

February 2024

TRINITY TIDINGS

A Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley, IL

Dear Saints,

Since the late 2nd century, Christians have set aside time for renewed discipline and devotion as they prepared to celebrate Easter. By the Council of Nicaea (AD 325), there is a mention of a forty day fast which was associated with Jesus' forty day fast in the wilderness when he was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-11).

Eventually these forty days came to be known in English as "Lent." Lent comes from the old English word *lencten* which means "lengthen" and is a reference to the lengthening of days during the spring.

That's actually how you should think of Lent: as spring for your body and soul. As the earth sees a rebirth and renewal of the earth, so Lent is a time to for spiritual renewal so that we flourish in faith toward God and love for our neighbor.

We need to be clear about our efforts, though. Lent is not a time to impress others. It is not a time to earn brownie points with God to get into heaven—we are saved by God's grace alone. It is not even a time for long faces and feeling sad or bad.

Rather, Lent is a time to remember that you are a new creation in Holy Baptism (2 Corinthians 5:17). You are alive! The old sinful self has been drowned in baptism, and now Christ by His Spirit lives in You (Romans 6).

So you can't make yourself more alive. But, like a gardener, you can prune away the dead parts of yourself, so that Christ lives more fully in you and you grow in faith and love.

During Lent, the church has given us three tools by which we can prune our lives (following Jesus' words in Matthew 6):

1. Prayer

Prayer is one important way we grow in relationship with our Heavenly Father. In prayer, God invites us to let Him know what we need and to discover more and more who He is and how much he wants to give us.

- Set aside a time and place for the next forty days, and say your prayers, every day—even if it's only one minute to say the Lord's Prayer in the morning.
- Grab a Lent devotion or Portals of Prayer from the narthex and read it. We've got a Lent craft for families, too.

2. Giving to the Poor

There is a long history in the church of Lent being a special time of sacrificial giving. Giving away our money reminds us that money is not our God and teaches us to cleave to Him who provides for our every need.

- Make a donation to a local food pantry, pregnancy center, or maternity home.
- Volunteer at one of the above.
- Offer to take a shut-in member for errands or go for them.

3. Fasting

Jesus assumes that fasting will be a part of his disciples' lives. The purpose of fasting is to make sure nothing controls us but the love of Christ. We live "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). If you do fast, try to use some of the extra time to pray or read Scripture.

- Pick a day(s) of the week and eat less food. This could mean not eating snacks, skipping a meal, or not eating until noon or 3 pm.
- Fast from chocolate, alcohol, TV, or social media—whatever habit tends to control you.
- Fast from complaining, gossiping, anger, or revenge.

Whatever you do, you're bound to struggle and probably fail at times. When that happens, return to God, knowing that you're forgiven in Jesus. Then try again!

The Lord bless and keep you,

+ Pr Hatesohl

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. Lent comes in mid-February; Ash Wednesday is the 14th. In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:8). Let us renew our faith and receive with open hearts the love of God who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.

In January the Board welcomed our newly elected members, Tim Mahnke and Georgina Ozga Dortch. Officers for the new year were elected; Ken Ladage Chair, Ed Dennis Vice Chair and Nancy Dvorak Secretary.

Financial performance at Trinity continues to be strong. As a result of strong December giving, the Church is comfortably operating \$11,000 in the black year-to-date. The Annual Financial Review was completed by an outside accounting firm. Everything was in order; no changes were recommended. Louise Johnson deserves our thanks for her excellent financial management. The audit report is available for your review on the bulletin board.

The Budget Committee is being formed to begin preparing a 2024-2025 budget. The church facilities will be reviewed for areas needing repair or improvements. Preventative maintenance will be considered. An area of concern is the anticipated increases in our Commercial Insurance Premiums and increased deductibles. Other companies are being reviewed.

The Board is waiting for a remodeling plan from our architect. The Village Team will explore the feasibility of remodeling our education wing to include a larger fellowship space, a meeting room, and accessible bathrooms. With a plan in place a general contractor can then develop the cost. The Board of Ministry Directors will review and then present a plan to the Congregation for their approval.

The Board welcomes your input. A segment of each Board meeting, (second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm) is reserved for Steward comments, suggestions, or questions. Our next meeting is February 8th. A suggestion box is located in the Narthex.


