

Trinity Highlights

November 2024 Newsletter

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Stewardship Report:

General Fund Report:	September	Year to Date	Year to Date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 21,991	\$186,823	\$196,592
Expenses	18,073	161,990	189,623
(Deficit)/Surplus	3,917	24,833	

Giving in September was back to what was projected but remains off approximately \$10,700 year to date. Expenses were much lower than what was budgeted mostly due to having assumed a full time Pastor would be on board by the first of July. Year to date giving has exceeded expenses by \$24,833 resulting in a General Fund balance at the end of September of \$253,462.

Endowment Fund

The balance in the Endowment Fund at the end of the third quarter was \$147,409, gaining \$8,344 in value during the quarter.

At the October Voters Assembly, two gifts were approved:

- 1) \$1,000 to Camp Cilca in recognition of their 75th anniversary and their effort to reduce the camper memberships to \$75.00 a week in 2025.
- 2) \$2,000 to LC-MS Disaster Relief to aid in the recent relief efforts caused by hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Since 2001, \$37,493 has been gifted to various organizations. Unspent earnings after the two most recent gifts is \$37,579. Only unspent earnings can be gifted from the Endowment fund.

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

All Saints' Sunday **Sunday, November 3, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.**

All Saints' Day we also observe the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. On this Sunday we will remember those who have gone to be with their Lord since the last All Saints' Day.

Those whom we will be remembering this year:

Diane Baccheschi	Dennis Speck	Donald Wahls
Robert Cordts	Robert Thompson	Betty Woith

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15

Trinity's Service Volunteers - November 2024

ACOLYTES

11/03 9:00 a.m. Ella Spaeth
11/10 9:00 a.m. Will Brown
11/17 9:00 a.m. Emily Anton
11/24 9:00 a.m. Lexi Brown

BIBLE BREAKFAST HELPERS

Pick-Up Donuts:

11/03 Bill Heren 11/17 *Open*
11/10 *Open* 11/24 *Open*

Prep Donuts, Make Coffee, Pour Juice:

11/03 Julie O'Conner 11/17 *Open*
11/10 Julie O'Conner 11/24 *Open*

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

11/03 Terry Knollenberg
11/17 Eric Spaeth

USHERS

11/03 9:00 a.m. Owen Miller, Dave Harms
11/10 9:00 a.m. Mike Seidell, Chris Whitley
11/17 9:00 a.m. Brad Juergens, Dave Harms
11/24 9:00 a.m. Mike Seidell, Owen Miller

ALTAR GUILD

11/03 Lynn Brown / Cori Spaeth
11/17 Melissa Deverman / Debbie Fornoff

ALTAR FLOWERS

11/03 Claudie Huey, Jeff Glick, Laurie Klopfenstein,
*in honor of Barbara Glick's 100th birthday
today, November 3.*
11/10 Carolyn Cordts, *in remembrance of Bob
Cordts' birthday on November 7.*
11/17 Don Nash, *in memory of Lois Nash's birthday
on November 22.*
11/24 *Open*

November Food Drive: During the month of November a monetary food drive is held to benefit Christian Civic Outreach. The November Food Drive is especially important since it falls so close to the holidays. We are having a cash only food drive. All donations will be sent to Christian Civic Outreach so they can purchase what they need. Simply use your Good Samaritan envelope in your offering envelope box or mark a pew envelope "*Food Drive.*"

Life Essay Contest: The theme for the Peoria Area Lutherans for Life Annual Life Contest is "*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*" Psalm 139:14 All entries should be submitted no later than Friday, December 13, 2024. Details are on the bulletin board.



Each year the number of coats requested for children in the Pekin school districts increases, so many more coats have to be purchased.

We have a goal of raising \$2,500 for the Giving Tree to help offset the cost of purchasing so many coats.

Please donate to The Giving Tree by using your Giving Tree envelope or mark a pew envelope "*The Giving Tree*" so we can continue this important ministry.

From the Pastor's Desk

Bio for Pastor Mark R. Drews

Rev. Mark R. Drews

Pastor Drews was born in Milwaukee, WI. As the son of a pastor, he grew up in Burnsville, MN and Oak Creek, WI. He graduated from Northwestern Preparatory School in Watertown, WI in 1982 and attended Northwestern College (also in Watertown, WI) for two years. Pastor Drews transferred to Concordia College (now University) in St. Paul, MN where he graduated with a B.A. in 1988. He received licensure as a teacher in secondary schools with a double Major in Band and Choral Music and a Theological Languages minor.

Pastor Drews served as a Lutheran School teacher for eleven years. His first call was to Sheboygan Lutheran High School where he taught from 1988-1989. He taught at Lutheran High School—Orange, CA from 1989-1996 and at St. John's Lutheran Church and School in Ocala, FL from 1996-1999.

Pastor Drews enrolled at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO where he studied to become an ordained minister.

While at the Seminary, he met Melanie Reinke from Deschler, NE. Melanie graduated from Concordia-Seward, NE in 1992 and taught Early Childhood in California; Junction City, KS; and Quincy, IL. Pastor and Melanie were married in 2000.

