

TRINITY TIDINGS

OCTOBER, 2017

Believing in Christ, we are called to grow and are sent to serve.

Thinking Out Loud with Pastor Josh

I'm about to lay down a revelation for yall.
Pastors are normal, too.

I know we know that. As I'm typing this, I'm sitting at a conference of pastors and lay ministers from across our synod. Some of us have been ministering in congregations for decades, some of us are looking forward to serving a church for the first time. We're all trying to figure out what it means to live our faith fully.

Bishop Clements opened our conference with a remarkable sermon about our faith in Christ shaping our lived identity. Which seems so obvious because, ya know, we're pastors and ministers. It's supposed to be our thing to "be" faithful at all times.

And it is. I have no doubt I am in a large room right now surrounded by women and men who love God so dearly that we cannot do anything but preach and teach about him. We genuinely want every person to know God's nearness and love. Our keynote speaker is a brilliant scholar (Rev Dr. Karoline Lewis) whose passion for the gospel of John is inspiring us to get up and carry this one book out into the streets. Many of us will say, "There's nothing else I can do."

Acknowledging that our faith is our identity, we ministers also question and wonder how to live our faith. How to "be" faithful. We hesitate speaking God's name, lest we offend. We doubt when the right time is to name racism, sexism and all the sinful divisions amongst our friends, lest we come across as too Jesusy. We walk in the world knowing that we are seen as representatives of the WHOLE church and sometimes all we want to do is buy a gallon of milk.

I note this not for sympathy or anything like that. I'm being reminded that, if we appointed God-talkers have questions of how to speak God's name, it is even more the challenge for normal people. As it's expected of ministers, it is all the more powerful and beautiful when God's name flows from regular voices. And yet, to say the name of God out loud creates risk.

Take heart, friends, when you think back on an opportunity and may have missed it. Our call as disciples (you and me) is to keep looking for ways to reflect Christ. Sometimes we just want to buy milk and be left alone. Or we don't want to offend. Or we don't want to risk our stability and relationships speaking words that might change people's thoughts of us.

Bishop Clements reminded us, compassionately, that we disciples don't get to turn off our faith. We are never done being moved by Christ. It is our entire life that is made new in baptism. It's every aspect of our being that is renewed through the holy meal. Even as we wonder, whether as rostered ministers or everyday Christians, our relationship with Christ is daily and ongoing and never ends. Jesus finds us and empowers us and sends us out every day to share his light.

Take heart, we're going to hesitate and doubt and slow our step. Christ will forgive us and keep us moving. Christ will fill us with all that we need to do what comes naturally to all of us-share our love from God for the sake of our neighbors.

Trust in God's Grace.
Pastor Josh Ehrler

DEEP DIGS (Adult Learning)

Topic: The Reach of Forgiveness

Sunday, October 15

So we're forgiven. What does that mean? What does that change about our lives or our world? We'll dig into the power of forgiveness to not only set us free but to free us to live it out through our relationships. Even throughout the wider divides of our culture. We'll name some of those great divides and consider how we can step across them by God's Grace for the sake of our neighbor.

Deep Digs is our monthly learning opportunity for adults to gather after worship ask hard questions about our faith, our lives and our world. This year we will cover a wide variety of topics, such as Forgiveness, World Religions and Gender Issues. We're talking about these around the coffee table anyway, at Trinity we bring them right into our learning time. Anyone can attend and participate in Deep Digs, which occurs on the 3rd Sunday of each month at **11:00am (after worship)**. Come and wonder how God is at work in Creation.



Catechism

STUDY SMALL CATECHISM WITH COUNCIL

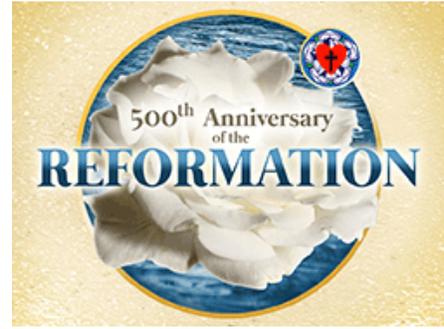
For the next several months, our Council will be spending their devotion time studying the Small Catechism. You're invited to read through the catechism at your own pace. As you engage the words and ideas about God that shape our church identity, we hope you will note God's Grace flowing across the pages.

The Small Catechism is designed to help us remember the nearness of our Lord.