Your Brother in Christ,

Ken Ladage, Chairman, Board of Ministry Directors

Lenten Schedule 2024

Ash Wednesday Service
February 14
 7:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Supper and Service
February 21 & 28; March 6, 13 & 20
 Supper 5:45 - 6:45 pm
 Service 7:00 pm



Trinity Lutheran Church
Huntley, IL

OFFICIAL ACTS - JANUARY 2024

- Deaths** Sharon Gaudlitz on January 2, 2024
 Anton Schoenauer on January 17, 2024
 Thomas Fischbach on January 24, 2024

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS *Psalm 100:2*

February 2024 Elder / Usher Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Elder	Assistant Elder	Usher	Confirmation Usher
2/4/2024	Sunday	8:00 am	Tim Mahnke	N/A	Georgina Ozga-Dortch	not signed up
		10:30 am	Keith Bereolos	N/A	Niko Bereolos	not signed up
2/11/2024	Sunday	8:00 am*	Roger Orkfritz	Rick Castel	Matt Castel	not signed up
		10:30 am*	Donovan Johnson	Caleb Kittel	Bella Westberg	Noah Gutierrez
2/14/2024	Wednesday	7:00 pm*	Steven Drescher	Solomon Post	Georgina Ozga-Dortch	not signed up
2/18/2024	Sunday	8:00 am	Keith Bereolos	N/A	Niko Bereolos	not signed up
		10:30 am	Tim Mahnke	N/A	Reuben Velez	not signed up
2/21/2024	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Roger Orkfritz	N/A	Bella Westberg	not signed up
2/25/2024	Sunday	8:00 am*	Donovan Johnson	Rick Castel	Matt Castel	not signed up
		10:30 am*	Solomon Post	Caleb Kittel	Reuben Velez	not signed up
2/28/2024	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Steven Drescher	N/A	Hoppy Kahl	not signed up

* 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.

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. **Please make checks out to the Grafton Food Pantry.** 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.*






**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537, vs. 1 and 4



TRULY I'D LOVE THEE! It's that time of year again as we think about **love** on Valentine's Day and, more importantly, we start our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 14, as we follow Jesus to the cross. That's quite a **love** story and lifetime romance with Jesus, our everlasting Friend. He is our beautiful Savior that will never leave us or forsake us. His vast and unselfish **love** is the same yesterday, today, and forever; His abiding **love** keeps on giving! May we walk with renewed and cleansed hearts motivated by His **love**, growing closer to Him and one another, giving Him "glory and honor, praise and adoration" in all that we do!

TRULY I'D SERVE THEE! Are you looking for a way to **serve**? As you think about His love think about how you can **serve** Him in the music ministry at Trinity. You are lovingly invited to join us ringing handbells and/or singing songs. Do you play an instrument? Don't be shy; give it a try! Let me know your availabilities and I will give you music to play in worship! The *Celebration Ringers* (Adult Bells) and *Voices in Praise* (Adult Choir) meet on Tuesday evenings - Bells at 6:00 p.m. in the loft and Choir at 7:00 p.m. under the loft. Currently, we have started learning songs for Lent and Easter. Perhaps you'd like to join us for this season as you **serve** wholeheartedly in steadfast devotion to our beautiful Savior who came to seek, and save, and **serve** us with His everlasting love!



