



Trinity Parish Newsletter

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Dear Church Family:

As I'm writing this, I'm watching the seasons change before my eyes. The sky is gray, the leaves are falling, and the temperature is dropping – slightly. But there's no doubt about it – fall is on its way!

I moved up north for the very first time in September of 2011 when I arrived on Cape Cod just in time to see, for the first time in my life, a real autumn. Florida doesn't have fall, and when I lived in Germany, I arrived just as winter settled in and left just before the leaves fell. For the first time in my life, I understood the joy of seeing trees robed in primary colors, walking through crunchy piles of leaves, and wearing a light sweater as the chill began to settle into the air.

And then came winter. Unbearable darkness and cold for months on end. Later, I wondered why I loved, and still love, fall so much. After all, it is a season of death. A season where the earth prepares to go dormant. A season that has one purpose – to prepare the animals and the plants for the harshest season of all.

I've since realized why I love fall so much. Because I know that winter is not the end. It will be long. It will be dark. But always, ALWAYS, spring comes again. And so, instead of fall being a funeral season, it's a season to enjoy warmer weather while we have it. A season to sit out on the deck for an extra long time. A season to grill out Kilgus brats before it's too cold to do so. Instead of a season of death, it's a season of change – short-term change in view of a long-term world.

The verse that comes to mind as I write this is Isaiah 40:8 which states: *"The grass withers; the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever."* Sometimes I feel as though the world of churches is in an autumn season. We struggle to feel relevant to the world as it is, and at the same time, the world seems to find us less relevant to their lives.

We could allow this to panic us. To tear at our hair while we envision a permanent winter bearing down on Christianity. But this verse brings so much comfort. It reminds us that, while change does happen – and often change is scary-, God's word, God's world, God's promises, God's rule lasts forever.

Instead of seeing the world we are in now as a time of the death of the church, let's consider it a time of change. A time of winnowing. A time of evaluating our true purpose. A time for preparing our hearts for the spring when, once again, growth will flood our Christian world and our churches as God designs.

Thanks be to our God for forever promises!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Terri

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Services

On Sunday, November 24, Cullom Methodists will be joining the Lutherans at 9:00 am and Kempton Methodists will be joining the Nazarenes at 10:15 am for a morning Thanksgiving worship service. Both services will be held at the Methodist church in the respective towns. There will be no evening service as we have had in the past. We welcome everyone for a time to give thanks for our many blessings this autumn.



Please keep the following in your prayers.....

Dustin Marcum, Richard Larson, Dick Page, Agnes Schramm, Ron and Diane Shapland, Willie Vanwassenhove

The family of Paul Gray

The family of Larry Frantz

The family of David Steidinger

The family of Gisela Schroeder

All those affected by Hurricane Helene.

All those serving in the armed forces here and abroad.

Articles & news for the next newsletter should be sent to Deb English no later than December 15, 2024. Address: PO Box 175, Kempton, IL 60946 e-mail: english6@frontiernet.net

Newsletter distribution is done by Meri Knapp. If you have an address change or would like to receive your newsletter by email, please contact her at mknapp@frontiernet.net

Please give Deb English and Vicki Allen all dates for your parish activities! They will strive very hard to get you a complete newsletter and bulletin. Thank you!!!

Vicki's address: 32951 E 1400 North Rd, Cullom, IL 60929 vkallen@maxwire.net



Tim Graves and The Farm Hands

UPCOMING CONCERT

DATE:

Sunday, November 10, 2024

TIME:

Concert at 6:00 pm

Come early for a bowl of chili and cornbread!
Supper starts at 5:30 pm - \$10/adult, under 5 free

LOCATION:

Kempton Legion Hall

212 First Street

A love offering will be taken for the band.

