

Trinity Highlights

May 2024 Newsletter

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Stewardship Report:

General Fund Report:	March	Year to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 24,539	\$ 62,128	\$ 70,131
Expenses	<u>21,070</u>	<u>59,207</u>	58,281
(Deficit)/Surplus	3,470	2,921	

Giving in March was off \$2,200 from what was projected primarily due to less than anticipated giving during the Lenten/Easter season. Giving for the year is \$8,000 less than what was projected. While giving remains significantly behind projections, expenses are \$2,921 less than giving. The General Fund balance at the end of March was \$220,832.

Personal Care Kits

As of March 31, \$290 had been collected for the Personal Care Kits.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for his continued blessings and pray that we may continue to be faithful stewards until the day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Rob Fornoff
Chairman - Board of Finance



Ascension Service
Thursday, May 9
6:00 p.m.

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Trinity's Service Volunteers - May 2024

ACOLYTES

05/05 9:00 a.m. Lexi Brown
Ascension Service
05/09 6:00 p.m. Ella Spaeth
05/12 9:00 a.m. Will Brown
05/19 9:00 a.m. Ella Spaeth
05/26 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton

BIBLE BREAKFAST HELPERS

Pick-Up Donuts:

05/05 *Open*
05/12 *Open*
05/19 *Open*
05/26 *Open*

Prep Donuts, Make Coffee, Pour Juice:

05/05 Julie O'Conner
05/12 *Open*
05/19 *Open*
05/26 *Open*

USHERS

05/05 9:00 a.m. Owen Miller, Dave Harms
Ascension Service
05/09 6:00 p.m. **Mike Seidell, Brad Juergens**
05/12 9:00 a.m. Mike Seidell, Chris Whitley
05/19 9:00 a.m. Brad Juergens, Dave Harms
05/26 9:00 a.m. Mike Seidell, Owen Miller

ALTAR FLOWERS

05/05 The Bernard Harms family, *in loving memory of our son and brother, Jeff Harms.*
05/12 *Open*
05/19 Ron & Hermene Upchurch, *in memory of our parents and family members.*
05/26 Steve & Claudie Huey

May Food Drive: During the month of May Trinity will have a “monetary” Food Drive to benefit Christian Civic Outreach so they can purchase the food items they are most in need of. If you wish to donate, please mark your offering envelope or pew envelope “Food Drive.”

May Diaper Drive: During the month of May please bring disposable diapers of any size to the church (infant, child, and adult sizes). Please join Lutherans for Life as they collect diapers again this year for area charitable organizations who serve women and their children, as well as seniors. Your generosity will benefit worthy life-affirming organizations including: Women's Pregnancy Center, Esther House, Lutheran Hillside Village, Washington Christian Village, and Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center. There is a box in Room 10 to put your donations in.

Camp Cilca News

Sunday, May 26: Camp Cilca's Hog Roast Adults \$10.00, children \$8.00. Food served from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tent/RV sites available all weekend. The beach is open daily from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29: First Day of Summer Camp! Registration is open for the 2024 camping season. Sign-up today for a summer full of adventure in God's creation! Check the brochures available in Room 10 for summer camp information.

Save the Dates!

VBS: Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 9 - Thursday, June 13 at Good Shepherd Lutheran School from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping please contact Kelly Link or the church office.

Church Picnic: A church picnic is being planned for Sunday, June 30, 4:00 p.m., at the Pekin Park. More details will be available later.

From the Pastor's Desk

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

Dear Members of Trinity,

As we arrive at the month of May, there are any number of "lasts" or endings that come to mind, aren't there? The school year is coming to an end as Summer vacation is about to begin. There are Kindergarten graduations (in some schools), 8th grade graduations, high school graduations, and college graduations.

And in the Christian Year, we have any number of "endings" at this time as well. We have the Feast of the Ascension on May 8th, Pentecost on May 19th, and Trinity Sunday on May 26th. The "High Season" of the Church is coming to an end as we begin to count down (or is that count up?) the Sundays after Pentecost in the "Low Season" of the church year.

