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Dear Friends,

For a number of years Trinity has faced challenges to embrace opportunities for growth. These have been in addition to the normal realities of life in general. It is reasonable to speculate upon the effects of living into and exploring whom God is actively calling us to be.

Congregational Development specialists, Arnold Rothege and Kennen Callahan and others, identify specific types of parishes based on size. They have classified personality characteristics and the issues and concerns which often emerge as parishes move from one size to another. Family parishes (up to 50 members) reflect the relationships common within one's family. Pastoral size parishes (50-150 members) most often manage their relationships directly through the pastor. Program size parishes (150+ into corporate size) rely on a staff of both trained clergy and lay leaders in living out the parish's relationships. What may have been an appropriate way of doing business as a family size parish may not in fact work for a pastoral or program congregation.

Growing from a family to pastoral or program size community stretches not only the membership, but even the best trained leadership as well. This transition in size can be physically, emotionally, and spiritually stressful. Expectations often need clarification, along with adjustments in how the parish does business - the development of policies and procedures to provide equitable management for example. Casual or overly familiar interactions, once acceptable in a small parish where everyone knows one another, could be viewed as unacceptable or even objectionable in the larger parish where not everyone knows one another.

Trinity's leadership is well aware of the joys and blessings of size transition as we move toward a Pastoral size parish - a wider variety of activities and a stronger financial base to name two. Your leadership is also acutely sensitive to the painful difficulties of letting go of what has been comfortable and safe. Of major concern to me as pastor is the potential of becoming "stuck" in the transition zone too long. A direct result is the draining of personal reserves of energy, vitality, and resilience out of the lives of both the active membership and leadership. This is expressed by impatience and at times intolerance, as well as harsh judgement by individuals who would otherwise seem content. Comments critical of members and leadership surface. The impact? If not heard and tended to, there's a gradual undermining of trust and the community suffers.

Just as others within the parish are not always certain of exactly the most effective and best means of leading or expressing their views and concerns about the everyday life of being Trinity, I too struggle. Mistakes and misunderstandings occur. Feelings get hurt. Anger rises. Being sensitive to family ways of doing things often creates discontent, and being attentive to the sensibilities of the whom view Trinity other than as a family, a larger and less intimate a community, presents difficulties too. Violations of boundaries and trust ought to be topics of discussion. We must explore the strengths upon which the parish can build and looked carefully at areas of concern, asking questions and discussing what is in our control, and then determine how to exercise our ministries. The process involves listening and waiting, planning and envisioning the future.

So, this should be a time of listening and prayer; a time of being patient and of letting go. What was once seen as common family knowledge between members may no longer be appropriate to share (even with permission). Each of us knows all too well the dangers of miscommunication and gossip. The days ahead will be filled with tremendous potential and hope for Trinity. There will be growth pains and some amongst us will not like them. Some of those we love will choose to move on as a result of discomfort and will follow different paths. Change is inevitable. There is no doubt that God is present in the community of Trinity Church. Simply look around. You can experience that reality. Those who choose to become part of the solutions to the issues which arise as the parish continues to grow will be blessed in their life together. Patience my friends. Pray. Be faithful and be open to God's grace.

In Christ

Denzil J. Luckritz, Rector

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Upcoming Events

- Sunday, September 22, 2019. Church Picnic at Montgomery Park following the Service.
- Sunday, October 7, after the Service: Pet Blessing.
- Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 3:00 pm Paul Kraus returns with a Salute to Broadway!
- Sunday, November 3 at 3 pm Evensong
- November 24, 2019 - Drawing for the St. Margaret's Guild Quilt.
- December 22, 2019 Lessons and Carols



Financial Snapshot YTD (Month Ending August 31, 2019)

<u>Income:</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Funds (As of 6/30/19)</u>
Pledge and Plate \$44,894	Building and Grounds \$16,476	Endowment Balance \$661,583
(Year to date budgeted pledge and Plate Budget) \$44,506	Year to Date Building and Grounds Budget) \$13,916	On 12/31/2015 it was \$335,000.
Endowment Income \$34,240	Office & Admin \$10,023	Memorial Balance \$182,103
Year to date budgeted Endowment Income) \$30,810	Year to date Office and Administration Budget \$3,799	On 12/31/2015 it was \$335,368
Total Income \$124,355	Total Expense \$111,641	Checkbook Balance on December 31st, 2018 was \$9,675
Budgeted Income \$120,684	Budgeted YTD Exp. \$113,963	On June 30, 2019. it was \$14,726
Net Income \$3,671	Excess of Income over expenses \$12,714	On December 31, 2018 Our Mission Fund Balance was \$11,946
		As of 8/31/2019 it was \$26,726

