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Dear Friends,

Over the years, I've devoted some time and energy to exploring what it means to be Christian. In the beginning, like many people, I actually thought there would be a tidy encyclopedic definition. What I've found is more complicated and puzzling. From personal study and revelation, to group study and discussion, what I was looking for never emerged. Periodically, I felt as if I had it within my grasp. I even "accepted" Jesus publicly. I "felt" the call. Unfortunately, often these situations weren't much more than superficial. I learned that warm fuzzy feelings weren't quite enough. Something was still missing.



All this exploration did give rise to a discovery. I couldn't find what I was looking for in shallow places. I needed to go deeper. We need to turn inward to find God and our true selves. Being a Christian is not as simple as finding quick answers in the Bible, scholarly works, or Sunday worship. Yes, these are important. But there is more. There is the community of believers. We must be rooted in God, not only as individuals, but as a community.

To carry out our appointed tasks as Christians - the tasks of healing, reconciling, making whole, and bringing the Gospel of justice, love, and peace to those who long for the empty void they feel to be filled - we must look to each other. Often we are surrounded by the very thing for which we are searching -- we just can't see it. When the Bible, scholarly works, or worship, become "easy" answers, without spiritual maturity, we do a disservice to ourselves and the Christian community. My experience is that in difficult times when the pressures of daily life close in upon us, it is in our relationship with fellow Christians that we find strength, courage, compassion and support. Being a Christian means living in and through the situations with which we find ourselves confronted, holding fast to the assurance that God is with us.

As you read this, there are people somewhere who are searching – perhaps in our own faith community. Perhaps they are hurting or confused. Perhaps they are praying or pleading. No matter, as Christians we know this truth: the Love expressed in the Word-madeflesh, Jesus Christ, is the answer. A Christian community acknowledges the realities of the human condition, including our individual brokenness and uncertainty. TOGETHER we stand, UNITED in LOVE, respecting and accepting one other...even when we disagree. Yes, we can agree to disagree. But what we can't do is to let shallow, quick answers or our brokenness become barriers. When we decide to look elsewhere for the Spirit because we don't get an emotional high on Sunday or don't like one another's brokenness, the Body of Christ – the community of believers -- suffers. A true Christian community feels the loss. WE suffer. Do you know someone who is searching? Who is hurting or staying away because you or I haven't been willing to put up with their humanness, or they with ours? If someone is hurting, we are all hurting. If someone is missing, we should take note and ask why, reach out, and invite them back.

In Christ,

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Here's the link to the Zoom services.

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/3889192038?

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Upcoming Events

- Tuesday through Thursday; 9 am Morning Prayer, 7 pm Evening Prayer
- 9 am Friday, Morning • Prayer
- 8:15 am Sunday: Morning Prayer
- 9:00 am Sunday: Holy Eucharist All services on Trini-Ity's Facebook Page And on Zoom

July 28th, 2023 - Organ Concert. Marmion High School, 7:30 PM. October 29, 2023 - Sung Evensong with the Requiem by Fauré, and the Cantique de Jean Racine.At Trinity at 3pm. Trinity Music Program



Financial Snapshot YTD (Month ending June 30th, 2023)

Income

Pledge and Plate	\$34,061			
(Year to date budget Budget)	ted pledge and Plate \$29,945			
Endowment Income \$21,211				
(Year to date budgeted Endowment In- come) \$26,000*				
Total Income	\$88,000			
Budgeted Income	\$78,900			
Net Income	\$ 9,100			

Expense

Building and Grounds	\$9,264
(Year to Date Building Budget)	g and Grounds \$7,869
Office & Admin	\$7,989
(Year to date Office an Budget)	nd Administration \$3,012
Total Expense	\$99,089
Budgeted YTD Exp.	\$98,712
Excess of Income over	r expense
YTD.	- \$10,459
Budgeted	-\$ 9,889

Funds (As of 6/30/23)Endowment Balance\$761,685Memorial Balance\$135,090Mission Fund Balance\$ 21,645Operating Account Balance

\$ 3,489

*Budgeted Endowment income on the Financials is wrong this is the correct budget amount.

