

THE TRINITY LUTHERAN
September, 2024



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS IS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 8, 2024. We will be making Lutheran World Relief School Kits that morning and giving them as an offering during the service. We need your help. Please donate monetarily to the Trinity for supplies or see Jill Scherer for a list of specific items needing to be purchased if you wish to donate items instead.



OUR NEW, EASILY ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE to the building on the lower level has been completed in 2 short days! Our Dream Team deserves a huge "THANK YOU!" If you see any of these people, give them a handshake: Kevin Scherer, Bob Fehrenbacher, Brian Scherer, Rob Scherer, John Scherer, Mark Scherer, Daniel Scherer, Mary Scherer, Mike Kurtz, Bob Crum. Thank you, Lord, for these hard-working, gifted people! Not only is everyone welcome, but all can now get in and out of our building in a safe manner.



COME JOIN US FOR People of Faith.
We meet the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the forum room.

LECTORS, ACOLYTES, & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Please head to Sign-Up Central to get your names on the lists! Thank you for serving & caring.

A BRAND-NEW ADVENTURE FOR US IS an outreach to meet our neighbors and discover more about them. On the 4th Thursday of each month, we are hosting "Brown Bag Supper in the Library!" Each month we will have a guest speak from 5:30-6pm who will talk about their profession, or passion, or even their hobby, as we eat the supper each of us has brought. Then we will have a 15-minute question and answer session. We clean up and will be out of the library by 6:30 when they close.



PLEASE LET THE OFFICE know if we need to add or update any personal information such as mailing or email address. Let the office know if you would like your birthdate or anniversary date included in the monthly newsletter. You can email the office at trinityolney@gmail.com or call 392-4181. Thank you.

PLEASE CONTINUE to pray for our Sister Congregation, Salem Lutheran Church in Peoria.

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ARE YOU PASSIONATE about our preschool here at Trinity? Consider donating to keep this ministry going. Thank you for giving to this very worthwhile branch of this congregation.

COMING IN OCTOBER: Reformation Celebration! Sunday, October 27. Carry-in: brats, buns, sauerkraut, table service, and drinks provided. Live German Band, Hayrides and pumpkin carving. Bring a dish to share.

WCM HAS AN OPENING FOR A TEACHER FOR MOM'S MORNING OUT. Come spoil small kids and send them home. And get paid. See Mike Kurtz

GOOD MORNING! I would like to thank everyone for all the thoughts and prayers for my recent hospital stay. Cheryl Sanders

MAY GOD COMFORT the family of Michael Eyer who passed away August 9th in O'Fallon, Il. The funeral was Friday, August 16th. Mike was the brother of Donna Harris of Trinity and related to many others in the congregation.

MAY GOD COMFORT the family of Douglas R. Slagley who passed away Thursday, August 22. A graveside service was held Saturday, August 31st at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Xenia. Doug was the husband of Angela and father of Luke of Trinity.

JOIN US IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM in the Olney Library on Thursday, August 22 at 5:30. Bring your own Brown Bag Supper to eat while we hear from Babbs Pitts speak on the benefits of Yoga. Invite a friend to come and join us.

SHIRLEY KESSLER has been transferred to the Baptist hospital in Madisonville. Please keep her in prayer for a quick recovery.

FALL KIDS MALL: "THANK YOU, we just wanted to send you a thank you card. We really appreciate the help! Thank you for your love and kindness. You guys all really make a difference in our community. It makes the kiddos feel good to have some new clothes and shoes when they start back at school! Thank you for your time and effort, and you are all doing amazing!"

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Nancy McClenathan
Becky Holstrum
Babbs Pitts, President
Beth Saler, Council Secretary
Matt Powell
John Scherer, Vice President
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Brooklyn Diel
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MMO ~ Brooke Wheeler
Brookelyn Mitchell

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Prayer Chain~ John Scherer
Convalescing Meals ~ Becky Holsturm
Funeral Luncheons ~ Carol Diel, Sharon Kurtz
Fellowship ~ Autumn Ryden
Learning ~ Nancy McClenathan
Memorials & Special Gifts ~ Sarah Kincaid
Property ~ Kevin Scherer
Service ~ Angela Slagley, Beth Saler