Financial Notes

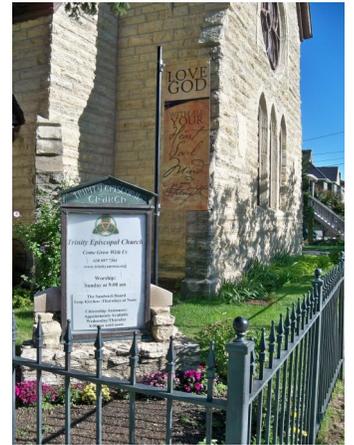
- The main two causes of the \$6,224 extra expense over budget in the Office and Administration line item is \$4,380 in extra payroll taxes and \$2,149 in ink and paper for bulletins. IMHO extra expense for bulletins reflects a positive growth in attendance in the Church.
- We took the third quarter drawdown from the Memorial Fund in August bringing us to \$37,500 in subsidy for the year. We are budgeted to draw down \$50,000 this year.
- The final tally for the new roof on the Church is \$234,685.20. Trinity paid a \$1,000 deductible and \$26,000 for the portion of the roof over the altar. Church insurance paid the remaining \$207,685.20.

Building and Grounds

- We've had a very productive summer! The replacement of the roof is truly a miracle! Parts of that replacement that aren't generally known are the upgrading of our gutters and the repair of many of the sink holes in the parking lot.
- We have contacted the contractor who is going to paint the ceiling in the Church. He is working us into his schedule. We kept him waiting for almost a year as we got the roof fixed, so I guess, we can wait awhile for him! Thanks to your generosity, we have raised the money for the painting and fixing of the Church ceiling with little or no cost to our Memorial Fund!
- Gary is waiting for the stucco to set to paint the new patch on the third story of the west wall. Hopefully our stucco problems are coming to an end!
- We continue to improve our public signage. The two new banners, the business signs and the replacement of Episcopal signs at the two entrances to the parking lot say to our public, "We are here, growing and vibrant in the worship of the Lord, our Savior."
- The new railing on the steps of the parking lot door entrance is attractive and functional. It leads to the steps and railings that have been extended into the Parish Hall. (See picture on the next page.). We also added a grab bar in the bathroom.
- Maria and Gary continue to keep our grounds beautiful. Thanks to them!
- Michaels Plumbing was out and we discussed a prioritized plan for upgrading and fixing our heating system. It is nice to have a partner who understands our financial limitations and is willing to work with us.



Pictures





NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - GREGORY GYLLSDORFF, FAGO, CHM, MFA

The Bells Are Ringing

This year begins the second season for the Trinity Ringers. They will be ringing in October, November and twice in December. We have a schedule of rehearsals, dates to ring, and music to learn. Our ringers have done a fantastic job of learning new bell techniques, and are able to perform more difficult music with more confidence. This December, they will be playing a piece with another new skill.

The Trinity Choir

The Trinity Choir just gets better with every rehearsal. Our blend, balance, tuning and breath control is better all the time. I am so proud of them. We have seven singers who are with us regularly, and our library of literature that we know improves every year. Saturday, September 7, we practiced music for October, November and Christmas Eve. We're learning new anthems for Sunday mornings, and this year we will be singing Evensong on November 3. (All Saints' Sunday) Additionally, we'll be singing Lessons and Carols on December 22. Both services will be at 3:00 pm. We'll have harp again for Christmas Eve and a Brass Quintet for Easter Sunday. Musicians are always in demand at Christmas and Easter, and we would ask you to help us by giving a donation to the Music Fund for the special music. Mark Special Music in the Memo line of your check.

Concerts at Trinity

Our second season of Concerts at Trinity will begin October 13, with Paul Kraus returning for a *Salute to Broadway!* His concert last year was a smash hit, and we'll be having a great time this year with more music and munchies. More details to come. March 15 will bring Aaron Tan for an Organ Concert. Aaron was the First Place Winner of the American Guild of Organists National Playing Competition, 2018 in Kansas City. Aaron is a spectacular player, and is currently a Master's Degree candidate at the Yale School of Music. Our final concert will be after Easter, and will be an instrumental ensemble. We are still working on the date, and hope to bring that information to you soon. A letter will be coming out with details, so look for it in the mail in the next week or so.