The Marmion Abbey Church Our 24th Anniversary Celebration Program presented by the Fox Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Friday, July 28, 2023 7:30 p.m. Marmion Abbey Church 850 Butterfield Road Aurora, IL 60502

Prayer List

Raelynn, Krystal, Marnie, Janet, Anton, Leia, Kathy, Ruth, Margaret, Ella, Cecilia, Anthony, Andrea, Robert, GretaMaggie, Mary Ellen, Arlene, Shirley, Daneal, Inga, Gary, Al, Ken, Donna, Anita, RJ, Larry, Bobbie, Elaine, Connie, Mary, Eben, Marilou, Eileen, Joe, Amy, Abby, Debi, Kai, Bud, Cathie, Tammy, Fr. Tom, Robert, Sr., Bob, Kevin, Val, Chireen, Bill, Dolores, Melodie, Peter, Madeline, Char, Mike, David, Richard, Michael, Danielle, Rob, Paulette, Jane, Sandy, Diana, Georgia, Joyce, Thomas, Wanda, Irene, Joseph, Wally, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Wayne, Don, Virg, Kim, Kris, Connor, Anne, Sr. Jean, James, Phyllis, Bill, Rose, Talon, Taylor, Linda J, Ty, Roberta, Paul, Malcolm, Signe, Charles, Charlene, Denise, Greg, Janeen, Lynn, Gloria, Dave, Lauren, Diane, and Laura.

July/August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays - July 7/27 - Mariella Candler 7/29 - Cathie Patterson 7/31 - Elidia Gutierrez August 8/3 - Malcomb Blogg 8/7 - Tom Herget 8/19 - Sonni Herget 8/24 - Angel Gutierrez 8/25 - Gabriel Akinyuwa September 9/7 - Jacklynn Abner-Lantgen 9/9 - Yetunde Igbalajobi September (Cont.) 9/9 Trish Tousignant 9/10 Jesutmisin Savage 9/16 Bobbie Fenwick 9/26 Ken Porter 9/28 Rob Borchert 9/30 Greg Gyllsdorff Anniversaries - July 7/18 Jacklynn and Jason Lantgen 7/23 Debbie & Richard Abner August 8/6 Lisa & Denzil Luckritz 8/23 Kristen & Paul LaTour Anniversaries - July (Cont.) 8/26 Gale & Richard Blogg 8/29 Sonni & Tom Herget September 9/18 Cindy & Bob Hansen





Buildings and Grounds

It is a very busy time here at Church! After many setbacks, Talented Tenth, the people striving to start a day care center in the basement of the Parish Hall, held a summer session starting on July 17th, 2023! They are still working on approval by the Department of Children and Family Services for licensure. The last barrier is traces of lead in our water, requiring



filters to be installed on the faucets in the Center. They are looking for full opening in late August when school opens. It is so wonderful to have kids in the building! Today two volunteers came up seeking can openers so they could prepare ice-cream. Some for me, too!

Related to the Lead problem, is a project the city undertook. For years, the snowplow they use to clean the downtown sidewalks has ripped up our lawn because they have to avoid our fence. So, they decided to widen the sidewalk. While doing so they broke the water line from the street to the Church. They did a band aid and then replaced the lead pipe main with a non-toxic pipe. Thus, in my mind, the lead problem should leach away over time as our pipes get flushed. In any case they have widened the sidewalk and the new grass is starting to grow.

Next week, starting July 24th, 2023, the roofs of the Parish Hall and the Cloister are being replaced. We received a large check from the Church Insurance Company to pay for them as they were



damaged in the April, 8th, 2023 hail storm that caused considerable damage. These two roofs have been in need of replacement forever. I have been at Trinity since 1991 and the Cloister flat roof has never been replaced! And the roof of the Parish Hall is 20 years old. Is it horrible to thank God for a hail storm?

Then, in August, the long awaited re-do of the Chancel area of the church will be done. I have been waiting for the interior ramp for wheelchairs to be installed since 2004 and am so excited that this remodeling will add that feature to the Church. The first row of pews will be removed and the carpet replaced with redwood. It will be striking!

Other happenings: After three weeks of experimenting, we finally found a way to get wi-fi access to Greg's office upstairs in the Cloister. At some pint in the future, we will probably want to hardwire his computer to our router.

Gary, our Sexton, is continuing to fix cracks in the oak door on the North side of the Church.



Hindsight tells us we should have installed a metal door rather than the wood one.

Maria, our neighbor, continues to keep our grounds beautiful. Gary does the mowing; Maria does most everything else!

Then there is the mystery of the parking lot angel (I think it's a cherub, but then...) It sits, buried in the shrubs on the East part of the parking lot, gazing out and giving blessings to all who enter there.

