

TRINITY *tidings*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ROLLING MEADOWS | FEBRUARY 2024

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR...

Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. That's right on Valentine's Day. Now both days represent a commitment to Love, and yet at the same time they seem quite different.

On a day when chocolates are typically given as gifts, many choose to begin a fast of things like chocolate during Lent. Or as flowers often are given to show our love of that special person, Lent typically begins a season when flowers do not adorn the sanctuary, representing a time of abstinence.

The Love of the Lenten season is shown in sacrifice and a re-dedication of our love for God. Traditional language says that we commit ourselves to self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love.

An Ash Wednesday Service with the Imposition of Ashes will be held on Wednesday, February 14th at 7 pm. You are welcome to join us and to bring friends and relatives.

Lenten Series

During the Season of Lent we will be focusing on a more catechetical (based on the catechism or teachings of the church) series. Both in worship and in the classes after services, we will focus on some Lutheran teachings.

The Worship Themes will be from the Catechism and the classes after worship will focus on your questions about faith, Lutheranism, and relevancy.

It will be a time to engage in conversation to discuss how faith is relevant in our lives. It will also be a time to explore how God may be calling us individually and as a congregation.

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, February 11th, Trinity will be receiving new members into our fellowship. We will also offer members an opportunity to affirm their baptismal promises during our worship services. The service of "Affirmation of Baptism" is what is typically used at one's "Confirmation."

However, the use of this service has been expanded with the introduction of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (the Cranberry Hymnal), for people who might be joining a congregation, or for members as a recommitment to the faith.

February 11th is also known as Transfiguration Sunday. It is the last season of the Season of "Epiphany" which began with the celebration of Jesus' Baptism, and ends with similar words heard from the cloud, affirming Jesus' beloved status with God.

The affirmation of Baptism, affirms God's promises from our Baptism, and offers us an opportunity to confirm the promises made at our Baptism to love and serve God. This Sunday is also the launching point that leads us into the season of Lent, which is also focused on rededicating our lives to the faith.

Recognize This Happy Couple?

(If Not Check On The Bottom Of Page 5)





Please join us for
TLC Valentine Tea & Appetizers
Sunday, February 18th at 11:30am

Trinity Lutheran Church
3201 Meadow Drive | Rolling Meadows, IL

Hosted by:
TLC Fellowship Team

Please sign-up you, and a friend.

**Take a card to send or hand to your friend*

JOIN US FOR OUR VALENTINE'S TEA PARTY AT TRINITY STARTING AT 11:30 AM ON FEBRUARY 18 WHERE FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO GATHER.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM IS HOSTING THE TEA AND THE GENTS ON THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM WILL HELP SERVE.

THE WILL TEA BE HELD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, THE ELEVATOR IS AVAILABLE IF NEEDED.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE DENA MCINTOSH.

TRINITY LADIES GROUP

THE TLC LADIES GROUP WILL MEET ON FEBRUARY 13 AT 12 NOON, SHARP!

WE WILL START OFF WITH LUNCHING TOGETHER AND THEN WE WILL TALK TRIVIA TOGETHER



THANK YOU

I would like to thank you for your generous gifts and supportive encouragement you as a congregation and as individuals gave me this Christmas.

It was a fun season and our Christmas Service with the children was also fun. I hope you enjoyed that child-like energy.

As we enter this new year, I pray that as a congregation we can come together and make some important decisions to lift the ministry of Trinity Lutheran and see to it's legacy.

However, I would be remiss if I did not say thank you for this opportunity to join with you individually and collectively in this journey of faith.