This month the Council is studying the 10 Commandments, specifically the Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and mother. Luther writes, "We are to fear and love God, so that we neither despise nor anger our parents and others in authority, but instead honor, serve, obey, love and respect them."



REFORMATION 500 OPPORTUNITIES



On Sunday, October 29, we will celebrate with Lutheran churches around the world the 500th anniversary of our church. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses (grievances) about his mother church to a church door and everything took off from there. If you want to participate in this history through unique opportunities, here are a couple opportunities happening in our area:

N.I. SYNOD CENTRAL CONFERENCE REFORMATION 500 GATHERING Sunday, October 15

To be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church (16th & Lefevre) in Sterling, IL. **This is for Everyone!**

2:30 pm Presentation by Professor Wanda Deifelt, scholar on Lutheran history and currently engaged in our renewed work with the Roman Catholic church, will be speaking on the many similarities we share with our Catholic brothers and sisters.

4:00 pm Worship with Bishop Jeffrey Clements featuring a Hymn-sing "Through the Year with Martin Luther" * (followed by a complimentary light supper (paid for by ELCA congregations of the Central Conference, Northern Illinois Synod)

*For more information, talk to Karen Larson or visit the NI Synod website at nisynod.org.

REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE ST JOHN LUTHERAN, MENDOTA Sunday, October 31, 4:00PM

Traditionally held every year, this synod wide worship event will be specifically shaped by our Lutheran heritage as we gather from across Northern Illinois to give thanks that the global church continues to be a strong sign of Grace. Worship led by Bishop Jeff Clements. Wear red!



WORSHIP ROLES AT TRINITY

Worship is of God and from God for the people God loves. You can be part of our ever-growing leadership team.

*Worship
Leaders*

We're looking for ushers/greeters. We'd love to have more Bible readers, and everyone enjoys hearing a diversity of musical gifts.

Come, sing, read, pray, dance (yeah, dancing would be wonderful), give a testimony, play an instrument, distribute communion, hold the doors open for guests. There is a place for you in worship; your gifts will help everyone grow in faith.



USHER/GREETER PLAN

Our Council President, Al Ulferts, has devised a plan to ensure we have ushers and greeters each and every week of the year. We'd love for you to be part of it.

His schedule will work if we can have **20 people to commit to usher during the year.**

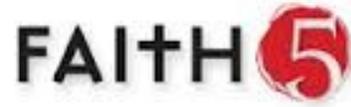
There would be four (4) permanent teams of 5 ushers each, and each of those teams would usher three (3) months of the year - not 3 months in a row. (See proposed Schedule below)

With 5 members on each team, that would allow members to trade Sundays off and allow for 5 members to usher on the special days when communion is held at the rail

- Team 1 would usher: Jan, May & Sep
- Team 2 would usher: Feb, Jun & Oct
- Team 3 would usher: Mar, Jul & Nov
- Team 4 would usher: Apr, Aug & Dec

Want to join one of our Usher Teams?
Call the church office (815-734-6354) and we'll get you connected.

FAITH5 – “EVERY NIGHT IN EVERY HOME”



- Share** (highs and lows).
- Read** (a Bible verse or story).
- Talk** (about the Bible reading).
- Pray** (for each other).
- Bless** (one another).

5 formative steps that may take 5 minutes or much longer before supper or getting into bed. Look for the book marks in the pews and take one home for your own use. Use the verse of the week found at the top of every Refrigerator Reminders as a way to open the Bible together. Take 5 to Faith 5 as a family, with friends, on your own.

2017 OGLE COUNTY CROP WALK

“Ending Hunger One Step at a Time”

Sunday, October 1, 2017

1:30 pm Registration

2:00 pm Walk Starts

Registration will be at the Church of the Brethren here in Mt. Morris. There will be two walks: A one mile walk will be in town and the 5 mile walk will be around and outside of town.

Plan now to walk or sponsor a walker! The walk raises funds for Church World Service (CWS) CROP and five local food pantries including: Loaves & Fish, Lifeline-Polo, Lifeline - Oregon, Bread for Life, and the Forrester Food Pantry.

Pick up your sponsor envelope to collect donations from the folders in the bell tower hallway or in the back of the Nave (worship space).

Extra helpers will be needed the day of the walk to hand out water, etc. Contact Ed Weinberg at 815-734-4250, or email him at eweinberg48@aol.com.

If you have any questions, Trinity's committee member is Joe Dettloff .