Finally, Trinity's original legal charter is now displayed

boldly over the curio cabinet at the east wall of the parish hall! Take a close look – it is impressive!

Rob Borchert

Thank you

Mr. & Mrs. Rossi For the beautiful Collage you donated To Trinity. Proudly Displayed in the Parish Hall







Outreach

The summer of 2023 has presented us with multiple opportunities to reach out to our communities

The Neighbor Box: The Neighbor Box was gifted to Trinity over a year ago with the promise that another organization would keep it stocked with food and toiletry items. Tha organization ha since stopped bringing items and the box stood empty for month upon month. People already come to Trinity for food. The Sandwich Board feeds our community upwards of 300 sack lunches every week. It seemed logical for us o pick up the responsibility for stocking The Neighbor Box. So we did. And it is being used! A generous donation gave initial funding to the project and an ongoing donor supplements the donations brought in by parishioners and anonymous donors who drop off bags of food periodically. We have designated a storage cabinet to store the supplies and we refresh the Box twice a week, for now! Gary, our Sexton, made and installed a screen door to the box to keep the squirrels away so we now can give boxed foods away.

<u>One to grow on:</u> The Vestry voted to make the renovation of the Chancel their project for the year. For years we have been wanting to put a ramp from the Church floor up to the floor level of the rest of the buildings floors which also requires that we take out the first row of pews. We are also planning to remove the carpet and replacing it with hardwood. The total cost of the project is about \$28,000. Thanks to your generosity we have already funded \$22,000 of the project. Funds are still being accepted.

Back to School For the last 6 years, we have been taking donations of school related items (backpacks, pencils, crayons, notebooks, etc. and cash donations to support Beaupree Elementary School, located about a mile east of Trinity in a Federal Designated poverty area of Aurora. Beaupre, besides serving a challenging population, also serves the highest number of homeless children in Aurora. Last year Beaupre found a donor who helped with school supplies, so in addition to the school supplies we donated money to the Teachers so they can purchase supplies rather than pay for them out of their own pockets. This project needs to be wrapped up by August 9th, 2023 so we can get the supplies and money to the school before it opens for the fall.

<u>AID Group Homes:</u> The Association for Individual Development (AID) serves individuals with developmental and emotional disabilities throughout Kane and Kendall counties in a variety of residential and day programs. Trinity has traditionally supported one of AID's group homes. This year AID is asking us to provide support for individuals moving out of group homes into their own apartment and are asking for small appliances and furnishing for those apartments.

Please see the next page for the flyers for Back to School and AID Group Homes. Donations can also be made through Trinity's Web Site www.trinityaurora.org The on-line giving page

Thank you for your support. We are been awed by your generosity. We have asked for a lot and you have come through. Thank you again!







Don't let them go Back to School without the proper tools to learn!

Contribute to Trinity's Back to School Supplies Drive to Support Beaupre Elementary School here in Aurora.

Backpacks Pencils Markers Erasers Calculators Glue Sticks Three Ring Binders Folders Cravons Pens Ruled Paper Composition Books Safety Scissors Rulers Notebook Filler Paper **Colored Pencils**

> The Drive starts July 16th, 2023 and ends August 9th, 2023 All items must be new. Cash donations are perfect



The Association for Individual Development AID



AID operates 30 residential programs for over 200 individuals with developmental delays or Behavioral Health Issues. AID Receives \$.80 in payment from the State for every \$1.00 they spend on services.

Payments from the State run 3 to 6 months after the provision of services.

AID is relocating a number of individuals into more independent settings, where they will need all of the traditional things that you need that you don't think of right away! We have 5 new units that could use items such as:

Kitchen/Dining Utensils Kitchen Linens Can Openers, Jar Openers Drawer and Cupboard Liners Bathroom Linens Sets – matching shower curtain, rugs, towels. Welcome Mats Vinyl Tablecloths with Placemats Clear storage bins/Organization items for organizing kitchens, pantries, closets, garages, etc. Countertop appliances for 2 person household – small air fryer, small crock pot, etc. Quality Laundry Detergent Men's/Vomen's Body Wash – Men's 2- or 3- in 1 Notes/Cards with positive messages







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Jonathan Myrick Daniels - Seminarian and Martyr, 1965



Jonathan Myrick Daniels was born in Keene, New Hampshire, in 1939. He was shot and killed by an unemployed highway worker in Hayneville, Alabama, August 14, 1965.

