

Trinity Pews



April 2024

Pastor's Pondering

By: James Hennig

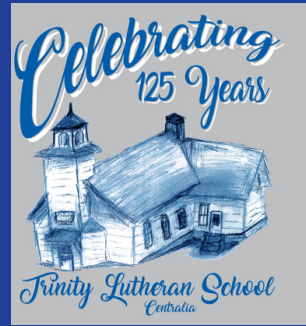
So often Sunday morning seems to come too soon. Monday looms and Saturday is a distant memory. We want to slow down. As I wake my mind wonders: Do I really need to go to church? Here's a reason you may not have thought of: Your Organist misses you! Playing the organ is a labor of love. It brings opportunities to play magnificent instruments and beautiful music. It catapults me to ages past and astounds me with new technology. I see the brilliance of singing pipes and the flexibility of circuits. It reminds me of my mother, so anxious for me to play in church, and her struggle to get me to practice. Thanks mom, I guess it worked! Playing the organ is wonderful, but it's not just the tune that blesses me, not just the notes that move me. Maybe you haven't realized what you singing means to me, to many of us. It inspires me. It spurs me on and encourages me to practice. I would not have so much joy without you. A recent Sunday brought me back to this revelation. I miss you when you're not there! All antiques have charms, organs are no exception. The off-key organ in a local country church is a beautiful things, really. I imagine all the organist that have sat in that very spot. With music prepared I begin. The crowd is sparse. At the first hymn I notice someone singing with gusto! I wonder, is there someone new? I smile and pray a prayer of thanks for that voice. I realize then it's not just the organ but the people that inspire me. All music is beautiful when we make it together. On to a new place and a brand-new organ. A magnificent jewel of pipes and lumber stands waiting. I never imagined such an opportunity. Today, the biggest joy is not the instrument set before me, it is people. A crowd begins to form. School children gather, ready to share their talent. Relatives and friends arrive to celebrate a baptism. We welcome a new child to the family of God. The regulars file in and we are about to begin. Excited and nervous, I try not to focus on how many people there are. Fingers poised; I begin. Shaky at first; my nerves calm. The music takes hold and I notice the singing. Voices waft to my ears. No specially trained choir, no rehearsed musical group, just God's people singing as they are able. Voices to Heaven they blend. In tune or out of tune, soft and loud, melodic and smooth, or scratchy and hoarse, it is a beautiful offering. The songs float to the balcony on their way to the angels. I imagine they join us, bringing our praise be God's throne. I listen and play. All the while I am blessed to be a part of this choir of souls. I won't preach about the reasons for church, you know them. But next Sunday, as you wipe the sleep from your eyes and begin your debate, will you think of the organist? It is one more reason to go and some days we need that, I need that. I hope you'll consider drowning out the organ next Sunday. Your organist is probably missing you. Sing!

Written By: Sherry Wessel

Meet the Organist



Sherry was born in New Orleans LA. At the age of 21 months, she was adopted by the Twenhafels in Hoyleton and has lived in the area since that time. Raised in the Lutheran church Sherry developed a love for music and hymns. Through the encouragement of her mother, she learned piano and organ and continues playing to this day.



Did you know?
The students have
30 days
left of school

Meet Mrs. Hall



Hello, my name is Rachel Hall and I started as the Church Secretary at Trinity in August 2023. I received my bachelor degree in Criminology from SIU Carbondale. I have worked previously with grants and Courts to expand and develop programs to assist the community. I am originally from Texas and then moved to Illinois. I live with my husband and three children (Jonah, Journee, and Zola Pearl) in Salem where we have four ponies, ten chickens, one duck, and two dogs. We love taking spontaneous road trips or just being outside at the farm.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays	Sundays
5:30 PM	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)