“Walk. Give. Change the World”



RESPONDING TO GOD

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on Aug. 26, 2017, threatening millions of people with multiple days of heavy rain, winds and rising tides. Hurricane Irma made landfall Aug 30, 2017, on Florida's southern coast and moved across the state.

For every natural disaster, Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) arrives on-scene immediately after the devastation and stays long after many other organizations move on. If you are considering a financial gift to support our neighbors continuing to recover, please consider LDR. LDR will direct nearly 100% of your contribution directly to the hurricane relief efforts.

Here, we share a post from Bishop Michael Rinehart, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, which has been heavily impacted by the storm.

Harvey roared ashore between Port Arkansas and Port O'Connor, as a Category 4 hurricane on Friday, August 25, around 11:00 p.m. After devastating Rockport and other areas around Corpus Christi, it slowly crept north and dumped historic levels of water on the Houston area. As a result, thousands of homes were destroyed.

Many congregations served as shelters to those whose homes are flooded, or who had to evacuate. St. John Lutheran Church in Bellville, Christ Lutheran in El Campo and Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Conroe are just a few examples. St. Paul Lutheran Church in La Grange sheltered two nursing homes that evacuated.

However, some congregational facilities were themselves flooded. Messiah Lutheran Church in Cypress, Texas (Northwest Houston), had 3 to 6 inches of water throughout all of their buildings, including a new addition that they had just added. Faith Lutheran Church in Dickinson, took 3 feet of water, like much of the town, which was under mandatory evacuation. Salem Evan. Lutheran Church in Southwest Houston has not yet been assessed. Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church in Houston's Rice Village took on water around the property that quickly receded, leaving a few inches of water in their basement sacristy and choir rooms. More than a dozen other congregations took on water in various parts of their building. Still other congregational facilities stayed dry, but members' homes flooded, leaving the congregations struggling.

These congregations will have a difficult time, in large part because insurance companies do not like to insure congregations so close to the coast. Quite a few of these congregations had no flood insurance.

The good news is ministry continues. Evacuees were sheltered in homes and churches. Five thousand people stayed at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. There have been, and continue to be, touching acts of kindness from strangers. The church is the

CHORISTERS RESUMES NEW DAY, NEW TIME!



Calling all children through 6th grade!

Starting October 1st, Choristers will rehearse on Sunday mornings!

Sunday School singing begins at 11:30 am and children are invited to stay to sing, dance and play instruments for 25 minutes.

Choristers will continue to sing in worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month, as well as singing in the Sunday School Christmas program, 4 pm Christmas Eve service, Palm Sunday processional and Mother's Day Choir.

DID YOU "USED TO" PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

Our Chime Choir is a great place to make music. Under the direction of Dr. Matthew Guschl, the Chime Choir continues to grow musically and delight the congregation on the 4th Sunday of each month, September through May. Rehearsals are held at 6 pm on Wednesday evenings. Basic music reading is helpful, on the job training is available. We have a lot of fun, come and join in the song.



SUNDAY SCHOOL is in NEED of TEACHERS and HELPERS!

You do not need to commit to every Sunday. If you are not comfortable leading, assistants are needed as well. Our current Sunday School students range in age from 4 years thru 6th grade. That is quite a wide span!

The Education committee is looking for volunteers to work with these students—we have an age group for everyone! You do not need to commit to every Sunday. If you are not comfortable leading, helpers are welcome.

Not sure? Please feel free to contact either of us:

Ellen Finrock: erbookworm6@gmail.com

Jackie Sances at 815-721-7709 (call or text) or
jmsances@outlook.com

A sign-up sheet is also posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



YC & YOUTH FIELD TRIP TO TEMPLE BETH-EL SYNAGOGUE

Friday, October 13, 5:30pm

Trinity's youth and YC families will be travelling to Rockford Friday, October 13, to worship at Temple Beth-El Synagogue.

Temple Beth-El is a Jewish house of worship of the Reform tradition. We last visited the temple a few years ago and appreciate being welcomed to return for Shabbat at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in participating in this trip, please talk to Pr Josh. All YC, youth and their families are invited to attend. We will leave Trinity's parking lot at 5:30pm to give us time for supper and conversation before arriving at Temple Beth-El.

Be sure to bring a little money for food and your curiosity.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir is not just for adults. Singers from Junior High age and older are invited to sing. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday. Trinity's adult choir helps to lead worship on the 1st, 2nd or 5th Sundays of each month and special services, September through May. We sing beautiful and challenging music, old songs and new songs, all to praise God with our voices.