From high school in Keene to graduate school at Harvard, Jonathan wrestled with the meaning of life and death and vocation. Attracted to medicine, the ordained ministry, law and writing, he found himself close to a loss of faith when his search was resolved by a profound conversion on Easter Day 1962 at the Church of the Advent in Boston. Jonathan then entered the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In March 1965, the televised appeal of Martin Luther King, Jr. to come to Selma to secure for all citizens the right to vote drew Jonathan to a time and place where the nation's racism and the

Episcopal Church's share in that inheritance were exposed.

He returned to seminary and asked leave to work in Selma where he would be sponsored by the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity. Conviction of his calling was deepened at Evening Prayer during the singing of the Magnificat: "'He hath put down the mighty from

their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things.' I knew that I must go to Selma. The Virgin's song was to grow more and more dear to me in the weeks ahead."

Jailed on August 14 for joining a picket line, Jonathan and his companions were unexpectedly released. Aware that they were in danger, four of them walked to a small store. As sixteen-year-old Ruby Sales reached the top step of the entrance, a man with a gun appeared, cursing her. Jonathan pulled her to one side to shield her from the unexpected threats. As a result, he was killed by a blast from the 12-gauge gun.

The letters and papers Jonathan left bear eloquent witness to the profound effect Selma had upon him. He writes, "The doctrine of the creeds, the enacted faith of the sacraments, were the essential preconditions of the experience itself. The faith with which I went to Selma has not changed: it has grown ... I began to know in my bones and sinews that I had been truly baptized into the Lord's death and resurrection ... with them, the black men and white men, with all life,

in him whose Name is above all the names that the races and nations shout ... We are indelibly and unspeakably one."

O God of justice and compassion, you put down the proud and mighty from their place, and lift up the poor and the afflicted: We give you thanks for your faithful witness Jonathan Myrick Daniels, who, in the midst of injustice and violence, risked and gave his life for another; and we pray that we, following his example, may make no peace with oppression; through Jesus Christ the just one, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

JUBILEE CENTER NEWS

I attended a zoom meeting with the Diocesan Hunger Commission. It was so nice to see these folks again. Our work together continues. Jubilee Centers may well be active again. I have had the pleasure of attending some of these events across the country. It is very interesting to visit and see some of the outreach centers and the very different ways they meet the needs of their communities.

Sandwich Board: Lunches continue to increase! We are serving around 300 lunches each week. Reality of this hits when we go shopping for 300 people. Think about that. Hauling in enough for 300 sandwiches, fruit, chips, water (it's the heaviest), etc. Thank goodness some of these items can be delivered.

Since we are no longer recycling, we (the churches that provide lunches) have been taking a lot of it home. This really helps with sustainability. Right now I am looking into ways to help reduce our waste as this has really increased in what we throw out. I wish there was some way not to have plastic water bottles. Anybody out there have any ideas.

What we do recycle: we are currently recycling **aluminum cans** (recycle container in the kitchen or drop by). **Tabs** – from cans, they go to either Ronald McDonald House or St. Jude's Hospital (container on window sill in kitchen) and the **plastic tabs** from bread loaves.

Community Service: we recently had a worker that was a big help to Rob and myself. This is the second person we have had here since COVID.

Amnesty Center: has been active lately. I had the pleasure of speaking with someone (directly on video phone) from Jamaica. That was a hoot! She was sitting outside under an ackee tree which is the national fruit of Jamaica. Never heard of it before. I guess you can eat the berries and cook with them. It always amazes me of the things I learn from people around the world.



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

Linda Barber, Director

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The Sandwich Board - 6 Month Report

Second Quarter Summary 2023

This report covers The Sandwich Board's first six months of its fourth Fiscal year as an independent Section 501(c)(3) not-for profit corporation. The Sandwich Board is a spin off from being a program of Trinity Episcopal Church's Jubilee Mission and is supported by:

Trinity Episcopal Church of Aurora	St. David Episcopal Church of Aurora
St. Charles Episcopal Church	St. John Episcopal Church of Naperville
St, Mark Episcopal Church of Geneva	St. Andrew Church of Downers Grove
Grace Episcopal Church of Hinsdale	Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

The Sandwich Board continues to serve nutritious bagged lunches to guests outside the Benton Street entrance to Trinity's parish hall. The meals typically consist of a sandwich, fruit, dessert, and water. At least once a month we serve hot meals in sealed cups. We also give out donated and purchased clothes, toiletries, and surgical grade masks. Over 14,000 masks have been distributed. Most of our guests come regularly. Our regulars are welcomed by name and share their stories with our volunteers. A new volunteer speaks fluent Spanish and adds to our ability to meet the needs of our guests. The lunches are provided by our wonderful participating churches. And are supplemented as necessary.