We see the beginning of the end in Acts chapter one as we witness Jesus' ascension forty days after His resurrection from the dead. According to the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15, Jesus has appeared to more than 500 eyewitnesses to the risen Lord. As He ascends into heaven and disappears from His disciples' sight, Jesus has instructed them to wait for the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. Ten days later, the promised Holy Spirit comes with the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire on their heads as the disciples begin speaking in other languages. We see the beginning of the Church as 3,000 souls are baptized that day. And so, with the beginning of the Church, we also observe the start of the Church Year with Pentecost.

In the Bible verse I quoted from Acts 1:8, Jesus is giving His "marching orders" to His disciples, and to the Church as well. Jesus promises His disciples (and us) that the Holy Spirit will come upon us. It first happened at Pentecost, and has since come upon us through the Means of Grace in Word and Sacrament. Jesus then tells us to be "witnesses". In Greek, this word is $\mu\alpha\rho\tau\upsilon\rho$ /martyr. A martyr was someone who was willing to die for their faith. Of the 12 apostles, only John died of old age. The other eleven were beheaded, crucified in different ways, impaled upon a spear and more. We know that their witness or testimony is true because they were willing to die for it—in other words, they were willing to be martyred.

Now I am by no means saying that we need to pursue martyrdom. But we should not be ashamed of our faith. Neither should we be afraid to share the faith that we have with others and let the Holy Spirit do His work in the hearts of those friends, neighbors and co-workers with whom we share the Gospel. As we begin the season of Pentecost at Trinity, let us be bold and go be Jesus' witnesses. Whether we invite a friend or neighbor to church, or bring children to Vacation Bible School, let us sow the seed and let the Holy Spirit do His work in and among us. And may God bless you as you do so throughout the year.

In Christ,

Pastor Mark R. Drews

May Birthdays

May 1

Derek Egli
Bill Link
Brett Wolters

May 2

Dylan Speck

May 3

Jim Risinger

May 4

Anthony Erickson

May 5

Emily Anton
Sofia Link

May 7

Vikki Steele

May 10

Linda Weyhrich

May 11

James Drake

May 12

Coltan May

May 15

Becky Gillis

May 18

Cassie Dunn
Kris Vaupel

May 19

Weldon Moldenhauer
Edith Spaeth
Graham Watson

May 20

David Knolenberg
Lane Staker

May 21

Julie Schultz

May 22

Ocean Oquenda
Scott Thompson

May 23

Diana Johnson

May 24

Kent Garber
Billie May

May 27

Pam Hemp

May 28

Darlene Ringwald

May Anniversaries

May 1

Kent & Jennifer Garber

May 5

Blake & Tammy Olt

May 12

Coltan & Jaylene May

May 13

Dave & Mary Ann Vaupel

May 22

Jeff & Rae Ann Weisert

May 27

Eric & Cori Spaeth
Dave & Vikki Steele

May 31

Steve & Claudie Huey

If your birthday or anniversary was omitted or a date is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

March Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Emily Anton
Henry Stout

GSLs Planning Study

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is conducting a planning study to gauge support about eliminating its historical debt. Thank you to everyone who has already either visited with the consultant who is conducting the study or filled out a survey. If you haven't yet participated, an opportunity is coming next week. At the end of service this coming weekend, you will be asked to fill out a brief survey before leaving. As one of Good Shepherd's three affiliated congregations, it is important that you participate in the study and share your opinion.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	2 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	3	4
5 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	6	7 6 PM BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE - EVANGELISM	8 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	9 1:30 PM CONCORDIA 6 PM ASCENSION SERVICE	10	11
12 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	13	14 6:30 PM GSLS BOARD 6 PM BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	15 4:30 PM YOUTH CATECHISM	16 6 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES	17	18
19 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	27	28	29	30 7 PM BOARD OF ELDERS	31	



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Thursday, May 9

6:00 p.m.