Around the Church

- **On-Line Giving:** We are moving forward into the modern electronic era of giving. This convenience will be useful to both members and non members. This will allow us to process donations by credit card. You can do this through our office or through our website (www.trinityaurora.org). More information in the next newsletter.
- Both Rob and Linda have returned from their extended vacations. Our sincere thanks to all who pitched in and covered for them while they were gone!
- A Community Service Worker inventoried all of our Godly Play materials in anticipation of our trading them with another Church in return for their *Cathesis of the Good Shepherd* Materials. All this is in preparation for a new youth Sunday School program we hope to get underway soon.
- The Back to School Drive was quite successful!. In addition to a carload of backpacks, writing pens, pencils, and crayons, and other much needed school supplies, we presented Beaupre Elementary School a check for \$575 so they can purchase the supplies they need. Next up our Thanksgiving food drive.
- Thanks to a donation of a laptop and the purchase of a Wi-Fi booster, Greg's office is now fully functional! It is tough to get Wi-Fi through our concrete block walls!
- Plans are afoot for the Pet Blessing on October 6th following the service! Bring your pets!
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The Annual PARISH PICNIC is NEXT SUNDAY, September 22, at Montgomery Park, Montgomery, IL. (the corner of Mill St. and North River St.). All are welcome!

Festivities start around 10:30am!



**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Brats provided.
Bring a dish to share. Join us for a great time and delicious food.**

Jubilee Ministries

Sandwich Board: Well, I think we made it through the "dogs days" of August! Thanks to all who pitched in and helped out. I would like to personally thank Gale, Paul and Marsha--thanks so much!

It's a small world after all--as the song goes. I volunteer at West Aurora High School and I recently met Jacob (husband of Athletic Office Professional, Allison) who is the General Manager at Red Lobster on Route 59. I told him how grateful we are to receive the food through the Second Harvest Program. He said that he was glad to hear of our program and know that the food is being used.

If you ever have the opportunity to eat at Red Lobster, please be sure to thank them for their support of the Sandwich Board. I am going to invite him to come and see our program.

Amnesty Center: a little more activity coming in. Still don't know what the future brings as far as programs. Can only hope the climate gets better.

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**TRINITY CONCERT SERIES
2019-2020 SEASON**

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*October 13 - 3:00 pm
A Salute to Broadway
with Paul Kraus*

*November 3 - 3:00 pm
Festival Evensong
with Guest Singers and Organist Mark Downey*

*December 22 - 3:00 pm
Christmas Lessons and Carols
with Guest Singers and Organist Mark Downey*

*March 15 - 3:00 pm
Organ Concert with Aaron Tan
Winner of the National Playing Competition in Kansas City*

*Spring Concert
The Bethlehem Brass*

Mark the dates! More information coming!



Lancelot Andrews - *Bishop of Winchester, 1626*



Lancelot Andrewes was the favorite preacher of King James the First. He was the author of a great number of eloquent sermons, particularly on the Nativity and the Resurrection. They are “witty,” grounded in the Scriptures, and characterized by the kind of massive learning that the King loved. This makes them difficult reading for modern people, but they repay careful study. T. S. Eliot used the opening of one of Andrewes’ Epiphany sermons as the inspiration for his poem, “The journey of the Magi:”

*A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a Journey, and such a long journey:
The way deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.*

Andrewes was also a distinguished biblical scholar, proficient in Hebrew and Greek, and was one of the translators of the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible. He was Dean of Westminster and headmaster of the school there before he became a bishop, and was influential in the education of a number of noted Churchmen of his time, in particular, the poet George Herbert.

Andrewes was a very devout man, and one of his most admired works is his *Preces Privatae* (“Private Devotions”), an anthology from the Scriptures and the ancient liturgies, compiled for his own use. It illustrates his piety and throws light on the sources of his theology. He vigorously defended the catholicity of the Church of England against Roman Catholic critics. He was respected by many as the very model of a bishop at a time when bishops were held in low esteem. As his student, John Hacket, later Bishop of Lichfield, wrote about him: “Indeed he was the most Apostolical and Primitive-like Divine, in my Opinion, that wore a Rochet in his Age; of a most venerable Gravity, and yet most sweet in all Commerce; the most Devout that I ever saw, when he appeared before God; of such a Growth in all kind of Learning that very able Clerks were of a low Stature to him.”