Pastor John



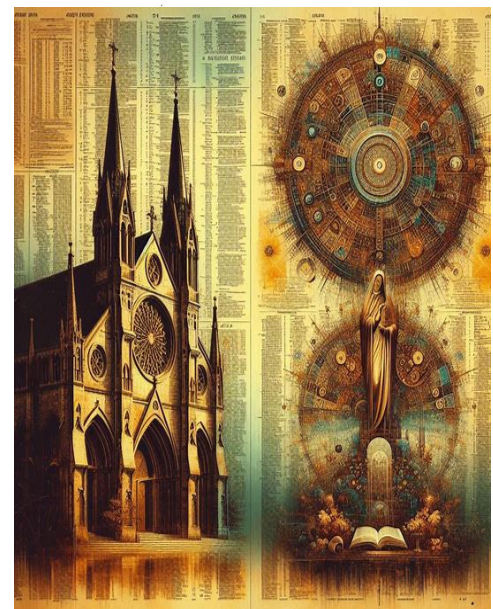
God's Pages

- Afraid
 - Psalm 34:4
 - Matthew 10:28
 - 2 Timothy 1:7
 - Hebrews 13:5,6
- Anxious
 - Psalm 46
 - Matthew 6:19-34
 - Philippians 4:6
 - 1 Peter 5:6,7
- Backsliding
 - Psalm 51
 - 1 John 1:4-9
- Bereaved
 - Matthew 5:4
 - 2 Corinthians 1:3,4
- Bitter - Critical
 - 1 Corinthians 13
- Conscious of sin
 - Proverbs 28:13
- Defeated
 - Romans 8:31-39
- Depressed
 - Psalm 34
- Disaster threatens
 - Psalm 91
 - Psalm 118:5,6
 - Luke 8:22-25
- Discouraged
 - Psalm 23
 - Psalm 42:6-11
 - Psalm 55:22
 - Matthew 5:11,12
 - 2 Corinthians 4:8-18
 - Philippians 4:4-7
- Doubting
 - Matthew 8:26
 - Hebrews 11
- Facing crisis
 - Psalm 121
 - Matthew 6:25-34
 - Hebrews 11
- Faith fails
 - Psalm 42:5
 - Hebrews 11
- Friends fail
 - Psalm 41:9-13
 - Luke 17:3,4
 - Romans 12:14,17,19,21
 - 2 Timothy 4:16-18
- Leaving home
 - Psalm 121
 - Matthew 10:16-20
- Lonely
 - Psalm 23
 - Hebrews 13:5,6
- Needing God's protection
 - Psalm 27:1-3
 - Psalm 91
 - Philippians 4:19
- Needing guidance
 - Psalm 32:8
 - Proverbs 3:5,6
- Needing peace
 - John 14:1-4
 - John 16:33
 - Romans 5:1-5
 - Philippians 4:6,7
- Needing rules for life
 - Romans 12
- Overcome
 - Psalm 6
 - Romans 8:31-39
 - 1 John 1:4-9
- Prayerful
 - Psalm 4
 - Psalm 42
 - Luke 11:1-13
 - John 17
 - 1 John 5:14,15
- Protected
 - Psalm 18:1-3
 - Psalm 34:7
- Sick - In pain
 - Psalm 38
 - Matthew 26:39
 - Romans 5:3-5
 - 2 Corinthians 12:9
 - 1 Peter 4:12,13,19
- Sorrowful
 - Psalm 51
 - Matthew 5:4
 - John 14
 - 2 Corinthians 1:3,4
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:
- Tempted
 - Psalm 1
 - Psalm 139:23,24
 - Matthew 26:41
 - 1 Corinthians 10:1
 - Philippians 4:8
 - James 4:7
 - 2 Peter 2:9,3:17
- Thankful
 - Psalm 100
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:18
 - Hebrews 13:15
- Traveling
 - Psalm 121
- Trouble, in
 - Psalm 16+31
 - John 14:1-4
 - Hebrews 7:25
- Weary
 - Psalm 90
 - Matthew 11:28-30
 - 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - Galatians 6:9,10
- Worried
 - Matthew 6:19-34
 - 1 Peter 5:6,7

