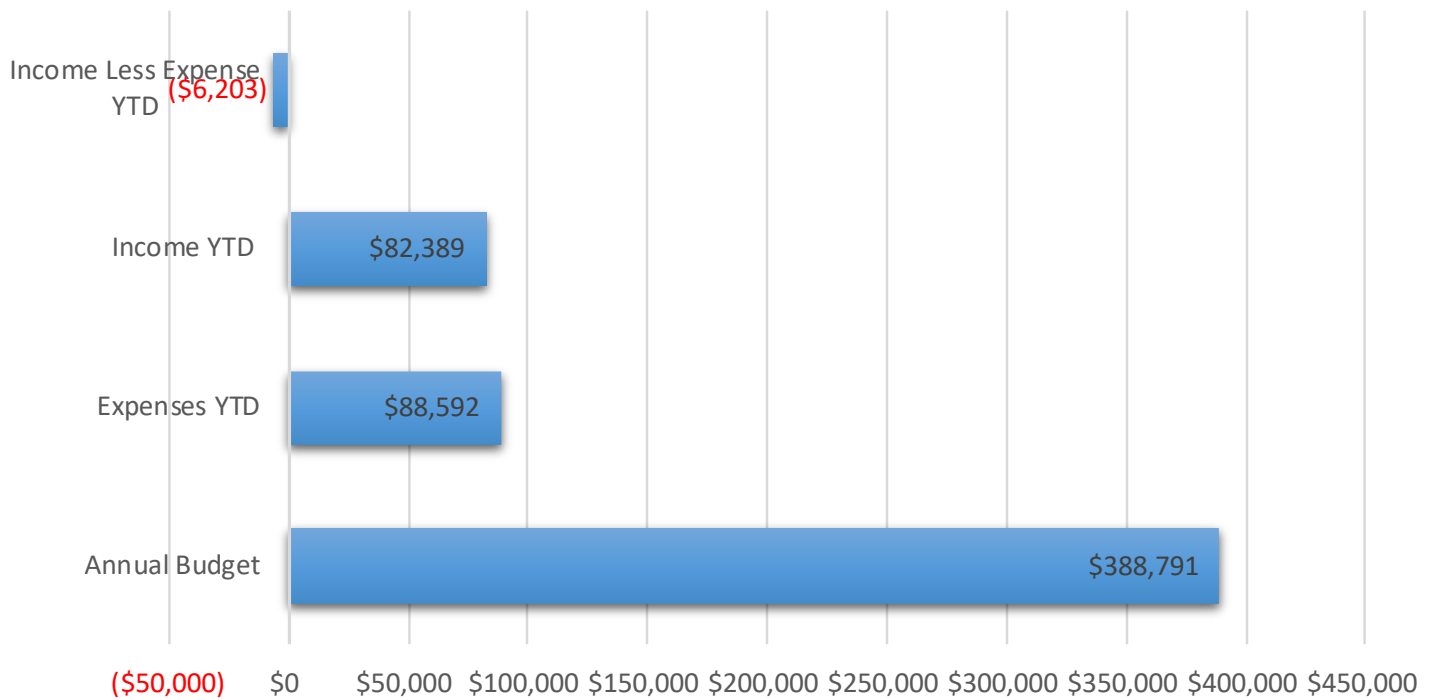
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Combs, Brushes, Hair Products
- Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Dental Floss
- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Feminine Hygiene Products

*Please place items in cart in narthex.*



# A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER *by Louise Johnson*

## Quarterly Financial Update – Q1 2023-2024 Fiscal Year



### COMING SOON – Grafton Food Pantry 2023 Christmas Project

Once again, as a Christmas Mission Project, Trinity Lutheran will be working with the Grafton Food Pantry to adopt needy families. In Mid-November, a Christmas Tree will be available in the Narthex with Holiday ornaments. The ornaments will include the family member's information. More details will follow.

If you have any questions, please call Judy Ladage at 224-858-7282.



**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/](http://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/](http://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](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

David Stuckmeyer	11/1	Annette Kittel	11/27
Kristi Kittel	11/5	Helke Loughlin	11/27
Justin Kreckner	11/9	Matt Drafall	11/28
Lynette Schiesher	11/9		
Marilee Payne	11/11		
Carol Johnson	11/14		
Randy Lee	11/14		
Del Bahn	11/16		
Alexa Hatesohl	11/16		
Levi Fiedler	11/20		
Julie Michel	11/21		
Jake Wilkening	11/22		
Gatlin Helmersen	11/23		
Ray Ahrens	11/24		
Eileen Derby	11/24		
Chuck Yerke	11/25		
Gavin Kittel	11/26		
Lita Lee	11/26		

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Debbie Kunde	<i>10 years on 11/9</i>
Jack Dortch & Georgina Ozga-Dortch	<i>18 years on 11/15</i>
Reuben Velez & Ina Izaguirre	<i>22 years on 11/22</i>

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

# CHURCH CONTACT AND OTHER INFO

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## Contact

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 Preschool (847) 669-5781  
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 Website [TrinityHuntley.org](http://TrinityHuntley.org)

## Staff

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 Lana Gibbons, *Organist & Music Director*



## 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](http://TrinityHuntley.org/live) or on the Trinity home page.



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**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:lmelman02@comcast.net).



Trinity Lutheran Church Elders Present

*The 5th Annual Pam Kahl Memorial Scholarship Fund Dinner*

*Benefiting the Pam Kahl Memorial Scholarship, the ALS Association, and Trinity Elders*

**Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm**

The dinner will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church and will be buffet style. You may select from fish, roast beef or a combo dinner.

Ticket Price \$30

Purchase tickets from the church office or from one of the elders after Sunday services. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event, however, we would highly appreciate it if you could buy them in advance as a courtesy to Parkside so that they may put in an accurate food supply order.

The Elders are also selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Ticket prices are 1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$20. Ticket proceeds will be going to ALS Association (Lou Gehrig Disease).

The Elders would like to thank you for your generous and continuous support of our annual dinner. We hope that you and your family and friends will once again join us this year and enjoy *great food, great fellowship and a great cause.*

God Bless, Tim Mahnke, Elder Chairman



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