We received Group Donations this year from: Grace Episcopal Church - \$3,250 3. Diocese of Chicago Hunger Grant - \$400 Renaissance Charitable Fund - \$100 5. Raymond James Charitable Fund - \$500 St. Mark's Geneva - \$1,520

We have served 6363 lunches this year with an average of 245 lunches per week. The number of lunches served per week continues to grow. During the last quarter (April through June), we served 3664 meals with a weekly average on 281. The increased demand has strained some of our contributing Churches, so the Sandwich Board makes up the difference between what they can provide and the total number served.

We have been blessed by a loyal group of volunteers who come every Thursday that has grown with several new members which brings our number of regulars to eight. We are also grateful for the huge generosity of our participating Churches. Our enduring thanks to Trinity, which continues to provide space and support for our efforts.

Sandwich Board Financial Statement For the year 2022

Beginning balance 01/01/2023	(checkbook)	\$5,516.00		
Donations and Interest		\$2,761.00		
Refunds		\$ 44.00		
Grants and Foundations		<u>\$5,770.00</u>		
Total Income		\$8,395.00		
Disbursements:				
Salary	\$2,600.00			
Food Costs	\$2,542.00(1)			
Food Support	\$ 902.00(2)			
New Equipment	\$ 95.00			
Rent	\$ <u>600.00</u>			
Total Disbursements	\$6,829.00			
Ending Balance 6/30/2023		\$7,262		
Notes:				
Meal preparation costs are for food costs not covered by the contributing Churches. For example: Church A				
		he Sandwich Board Pays for the extra 20 lunches.		
Food Support costs. Includes bags, Salt pepper, condiments, coffee, etc.				
The Sandwich Board is Govern				
David Arch – President Manny Lopez – Vice President Scott Mois – Secretary				
Rob Borchert – Treasurer Linda Barber – Program Manager.				

And members from the participating Churches.

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Music at Trinity

2023-2024



An exciting new season of music is coming to Trinity. I am pleased to share with you that the Adult Choir will be singing **Evensong and Requiem**, *Sunday*, *October 29, 2023, at 3:00 pm*. The Fauré Requiem and his Cantique de Jean Racine will be accompanied by organ and orchestra. The orchestra will also accompany the Nunc Dimittis to our beloved tune O Waly Waly. We will be remembering those who have gone before us, and there will be an opportunity to list the names of those we wish to honor in the Evensong bulletin. There will be guest soloists, singers, and a guest organist. More information will be coming out in September.

Our Trinity Ringers have been invited to participate in a Handbell Festival *Saturday, September 30, 2023* at St. John's Lutheran Church in Batavia. We will ring one or two pieces by ourselves, and then ring three or four pieces with all the bell choirs together. This is going to be a fun event for all.

We need to get a D7 bell. This is a small bell and is called for in the music quite often. It is a bronze bell from the Malmark Bell Foundry in Pennsylvania. The cost is \$305, plus shipping. If you would like to give the bell in memory of a family member or loved one, please let us know.





On *Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 3:00*, we will be presenting, along with the Fox Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the winner of the Great Lakes Region Organ Competition. Owen Tellinghuisen is a Senior organ student pursuing a Bachelor of Music in organ performance in the studio of Professor Janette Fishell at Indiana University in Blooming, Indiana. He began piano lessons at the age of four and organ lessons at the age of ten. As a pianist, he has received multiple awards through the Grand Rapids Musicians' League and Piano Teachers' Forum. He is a three-time state and regional Junior Composers winner and received the Wilson Piano Composition Award from the National Federation of Music Clubs in 2019. He is a brilliant young organist and will be playing our newly refurbished organ.



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Serving God and God's People Since 1849



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.

Trinity Vestry

Senior Warden: Guy Stephens Junior Warden: Marilou Clohessy Members Ken Adam Rob Borchert Karen Dolan Cathie Patterson Cecilia Seabrook Guy Stephens Trish Tousignant