VOICES IN PRAISE

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

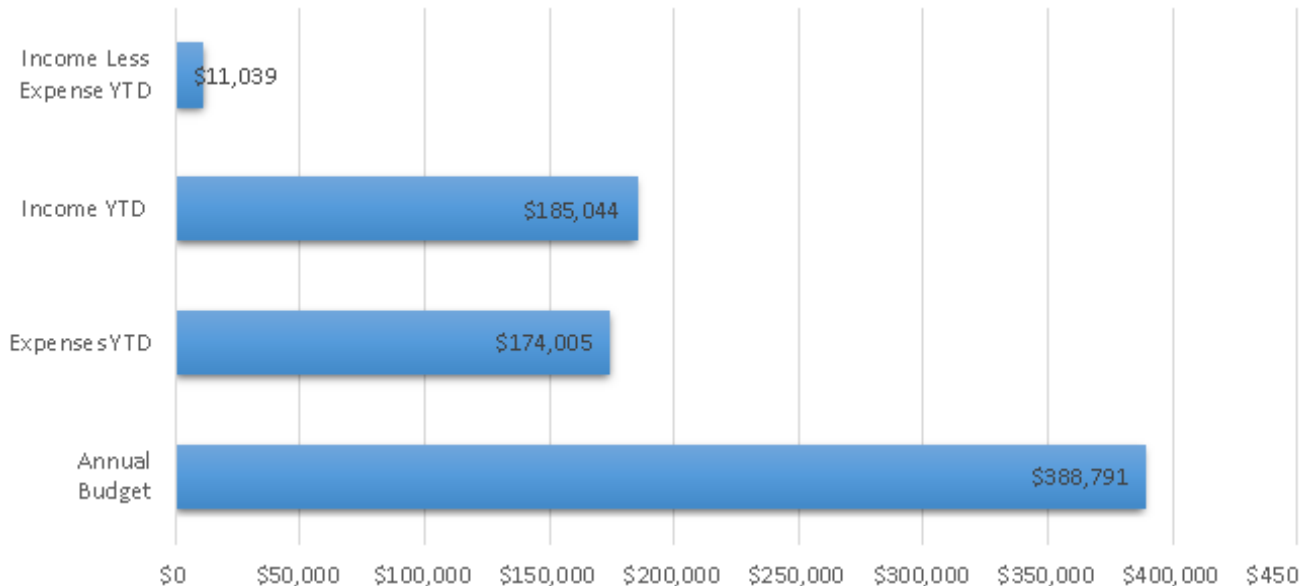

CELEBRATION RINGERS

See worship folder for more information

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER *by Louise Johnson*

THE 2023 FINANCIAL CLOSE REVIEW was completed in November and the letter from the CPA is posted on the whiteboard in the Narthex .

Quarterly Financial Update – Q2 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Available in your narthex mail box.
If you would like a copy emailed to you,
please call the church office or email
treasurer@trinityhuntley.org

ELGIN PREGNANCY CENTER DRIVE



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

January 21st - February 18th



January 21st - February 18th is Trinity's time to celebrate the lives of babies through our support of the TLC Pregnancy Services 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. In addition, they also are accepting small denomination gift cards (\$5-\$10) for stores (grocery/Walmart/Meijer). Please drop all items off in the bin near the mailboxes in the narthex (beginning Jan 21st).

The Trinity 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.

Please pray for the babies and their families and for the staff at the center.

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



The TLC Preschool has been buzzing since we returned from Christmas break. The sounds of the children just make our hearts sing! Unfortunately, Mother Nature has had different plans for us and we had to call off school for a couple days. We must admit that staying warm and cozy at home was enjoyed by us all!

It was nice that the children got to play in the snow before the cold winds started to blow and the wind chills plummeted. Little does winter know, that you can bring winter inside when the temperatures don't allow us to go outside. The children loved playing in the snow in the classrooms and building snowmen, forts and snowballs in the sensory tables. Imaginations really kick in when you are forced to think outside the box!

Registration is under way for the upcoming 2024-2025 season and we have had plenty of calls for tours. We have met some very nice families and even had a couple new friends start in our 4 year-old classroom.

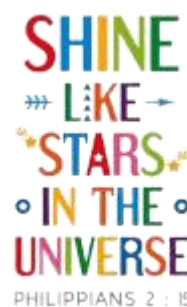
Even though winter is here in full force, the sunshine reminds us that Spring will be here before we know it! God is Great!

Brightest Blessings,
Kathy Kaszuba



Want to keep track of all things preschool?
Follow us on our Facebook page: TLCHuntley

Our 2023-2024 School-year theme:



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

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



SNAPSHOTS OF TRINITY


Trinity's kids are learning to Gather, Grow and Go!

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6




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.




BOOK REVIEW GROUP

All women are welcome!

2nd Tuesdays
1:30 pm @ Trinity

Join us on February 13th!
We will be discussing:
"Lady Clementine" by Marie Benedict and
"American Gospel" by Jon Meacham



BOOK REVIEW GROUP

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



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



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

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 2024

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 2024 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.



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

Luke Mahnke	2/02	Nolan McCoy	2/26
Connor DeVries	2/07	Miles Kahl	2/27
Cooper Dziekanski	2/07	Keith Bereolos	2/28
Richard Mueller	2/09		
Pat Phillips	2/10		
Dorothea Lotter	2/10		
Caelum Johnson	2/10		
Richard Stallbaum	2/15		
Darren Erath	2/16		
Maxwell Drafall	2/20		
Louise Johnson	2/20		
Eileen Solsberger	2/21		
Ian Furmanek	2/21		
John Varga	2/22		
Craig Dvorak	2/23		
Courtney Thomas	2/26		

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Lynette Schiesher 44 years on 2/02

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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Elders

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

Board of Ministry Directors

Ed Dennis
 Nancy Dvorak
 Ken Ladage
 Tim Mahnke
 Georgina Ozga-Dortch
 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 2024 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.