6:45 pm Men's Rehearsal

7:00 pm Full Chancel Rehearsal

7:30 pm Women's Rehearsal



A group of Trinity youth visits with Kelly Handschuh during 2017 Rally Day.

RALLY DAY FUN

Trinity's annual day to celebrate the return of Sunday School, was held September 10th. Thank you to the Christian Education Committee: Ellen Finrock, Rob Urish, Jackie Sances, Mary Jo Dilbeck and Kelly Handschuh, along with their helpers, Darlene Raney and Carol Reckmeyer for organizing all of the fun, food and activities.



SUNDAY SCHOOL is each Sunday at 10:45 am. All children 4 years through 6th grade are welcome!

At left, the megaphone came in handy to gather everyone for games and Lunch. To the right, one of Trinity's youth receives assistance with her crochet swing.

Thanks to everyone who helped, donated and attended. The crochet and horseshoe sets will be used for years to come. See more Rally Day Photos on Trinity's Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/tlcmmm](https://www.facebook.com/tlcmmm).



"CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ... WHO ME?"

Early last spring, when Pastor Josh encouraged Church Council members to explain to the congregation why they agreed to Council membership, I thought to myself "That would be easy!": Paraphrasing the comedian from decades ago, Flip Wilson, "My mother made me do it!" Like many of you, I suppose, there is this recording playing in my head, placed there by my parents. It goes something like "It's Sunday! Time for church. Get dressed and get a move on!" Generalized, it means a 'good' Christian must serve the needs of one's church.

However, after more serious consideration, there are at least two more substantive reasons that have motivated me to serve on the Church Council.

First, an altruistic reason; when I reflect upon my childhood and formative years here in Mount Morris, I think I must have won the "Happy Days" lottery! Growing up in this community was fun and my experiences were exclusively positive, including attending and ultimately becoming a member of Trinity.

In those days, the sanctuary was packed full on a Sunday. (Craig Suttman recently found a 1958 service bulletin which reported Sunday Worship Service attendance exceeding 300 members! 200 children were attending Sunday school!) Both Junior and Senior choirs filled the choir lofts in the chancel area during worship. Each year, catechism class was 15 or 20 students. When the Congregation Annual Picnic was held, Trinity "took over" much of White Pines State Park or Lowden Park. Of course, Mt. Morris was a dramatically different community during those years!

And, while I realize we cannot return to those times, I feel a deep indebtedness to Trinity because of the positive effect it had upon my life. Isn't this attitude and behavior what is called "Paying it forward"?

Second, a more selfish reason; Council membership affords one the opportunity for fellowship, good humor, and decision-making in pursuit of Trinity's Mission and is a deeply gratifying experience. In other words, "It's fun!" and it doesn't take much time; several hours a month.

Have you an interest in playing a more active role in pursuit of Trinity's Mission "... to grow and to serve"? Give Council membership your serious consideration. If you have questions, I'm certain current or past council members, or Pastor Josh will be happy to answer them. If you agree to join the council, I'm confident you will not be disappointed!

Rob Urish

RECRUITING CHURCH COUNCIL CANDIDATES

As we enter the final months of the 2017 calendar year, we also come to the final three months of the 3-year terms of four council members.

Please prayerfully consider putting your name up for election. Questions? Any of the current council members below would be happy to talk with you

Linda Borneman
Joe Dettloff
Melody Dula
Tom Dula
Ellen Finfrock
Joshua Keene

Ron Lewis
Dave Link
Leonard Martin
Joe Ricks
Al Ulferts
Rob Urish

TRINITY SEEKING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Are you an individual with a love of learning and people of all ages? If yes, then we've got a unique opportunity waiting for you! We are seeking a part time Director of Christian Education. This individual will implement the educational ministries of the church, including among others, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

If you, or someone you know is interested, please see the full ad posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the sanctuary, bell-tower hallway and Opportunities Board. The ad is also posted on our website. Applications are being accepted.

COME AND MAKE MUSIC!

Join hearts and hands and voices together at Trinity.



There is a place for you in the worship and music of Trinity Lutheran Church. It is not too late to come and make music with us this fall. Talk to any members of the W&M committee if you have any questions.