**YOU'VE HEARD OF
THE YELLOW PAGES,
RIGHT?**

**WELL HERE'S YOUR
DIRECTORY FROM
GOD
CALLED
GOD'S PAGES**

Submitted by Lynn Griesmeyer



Financial Update: General Fund 2023

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)
Jan	\$ 10,607.10	\$ 13,876.34	\$ (3,269.24)
Feb	\$ 9,811.68	\$ 13,689.80	\$ (3,878.12)
Mar	\$ 15,415.88	\$ 13,223.68	\$ 2,192.20
Apr	\$ 11,757.23	\$ 12,974.25	\$ (1,217.02)
May	\$ 10,889.80	\$ 13,017.89	\$ (2,128.09)
Jun	\$ 12,032.64	\$ 12,008.69	\$ 23.95
Jul	\$ 11,605.95	\$ 11,891.37	\$ (285.42)
Aug	\$ 10,143.06	\$ 11,486.96	\$ (1,343.90)
Sep	\$ 12,224.56	\$ 12,502.24	\$ (277.68)
Oct	\$ 10,628.66	\$ 11,920.16	\$ (1,291.50)
Nov	\$ 10,735.30	\$ 14,239.77	\$ (3,504.47)
Dec	\$ 19,874.42	\$ 13,791.52	\$ 6,082.90
Total Jan-Dec 2023	\$ 145,726.28	\$ 154,622.67	\$ (8,896.39)

Donations can be made electronically from your smartphone using the "Vanco Mobile" app available from the App Store or Google Play, or use our website QR code, or go to the Donations link on our website tlcrm.com or our secure website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRVQ/home>



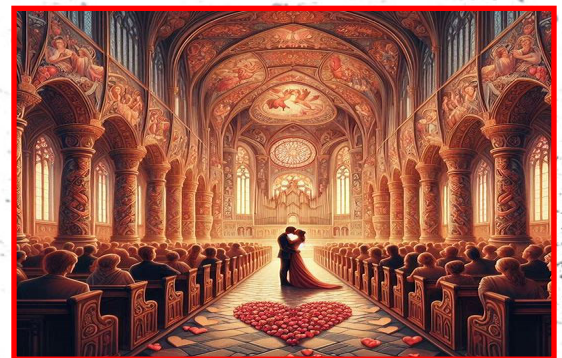
Thank you for your continued support!

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER DAN PHILLIPS

THANK YOU TO THE GENEROUS DONORS WHO RESPONDED TO MY LETTER IN DECEMBER ASKING FOR AN EXTRA CHRISTMAS DONATION OVER AND ABOVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERINGS TO HELP TRINITY REDUCE THE DEFICIT.

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT \$6,060 WAS RECEIVED AND THE 2023 DEFICIT WAS REDUCED BY 40% TO (\$8,896.39) BY THE END OF DECEMBER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO TRINITY!



Princess Kathy's Parmesan Chicken

- 3-4 boneless and skinless chicken breast
- 2-3 T. olive oil
- Salt/pepper
- 1/4 c. crushed Durkham fried onions
- 1/4 c. breadcrumbs
- 1/4 c. good Parmesan
- 1/4 c. butter, melted



Heat oven to 350. If necessary, smack chicken to even out thicknesses. Coat each breast with oil and then season. Place into a baking dish with sides.

Mix the crushed fried onions, breadcrumbs, and Parmesan. Spoon over chicken. Drizzle with melted butter. Bake 30-35 minutes or until cooked through.

WHO'S THE HAPPY COUPLE?

WHY IT'S OUR PASTOR JOHN AND HIS LOVELY BRIDE CINDY!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
<p>28</p> <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM</p> <p>10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner</p> <p>11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship</p> <p>2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>   <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm TLC Council Meeting</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00pm Masihi Church of God Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship</p>			
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<p>11</p> <p>Transfiguration of Our Lord</p>  <p>Trinity New Member Sunday</p> <p>9:30am Trinity Worship Service - Worshipping At Church AND via ZOOM</p> <p>10:30am Book Study With Pastor Hildner</p> <p>11:00am Peaceful Baptist Church Worship</p> <p>2:30pm Masihi Church of God Worship</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>   <p>10:00am "Come And See" Bible Study</p> <p>12:00pm Talk, Lunch, Crafts - TLC Ladies Club</p> <p>4:30pm Girl Scouts - Troop 45736</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>   <p>7:00pm Trinity Worship</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30am Tu Familia SDA Worship</p>			
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