

# Trinity Pews



February 2023

## *Pastor's Pondering*

*By: James Hennig*

"Grace Peace and mercy, be to you from our lord and savior, Jesus Christ."

This is the time of year when many people are thinking of "New" things, a new year, a new you-with resolutions for diet/exercise/change of some particular "bad" habit etc. perhaps a new job, new puppy, new spouse, new child, new start to the church newsletter. There are quite a number of things going on here at Trinity. I know there are a few people (whom are regularly at meetings) who know all about the going on-but how do you as a member of the congregation keep an eye on the happenings of your church and school? If you are unaware of these things can you truly take ownership of them? How can you honestly support what's going on if you are unaware of what's going on? A monthly newsletter is not going to fill in all the the details of the happenings here at Trinity but it will certainly help, there are also the brief announcements in the weekly bulletin, and the weekly school newsletter to help add information and details of events. One might also prayerfully consider weekly attendance in the divine service not only for the sake of information, and seeing how your church officers serve the congregation, but to receive God's gifts and blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation through his word and sacraments. God has gifted us with his grace and blessings. How do we take ownership of those gifts but by regularly sharing's and receiving through his word and sacrament. Perhaps this is one of those "new things" to add to our list from above, our "new commitments" to receiving regularly from God in his divine service to us, as we gather in his house when and where he serves us.

In his service  
Pastor Jim Hennig

# THANK YOU

*For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. Ephesians 1:15-22.*

It has certainly been a joy and pleasure to be here in Centralia with the saints at Trinity. Denise and I are greatly thankful for each of you and want to extend our thanks for the Christmas and New Year's cards and gifts you have given us. We are also thankful for your continued prayers for us as we daily pray for each of you. May God continue to strengthen us in His joy and peace, for Jesus sake.

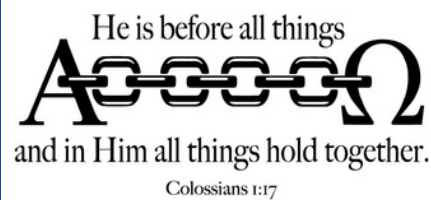
Thank you  
Pastor & Denise Hennig

## From the Principal's Desk

We are already half way through another school year. Last month we were able to share the story of the birth of Jesus for the 3rd Advent service. If you missed it, you can check it out on Facebook. Thank you to everyone for attending! Thanks to all the students and staff for their hard work preparing for the program.

We are co-oping with Trinity Hoffman and Hoyleton and St. Mary's schools for all our sports. Boys' and girls' basketball are both wrapping up. We had 3 girls participate in cheerleading. Volleyball practice has begun. We have 2 girls from Trinity, Centralia that are playing. We are hosting the home volleyball games here in Crouse Gym. The volleyball schedule is also included in the newsletter.

This month we will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools' Week. All students will be singing on Saturday, January 28th with a reception in Crouse Gym following the service. We hope you will join us!



### Did you know ?

That the beginning of Lutheranism in Southern Illinois was established in New Minden in 1840.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:30 PM

Sundays

8:30 AM

### BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday

6 am Men's Bible Study

8 am Prayer Group

8:15 am Chapel with Students

10 am Wednesday in the Word

6:30 pm Wednesday in the Word

Sunday

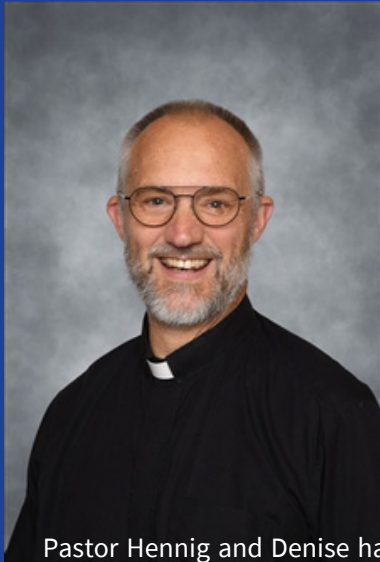
9:45 am Youth Bible Study

9:45 am Adult Bible Study

9:45 am Sunday School

(3 years old thru 5th grade)