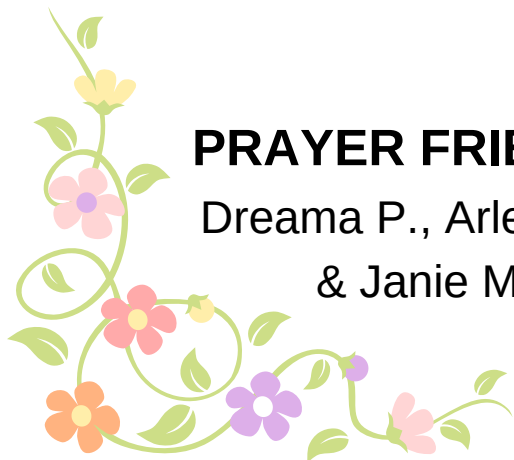


April Birthdays

04/01 Peggy J.
04/02 Helen R. & Hannah B.
04/03 Judith D. & Kyle C.
04/04 Patti L.
04/08 Knox P.
04/09 Roger M.
04/10 Lanna L.
04/11 Lisa K.
04/13 Cody W.
04/14 Curtis H. & Mikayla L.
04/15 Betty C., Paul M., Ruth E., & Cheryl B.
04/16 JoAnn D.
04/17 Gina G.
04/18 Onie R.
04/23 Benett E, & Lonnie R.
04/24 Diane M.
04/25 Eunisa B. & Alivia A.
04/27 Eric T.
04/28 Renee Z., Tony S., & Curtis R.
04/29 Aaron L.
04/30 Kim E., Marlene J., & Lori K.

PRAYER FRIENDS

Dreama P., Arlene C.
& Janie M.



ALTAR GUILD

Janie M.
Sharon S.
LaVerne B.

ELDERS

04/01 Greg F. & Larry S.
04/08 Jack H. & Dale M.
04/15 Dave K. & Joe B.
04/22 Corey S. & Louis K.
04/29 Roger M. & Lynn S.



ACOLYTES

04/07 Mallory K.
04/14 Farrah H.
04/21 Vincent S.
04/28 Logan D.



Volunteers needed

USHERS NEEDED!!!- Men and Women are needed to serve as an “Usher” at our church services. There are No Meetings to attend and No Other Duties, just arrive at church 20 minutes before the service begins, greet and hand out our service bulletins, help gather tithes and offerings and usher communicants to the alter for communion. Two (2) ushers are scheduled per service and alternate Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. Occasionally, one may have a conflict with their scheduled ushering date and a personal obligation. Do Not let this keep you from making the commitment to join our usher team, other team ushers fill in for each other in these situations, so please give some serious thought to becoming an usher at Trinity! Please call, text or email Roger Meier at (618) 292-4955 or rmeier7122@gmail.com to volunteer or have questions. New schedule will begin April 2024.

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**OPEN
HOUSE**

April 18th 6-7pm

DEFENDERS

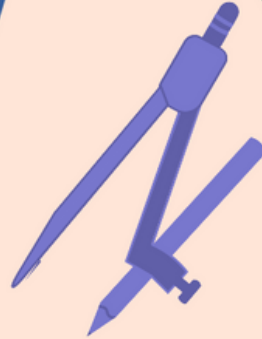
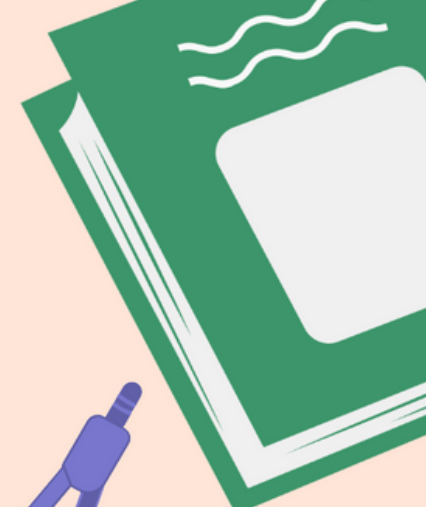


**SPORTS
AWARD NIGHT**

MAY 14, 2024

6 PM

CHRIST OUR ROCK LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
BRING A DESSERT



Sponsor a Student

Trinity Lutheran School

When we work together to provide Christian Education

Sponsor Benefits

- Our Community Strenthens
- Our Family grows
- Our future is brighter.
- Our Investment becomes personal.
- Options of ways to give.

You can make a difference.