Lord and Father, our King and God, by your grace the Church was enriched by the great learning and eloquent preaching of your servant Lancelot Andrewes, but even more by his example of biblical and liturgical prayer: Conform our lives, like his, to the image of Christ, that our hearts may love you, our minds serve you, and our lips proclaim the greatness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Ritual, Reason, and Why....

Every life should have a dominating motive - supreme loyalty to which all others surrender if a decision should be called for. This does not mean a one-track life, but a life which many diverse elements contribute to a common purpose. One of the most pathetic features of modern American life is its aimlessly scurrying, always rushing somewhere but never pausing long enough to answer the questions - what for? Our colleges are crowded with young people who have no idea why they are there. Young men and young women marry each other because it is the accepted way for two people to live together, but with very little determination to erect a sound family unit in society. Men and women accept positions in business with no notion of making a contribution to the common good, but rather to secure the largest possible return with which to buy themselves a few pleasures. Every day hundreds of people die as forgotten men and women because in their negative existence they have never done anything for which they will be missed.

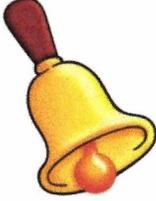
----- Christ doesn't want part of you - He wants all of you. He asks not for your kind condescension but for your life. He would be the object of your supreme loyalty. William Carey, the cobbler, was once asked "what is your business?" He replied, "My business is to preach the Gospel and I cobble shoes to pay the expenses."

Faith and Practice - Frank E. Wilson



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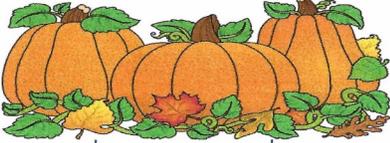


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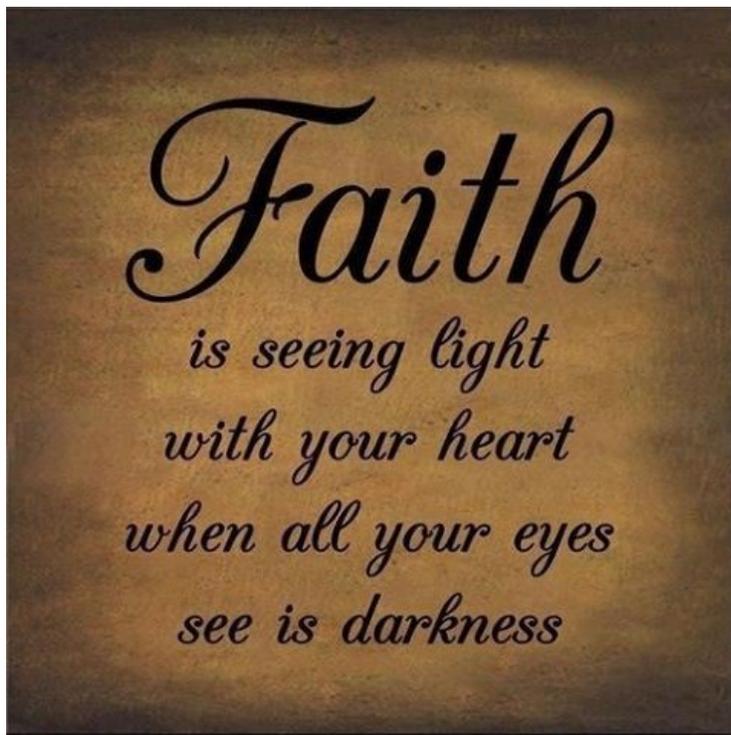
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Trinity is a congregation that strives to be a thriving, vibrant, open and affirming, diverse community of hope that, with God's help, heartily welcomes the stranger, joyously worships the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and lovingly serves 'the least of these,' a church that changes people's lives for the better.



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Trinity Vestry

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Marilou Clohessy
Junior Warden:
Ken Adam
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Rob Borchert
Tom Herget
Mary Jacobsen
Cathie Patterson
Guy Stephens
Trish Tousignant