# Meet the Church Staff



Pastor James L. Hennig grew up in Rockford, Illinois, the sixth of eight children of Joseph (a Lutheran educator) and Betty Hennig. He graduated from St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary and Rockford Lutheran High School. Pastor Hennig attended Concordia Teacher's College in Seward, Nebraska, graduating in 1987, with a degree in secondary education with majors in Theology and PE. He married Denise K. Wehrman of Lockwood, Missouri, in July 1987, and then began teaching at Greenfield Peace Lutheran School in Detroit, Michigan.

Pastor Hennig began his seminary studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1989, and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1993. He served his vicarage at First Good Shepherd Lutheran in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1991-92. Pastor Hennig was ordained and installed in January, 1993, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he served until 1997. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Pastor Hennig accepted a Call to serve St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Prairietown, Illinois from 1997 until 2005. Since 2005, he has served as pastor at Concordia Lutheran in Springfield, Illinois.

Pastor Hennig and Denise have four children. Jessica and her husband Jake Koch recently have moved to the Milwaukee area where they have been called to be Preschool/Daycare Administrator and teacher at St. John's Lutheran in Glendale, Wisconsin. They have a son, Joseph (3 yrs old) and daughter Jady (10 1/2 months old). Angela and her husband Tim Bahr also live in the Milwaukee area. Angela served as a teacher/athletic director at Divine Redeemer in Hartland, WI, but is taking time off after the birth of their son, Titus (11 months old). Tim teaches at Martin Luther High School in Milwaukee. Joshua is a mechanical engineer for Knapheide Co. and resides in Quincy, Illinois. Michelle and her husband Andy Schultz moved to Ft. Wayne, Indiana in June, where Michelle is serving as a Deaconess at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and Andy is an auto technician.

Pastor and Denise love being with family as well as enjoying God's awesome creation! Hiking, camping, traveling, hunting and many other hobbies fill their free time. Denise has served in various teaching, coaching, and administrative roles in Lutheran High Schools and is serving at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16

Kristen is the church secretary. She has lived in the area all her life, she married her husband Richard Brannan in 2019. She has a 9 year old step daughter. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, also watching her stepdaughter in her dance competitions.



# Meet the School Staff



Mrs. Christina DeBoard has been at Trinity Lutheran School since August of 1994. She taught 3rd grade until they combined classes.

Then, she taught 3rd and 4th grade. In 2019, Mrs. DeBoard was asked to be principal. She continues in that role as well as teaching various classes including technology classes for all students. She also leads the Kids of Praise (KOP). Mrs. DeBoard's husband, Jeff, is a math teacher at Woodlawn High school. They have 2 daughters and they are also teachers. Cassie and her husband, Shawn Hill in the Centralia area. Cassie teaches 4th grade at Willow Grove. Corinne is a high school Math teacher at South Central High School. Mrs. DeBoard attended Kaskaskia College and graduated from Concordia University in Chicago in 1990. She previously taught at St. John's Lutheran School in Buckley, IL and at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Troy, IL.



Mrs. Sarah Arnold started working at Trinity in 2016. She started over at the daycare, then in 2019 went to be the Church Secretary. She currently serves as the School Secretary. She was born and raised in Greenville, IL. She received her Associates degree in Computer Programming / Specialist. She met her husband Wayne in January 2000 and married in January 2007. She has two children named Alivia and Avery. She enjoys watching her children playing sports at Trinity. The Arnold family lives in the country along with her chickens, two cats named Bailee and Tilly, a dog named Peanut along with three turtles named Snappy, Malz and Mojabummer. When she isn't taken her children to sports activities, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Her favorite scripture is Proverbs 16:24 "Kind words are like honey sweet to the soul."