Pastor Drews' first call in the pastoral ministry was to Trinity-Hilbert, WI in 2003. In January 2006, he received and accepted a call to Zion-Mt. Pulaski, IL where he served until he was called to serve at Messiah-Mandan, ND on October 25, 2009. In January of 2016, health problems forced him to resign. He began serving vacancies in North Dakota and Illinois while teaching Music, Band and Choir part-time until he was recently called to serve full time at Trinity-Pekin, IL.

The Lord has blessed Pastor and Melanie with three daughters. Grace Patricia was born in Oshkosh, WI in 2005. Hope Anna was born in Springfield, IL in 2008. Joy was born in Bismarck, ND in 2010. Grace is currently attending Concordia University in Seward, NE where she is studying to become a Director of Christian Education. Hope is a sophomore at Bethel Lutheran High School and Joy is in 8th grade. Melanie teaches Kindergarten at Bethel Lutheran School and has done so since 2017.

Pastor Drews and his wife enjoy playing handbells, and their daughters play several instruments as well.

The Drews family currently live in Tremont in a 4 bedroom home with their one dog. Pastor Drews enjoys spending time watching his daughters compete in sports and use their musical talents for the glory of God, playing the trumpet, singing in choir, bowling and golfing.

Stewardship is often presented as a three-legged stool: Time, Talent, and Treasure

We use our Time and Talents in various ways that are of benefit to the Church at large, to assist with the ministry of the Trinity congregation, and to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

The third leg of the stool is Treasure, or Financial Stewardship. This means the giving of our financial resources to the same benefits as mentioned above.

We know that our Lord desires us to give these things to provide for the basic needs of congregations as well as the ministry of the Word - *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house"* Malachi: 3:10a. Out of love for Him, who gave His only Son for us, we gladly give!

November has long been the time when we, as a congregation, prayerfully review all our gifts from God and determine that portion to return to Him in terms of financial offerings to the church.

You will receive mailings in November explaining the needs of the congregation and asking you to pledge a portion of your financial gifts to Trinity to assist with the ministry needs in 2025. Pledges are not a command from the Lord, but can help each of us to form and maintain the healthy Christian discipline of tithing/giving. Pledges are also used to determine the level of resources that will be available to fund the budget for 2025. All pledges are confidential and are not shared with anyone outside the church office and the person responsible for pulling together the forecast for 2025.

The pledge process will culminate on Sunday, November 24 when we will carry our pledges to the front of the church to be presented to our Lord.

Almighty God, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Dollar for Missions News

So far in 2024, CID Dollar for Missions contributions have funded the following projects:

1. \$1,800 for weekly mileage for Pastor David Dunlop from Chestnut to two prisons in Lincoln.
2. \$300 for Spanish-language hymnals for St. John, Beardstown.
3. \$2,100 to pay honoraria for Pastor Pablo Dominguez to conduct two Spanish language services per month at St. John, Beardstown for half the year.
4. \$10,000 to continue prison ministries begun in 2024 or to start ministry in prisons not currently being served.

The current project stands out as somewhat more ambitious: \$25,000 to replace furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb. As of the end of August, we are almost 40% of the way toward completing this project.

Prayer: O Lord, open the hearts of Your people to support the proclamation of the Good News about Jesus in ways *large and small*. *Bless the Dollars for Mission the support mission work in unusual ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

“Shop with RaiseRight/Scrip” Now that school is in session it’s a great time to support Good Shepherd Lutheran School through the RaiseRight/Scrip gift card program. All proceeds go to support GSLS and/or a student of your choice. Gift cards can be purchased or ordered each Sunday morning at the Scrip table or brought to the school each Monday by 9:00 a.m. Orders can also be placed on-line and delivered electronically. Any questions, please check with the school office or call or text Charlie Berndt at 309-642-1980. A large number of local restaurants, gas stations and retail outlets have gift cards available for your shopping needs!

Camp Cilca Events

- ❖ **November 1:** Summer Camp 2025 registration opens November 1, 2024.
- ❖ **November 2:** Act Like Men Work Day
- ❖ **November 9:** Young Adult Game Night: Camp Cilca is hosting a game night for young adults (21+) 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. There is no cost, just bring a friend, any games you want to play, snacks or sides to share.
- ❖ **November 15 - 17:** Women’s Scrapbook Retreat: The cost is \$90.00 for your shared room and meals. Private rooms are available at request for \$120.00. Register at cilca.org/womens-scrapbooking-retreat

Camp Cilca 75th Anniversary Celebration Pricing

In celebration of Camp Cilca’s 75th anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 will be available for \$75.00 if you register before April 1, 2025. Registration opens November 1, 2024. All registrations made after April 1, 2025 will cost \$100.00.

**Contact the camp office for more information
or to register for any of these events.
217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org**

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
3 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:15 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	4	5 6 PM BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE - EVANGELISM	6 5 PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE 6 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	7 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	8	9
10 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:15 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	11	12 6:30 PM GSLS BOARD	13 5 PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE 6 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	14 1:30 PM CONCORDIA	15	16
17 9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 10:15 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	18	19 6 PM BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	20 5 PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE 6 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	21 6 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES 7 PM BOARD OF ELDERS	22	23
24 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:15 AM S.S. & BIBLE CLASS	25	26	27 5 PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE 6 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	29	30