Stewardship ~ Brooklyn Diel (liaison)
Witness ~ Becky Holstrum
Worship ~ Beth Saler
Finance ~ Mike Kurtz
Youth~ Matt Powell
GROUPS: Remember When ~ Rosemary West



- 2 Lennon Higgason
- 2 Bailey Shan
- 2 Ben Powell
- 4 Drew Cantwell
- 5 Judy Doan
- 6 David Burgener
- 9 Emily Petty
- 9 Rhoda Slichenmyer
- 9 Collin Diel
- 11 Brian Scherer
- 12 Kyle Cantwell
- 13 Mary Lou Sager
- 13 Brittaney Joanne Diel
- 14 Austin Bussard
- 14 Peyton Hightower
- 15 Bruce Peters
- 19 Jeff Ryden
- 20 Kevin Ryden
- 22 Nathan Stevens
- 22 Nancy McClenathan
- 22 Owen Powell
- 24 Don Graham
- 28 Bob Crum
- 28 Darlene Fritschle



- 3 Don & Susie Graham
- 8 Jeff & Tanara Ryden
- 23 Bryan & Christina Kapicka
- 26 Erik & Kim Oslawski

SPECIAL CARE MEMBERS (as of 9/01/2024)

Patricia Roberts Stonebridge, 1304 N. East St. Olney
Mary Lou Sager c/o Colonial Assisted Living Community,
1622 S Hart St. Room 133, Vincennes, IN 47591
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Audrey Scherer 600 S Christy Ave. Sumner, IL 62466 618 936-2169
Gary Cowan 1525 Cypress Rd. Olney, IL 62450 618 838-2300

THRIVENT MEMBERS: If you haven't done anything with your Choice Dollars recently, please check your Thrivent account and allocate your dollars. They do expire after a time if they are not used. If you have any questions about how to do this you can call Thrivent at 800.847.4836.



September 2024 Newsletter

This last month has changed us. At least I hope it has. I have been altered, and I continue to find myself looking in the mirror and discover that I am “different.” Because we have been changed, altered and transformed, I hope we find ourselves: hugging our families close to our hearts. Those who are near, visit and hold onto them tightly. Those who are far away, call often and say exactly how much you miss and love them. Don’t miss a chance to tell them. This minute is what we have.

Have I told you how much I love you today? I do! I love each one of you, very much! This means YOU! Please take this personally, because I mean it for everyone in this church.

Pastor Kathi

THE PARK

"PLAY IN THE PARK" Join us on September 21 at 5:00 p.m. for Play in the Park! Please make plans to attend and if you are able, bring food to share.



NEW BOOK AVAILABLE TO CHECK OUT FROM CHURCH LIBRARY This month the church library is featuring a book entitled, *Burning Within* by Ranelle Wallace with Curtis Taylor. This inspirational, true story is about a married couple that survives a fiery plane crash, with Ranelle suffering severe burns and disfiguration and her recovery with God's help. This book will be displayed in the narthex during September and is available for check out.

August 20, 2024 Council minutes

Present: President Babbs Pitts, Keven Scherer, Brooklyn Diel, Matt Powell, Nancy McClenathan, John Scherer, Beth Saler, Pastor Kathi Boland

Pastor opened the meeting with devotions.

The financial report was reviewed.

Pastor Kathi moved the minutes be accepted. John Scherer seconded; the motion passed.

Pastor Kathi's report was passed after a motion by Beth Saler and a second by Kevin Scherer. Pastor Kathi wants to establish a wedding team to be in place for non-member weddings. Kevin Scherer and John Scherer will help with that.

Bishop Bosboom has approved SAM Dr. Jillian Scherer to preach and preside at Trinity on Sundays when Pastor Kathi is unavailable. SAMs are not usually authorized to preside in their home congregations, but the bishop understands that we have very few supply pastor options.

John Scherer moved and Nancy McClenathan seconded that Trinity join the ELEA contingent on a member's earlier offer to pay the fee still being in place. The motion passed.

Property committee: Kevin Scherer. The downstairs entrance is now much more accessible. A ramp for the side entrance has been purchased and will be installed.

Brooklyn Diel is working on the next stewardship information.

Other committee liaisons are listed in the newsletter and are available for questions.

John Scherer raised the question for later consideration of us having more flat screen TV's in the building.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Saler, secretary



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