*Linda Borneman, Karen Larson, Christy Lewis, Joan Sundvall,
Marcia Mongan, Julie Robinson*



MINISTRY CAFÉ

Please join the Outreach & Social Ministries Committees for Our Ministry Café. The Café is a fund raiser that we will be coordinating with our regular

ministries the Noisy Offering collects for during Saturday & Sunday services.

This will become a regular monthly fund raiser to take place in the Chapel (gathering space) on the **first Sunday of every month, beginning October 1st.**

We will be offering treats such as home baked goods, breakfast casseroles and coffee to enjoy while socializing with fellow members and guests **starting at 8:30 AM and serving until the 9:30 worship service starts.**

This will be a “Free Will Offering.” Your generosity will be very much appreciated!

If you are interested in donating a baked treat or a breakfast casserole to help raise money for the current ministry, please see the sign-up sheet that is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Chapel.

Thanks for your support!

STAFF APPRECIATION

The weekend of October 7 & 8, we’re celebrating Staff Appreciation. Please take a moment to thank our talented and dedicated paid staff, listed below. Please join us after the 9:30 service on Sunday, October 8, to honor them.

Pastor Josh, prjoshehrler@gmail.com

Pastor Intern (Vicar) Karyn Kost kkost@tloshio.edu

Office Manager, Nancy Nelson,
trintymm@frontier.com

Sexton Floyd Drumheller, 815-734-6354

Parish Musician Karen Larson,
karens Larson@gmail.com

Chime Choir Director Matt Guschl
mattguschl@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School Coordinator Kelly Hanschuh
goghgogh66@gmail.com

Financial Secretary, Louise Suttman,
lsuttman@aeroinc.net

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duffy211@comcast.net

“BE THE CHURCH” SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

TELC will conduct the semi-annual “Be the Church” Sunday. We will have several projects to perform for our members plus Route 64 Highway clean-up. We hope to have a very large number of volunteers to participate in doing these projects. Projects might include raking yards, washing windows, cleaning a room, or trimming bushes.

If you are willing to help work on a project, please sign the **WORKERS** clipboard being kept in the front pew of the church or notify the church office.



Crete LeFevre paints in the new building at LOMC during Spring “Be the Church” Sunday

If you are a person who needs some work done, please sign the **PROJECTS** clipboard or call the church office (734-6354) so a person or crew can be assigned.

The schedule for the day: 9:30 Worship;

10:30 fellowship and treats in the nave;

(Note: **No Sunday School** will be held this week);

10:45 prayer & work assignments announced in the nave

1:00 wrap up task.

(watch for more information in Reminders)

Previous “Be The Church” Sundays have been very successful and we are hoping this event will surpass them. With many hands, great work can be done. Please consider helping; **all ages are welcome!**



Preparing to spread mulch at David L. Rahn Jr. High 7

TWELCA

T.W.E.L.C.A. stands for Trinity Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. TWELCA's Mission statement is: **to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.**



Dorcas group meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am. at the church. They are studying A Stand-up Comic Sits Down with Jesus, a devotional booklet.

Naomi group meets the 4th Monday at 1:00 pm from April through November at the church. Their studies are taken from *Gather* magazine (publish. by ELCA.)

Both groups invite all women to join them!



Dorcas & Naomi Group's Annual Combined Potluck Picnic, was held Aug. 28th. Above, Carol Reckmeyer opened the evening with introductions and devotions.

Below, Bonnie Johnson entertained the ladies with humorous tales complete with a Swedish accent.

Not pictured—Linda Duffy led the group in "Halloween Bingo" As always, an enjoyable time for all!



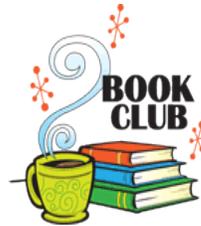
Food Collection

TWELCA will be providing treats to the children of Nachusa. They would appreciate your help in this endeavor.

Please have your donations to the church Chapel by **Noon on Tuesday October 24!**

The following items are suggestions:

Cheetos	Candy	Potato chips
Assorted snacks	Peanuts	Pretzels
Popcorn, Popped	Microwave popcorn	
Purchased cookies	Purchased brownies	



LADY'S BOOK CLUB NEWS

Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 pm we will meet at Julie Robinson's home. Our book will be The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls.

Questions? Please call Julie Robinson 815-973-3174

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB



The next meeting of the Breakfast Club will be **Saturday, Oct 14 , at 8:00 am.** We will meet at **Fiesta Palace Restaurant** in Mt. Morris.

We will order from the menu. Each person is responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

Everyone is welcome!