## February Birthdays

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| <b>1-</b> Matthew C<br>Sherry S<br>Andrew S<br>Kourtney W      | <b>14-</b> Christopher M                |
| <b>2-</b> Denise H   | <b>17-</b> Eric Q                       |
| <b>4-</b> Betty F<br>Mary K<br>Emily K                         | <b>18-</b> Linda H                      |
| <b>5-</b> Melissa K  | <b>19-</b> Richie H<br>Zeke R           |
| <b>6-</b> Kenadi S   | <b>20-</b> Gavin M<br>Tammy W           |
| <b>7-</b> Leslie S   | <b>21-</b> Richard E<br>Kaleb S         |
| <b>8-</b> Cheryl B<br>Addisyn D                                | <b>22-</b> Leila C<br>Blake F<br>Jeff S |
| <b>9-</b> Tanya G<br>James H<br>David J<br>Trecie P<br>Cindy R | <b>23-</b> Layton L                     |
| <b>10-</b> Sharon A  | <b>24-</b> Kayler J<br>Tony M           |
| <b>11-</b> Savannah Q  | <b>25-</b> Beverly H<br>Jeffrey S       |
| <b>12-</b> Joan V  | <b>26-</b> Drew L<br>Doris W<br>Beth W  |

## ACOLYTES

- 02/05 ... Mallory K.  
02/12 ... Vincent S.  
02/19 ... Logan D.  
02/26 ... London P.

## PRAYER FRIENDS

- Ruby H.  
Jean L.  
Connie H.

## ALTAR GUILD

- Doris M.  
Lana L.  
Cindy H.

## ELDERS

- 02/06... Roger M. & Lynn S.  
02/13 ... Greg Felton & Larry S.  
02/20 ... Jack H. & Dale M.  
02/27... Dave K. & Joe B.  
03/06... Corey S. & Louis K.



# February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Men's Bible Study 6 am Prayer Circle 8am Chapel 9:30 am Wednesday's in the Word 10am & 6:30 pm	2 Marketing Meeting 6pm Volleyball Game Home vs Grand Prairie @ 5:30	3 Volleyball St. Peter Tournament	4 Worship Service 5:30 pm
5 Worship Service 8:30 am	6 Volleyball Game @ North Wamac @ 4:30 pm	7 Volleyball Game @ Odin @ 5:30 pm	8 Men's Bible Study 6 am Prayer Circle 8am Chapel 9:30 am Wednesday's in the Word 10am & 6:30 pm	9 BOCE Meeting 5:30 pm BOBS Meeting 6 pm Volleyball Game Home vs St. Ann/Oakdale @ 5:30	10 No School—Teacher Institute Volleyball St. John's Red Bud 7th grade Tournament	11 Worship Service 5:30 pm Volleyball Trinity Defender Tournament
12 Worship Service 8:30 am Elder's Meeting 7 pm	13 Volleyball Game Home vs Grand Selmaville @ 5:30	14 Volleyball Game Home vs Patoka @ 5:30	15 Men's Bible Study 6 am Prayer Circle 8am Chapel 9:30 am Wednesday's in the Word 10am & 6:30 pm	16 Volleyball Game @ New Horizon @ 5:30	17 No School—Teacher Institute Volleyball St. John's Red Bud 7th grade Tournament	18 Worship Service 5:30 pm
19 Worship Service 8:30 am	20 No School—President's Day Church and School Office Closed	21 Volleyball Game Home vs TSI @ 5:30	22 Men's Bible Study 6 am Prayer Circle 8am Chapel 9:30 am Wednesday's in the Word 10am & 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 6pm	23 C. Council Meeting 6 pm Volleyball Game @ St. Bruno @ 5:30	24 Church 532-2614 Day School 532-5434 CORLHS 226-3315	25 Senior Pastor—James Hennig Principal—Christina DeBoard CORLHS Principal—Don Duensing
26 Worship Service 8:30 am	27 Volleyball Game Home vs Raccoon @ 5:30	28 Volleyball Game @ Willow Grove @ 5:30				