Meet for Breakfast

QUILT GROUP

The fall session of the Quilt Group is busy every **Wednesday , from 9 - 11 am** in the Fellowship Hall.



There are opportunities for men and women to cut squares, design quilts, put quilts together, tie quilts and visit. Donations of fabric and sheets for backing are appreciated.

Come help us quilt for Lutheran World Relief. Or, bring your own project to work on in the company of others.



LOAVES & FISH FOOD PANTRY SERVING MT. MORRIS AND LEAF RIVER

The Pantry is located on the lower level of the Church of the Brethren: 409 W Brayton Rd, Mt. Morris.
Pantry hours:

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month: 4:30 – 7 pm

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month: 2:00 – 4:30 pm

Loaves & Fish could use volunteers to help unload food deliveries and helping in the pantry. The dates are listed on our monthly calendar. If you are able to help, please call Trinity's Pantry Representatives: Barb Diehl 815-734-4011 or Marilyn Pazera 815-734-7268

LIFELINE FOOD PANTRY NEWS

LIFELINE is located in Conover Square at 203 N 3rd St, Suite 6, Oregon, IL. (old piano factory) Hours are:

Tues 9:30—Noon*; Thurs 1:30—4:30 pm
Fri 1:30—4:30 pm*; Sat 10:30—1:30 pm.

*Food is available on Tuesday & Friday.

We are very grateful for everyone who contributes to Lifeline. We couldn't fulfill our mission without the help of many individuals, churches, businesses and our volunteers. Thank you

Lifeline served 301 clients during August.



We are in need of: all kinds of canned beans, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, Hamburger Helper and toilet tissue.

Questions? call 815-222-6712.

DEEP BREATHING

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 28,
9 am - 11 am**

for relaxation—and just to stay alive, and a couple of other spiritual practices that may help you cope with the day's stressors.

A workshop by Pastor Lay to help relieve stress, gain calm, and find a closer relationship with our Lord.

(meet in the basement Fellowship Hall)

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES ALL SAINTS WEEKEND November 4 & 5, 2017

During our worship, we will be honoring our loved ones whom have died and gone home with God during the past year. (From Reformation weekend, Nov 5 & 6, 2016 to current.)

Please let us know if there is anyone in your life you would like to have recognized during our services. The church office will collect all names and there is time in worship to come forward and light a candle for any need you may have.

Please notify the person/people you would like to have remembered by **Tuesday, October 31st.**

13TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA

**Sunday, December 3, 2017
3:00 pm**

Here at Trinity in Sanctuary
(worship space)



Christmas Cantata

**Singers and Instrumentalists:, Rehearsals begin
Tuesday, October 10, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.**

Join in the 13th annual Community Christmas Cantata. This is a fabulous opportunity to sing in a 50+ voice choir with instrumental accompaniment. This year the music will be *Invitation to a Miracle* by Joseph Martin.

Under the direction of Christy Lewis, singers of high school age and up from all over Ogle County rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm beginning October 10th. (Note the date change.)

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



A summary of the Sept 11, 2017 Church Council Meeting:

- Devotions were from Exodus 20:1-17. Discussed the first three Commandments from the Small Catechism.
- Added three additional discussion topics to agenda
 - 1) No parking on Brayton Road proposal by the village of Mount Morris—Joshua Keene (village voted unanimously not to ban parking on Brayton Rd)
 - 2) Curriculum for Sunday School—Ellen Finfrock
 - 3) Clergy & Staff appreciation—Al Ulferts
- Finance Committee reported they are preparing for October budget meeting. Ameritrade will begin disbursements for Vicar Karyn.
- Property committee discussed natural gas prices for upcoming year. Noted boiler needs inspection to prepare for winter.
- Worship committee reported Choristers will meet after Sunday School at 11:30 am this year.
- Youth & Education committee reported 65 adults and youth at Rally Day. Committee continues to clean & organize Sunday School area. Volunteers are needed for Sunday School. One candidate interview scheduled for Christian Education Director.
- Outreach/Social Ministry/Stewardship Committee plans to coordinate trip to Hoo Haven Wildlife Preserve for 1st Sunday of Nov. Are currently Coordinating Ministry Café & “Be the Church” Sunday. Motion approved to purchase an annual video license contract for \$235, to be paid from Art & Grace Dietze Memorial Fund.
- A request from Village of Progress for assistance following July flooding was discussed and motion approved to donate \$315 from Bob Stouffer Memorial Fund.
- Hollie Guist was present to discuss quotes for insurance. Motion passed to accept quote.
- Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

There is always an invitation for piano, clarinet, trumpet, ukulele, guitar, flute, recorder or any other instrument to play offering, prelude or communion music. You are encouraged to use your gifts and talents in our worship.



FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST, 2017

Total Monthly Budget Income	\$ 13,862.17
Total Monthly Budget Expense	\$ 17,080.38
Year-to-date Budget Income	\$150,482.54
Year-to-date Budget Expense	\$147,880.95
Year-to-date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2,601.59

Many of us find it much easier to make online transactions than to use cash or checks. If you use direct deposit or electronic bill pay on a regular basis, please know that Trinity offers that option for regular giving as well. Talk with the church office for details and to receive the form needed to get started.



NOISY OFFERING FOR OCTOBER TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY VBS FUND

The purpose of our Noisy Offering is to teach the joy of giving to God.

Over 100 of our community's children, pre-school thru 5th grade attended Vacation Bible School this past July. An additional 31 junior and senior high school students served as able assistants.

The time and effort that Kelly Handschuh and her dedicated crew of youth and adult volunteers from Trinity, Disciples United Methodist, and Church of the Brethren was well rewarded by the enthusiasm and joy expressed daily by the children.

On behalf of the community's children, Thank you!

VBS takes time, effort and money to purchase the program, food and supplies necessary to make the week such a success.

To enable the churches to continue to provide this wonderful ministry at no cost to attendees, so **all** children may attend, we rely on your continued generous support.

Results of September Collection for VBS Fund (through Sept 17) is **\$82.67**.

TRINITY'S SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER 2017

Altar Guild

All month: Sunny Hughes & Carrie Lay

Acolytes

9/30 10/1 Alexys
7 8 Alexys
14 15 Carolyn.
21 22 Kendra
28 29 Lena

Ushers/ Greeters

Wayne Schelling, Joe Dettloff
Cindy and Dave Link

Song Leaders & Cantors

1 Linda Borneman
8 Steve Pearson
15 Linda Borneman
22 Mary Jo Dilbeck
29 Lily Welp

Assisting Ministers:

9/30 Arika B 10/1 Ashton P.
7 Arika B. 8 Ashton P.
14 Arika B. 15 Ashton P.
21 Arika B. 22 Carolyn D.
28 Arika B. 29 Carolyn D.

Communion Assistants:

1
8
15
22
29

Coffee Hour Hosts

1
8
15
22
29

Blood Pressure Checks

(Normally Last Sunday of Month)

29 Crete LeFevre & Robin Keene

Pinecrest Video Ministry

9 Steve Pearson
23 Steve Pearson

Lector Schedule*

1
8
15
22
29

*Scripture Readings

1 Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 78.1-4,
12-16
Matthew 21.23-32
8 Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19, Mathew 21.33-46
15 See Weekly Reminder
22 See Weekly Reminder
29 See Weekly Reminder

Altar Flowers

1 Warren & Carol Reckmeyer
8 Council
15
22
29

Home Communion

(Normally 1st Sunday of Month)

Melody Dula
Dave & Cindy Link
Jackie Sances
Sandra Stengel

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WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (*DETAILS INSIDE)

SATURDAY evening worship service at 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 9:30 am Worship Service
Fellowship Time following Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:45 am (4 yrs — 6th grade)*

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS

Chime Choir: 6:00 pm*

Full Chancel Choir: 7:00 pm* (Men rehearse at
6:45 pm; Women rehearse at 7:30 pm)

Choristers: New day & Time! **Sundays at 11:30**
as an extension of Sunday School, starting Oct
1st*

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE (*DETAILS INSIDE)

- Oct 1, 1:30 registration, 2:00 pm start of
Annual Crop Walk - in Mt. Morris*
- Oct 15, Reformation 500 Gathering!
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sterling,
Hymn Sing, Worship, Light Supper*
- Oct 22, “Be the Church” Sunday,
Immediately following 9:30 am Worship
No Sunday School—children can help!*
- Oct 28, 9 am—11 am Deep Breathing Workshop
With Pastor Frank Lay*
- Oct 28 & 29 Reformation Celebration!
Wear Red!
- Oct 29, 4:00 pm Synod-wide Reformation
Worship Service, Mendota* - wear Red!*
- Nov 4 & 5 “All Saints Weekend”*