Sponsored by: Kempton Methodist Church and the Kempton Days Committee

www.farmhandsmusic.com

Accolade Health Care

300 W Lowell Ave
Pontiac, IL 61764
815-842-1181



Arc at Dwight

300 E Mazon
Dwight, IL 60420

Stan Farley - K,M



Tjardes Health Care Center

215 E Washington
Pontiac, IL 61764
Ph: 815-844-6131

Leslie Kopp - Cu,M
Agnes Schramm - Cu,L



Evenglow Senior Living

1200 Evenglow Lane
Pontiac, IL 61764
815-842-9040

Rosie Dietz- Cu,C
Eldon Flessner - Cu,L
Connie Haag - Cu,L
Charles Stark - Cu,C

Evenglow Inn

1200 Evenglow Lane
Pontiac, IL 61764
815-842-9040



**Prairieview Lutheran
Home Faith Center**

PO Box 4
Danforth, Il 60930 - 0004
Ph: 815-269-2970



**Goldwater - Pontiac
(formerly Good Samaritan)**

1225 S Ewing Dr
Pontiac, Il 61764
Ph: 815-844-5121

Paula Rork-Cu,L
Dave Tharp - Cu,L
Carol Tharp - Cu,L



Courtyard Estates

100 Harvest View Lane
Herscher, IL 60941
815-426-2000

Floyd Haag - Cu,L
Bernice Moritz - Cu,L
Ron Shank - K,N



Bridges at Butterfield

1485 Butterfield Trail
Kankakee IL 60901



Miller Center

Riverside Health Care
1601 Butterfield Trail
Kankakee, Il 60901
Ph: 815-936-6500



Arcadia Care

1190 E 2900 North Rd
Clifton, Il 60927
Ph: 815-694-2306



Palmwood Health Care Center

600 S Maple St
Piper City, IL 60959

The Pointe in Pontiac

120 N Deerfield Rd
Pontiac, IL 61764

Sharon Shifflet - Cu,C
Lavon Wright - K,M



Vera Clifton

1191 Cricket Lane
Centralia, IL 62801

Leon & Shirley Malone

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Kankakee IL 60901

Please remember these folks!

Key:
Ca - Cabery
Cu - Cullom
K - Kempton
S - Saunemin
C - Catholic
L - Lutheran
M - Methodist
N - Nazarene

PARADE OF PALMS 2024		<input type="checkbox"/>
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IGRC:		<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Relations Sunday	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$55.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native American Awareness Sunday	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peace with Justice	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golden Cross	\$55.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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General Advance Specials:		<input type="checkbox"/>
UNCOR Church World Service	\$55.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heifer Project Intenational	\$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Conference Advance Specials		<input type="checkbox"/>
Camping Ministries	\$90.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church World Service Tools of Hope and Blanket Sunday	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Illinois Church Action of Alcohol Problems	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deaf and Hearing Impaired Ministry	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Habitat for Humanity	\$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Africa University	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chaddock School	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Red Bird Mission	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Baby Fold	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total:	\$560.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ck issued to IGRCC issued 9/13/2924		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Local Mission Projects:		<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Church Budget	\$210.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Community Action	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Salvation Army	\$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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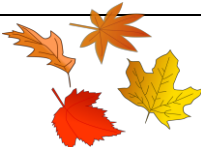
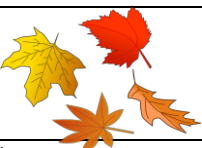





October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
				Bible Study 10 am Cullom		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
WORLD WIDE COMMUNION Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am				Bible Study 10 am Cullom		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am Weiner Roast and Bonfire Forrest 4:30 pm	COLUMBUS DAY			Bible Study 10 am Cullom		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am Charge Conference 1:30 pm Fairbury UMC			Kempton UWF 1:30 pm	Bible Study 10 am Cullom		
27	28	29	30	31		
Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am						

- Birthdays**
- 1 Vernon Malone
 - Gary Crane
 - 2 Doris Willis
 - 5 Julie Malone
 - 8 Rita Godbee
 - Vern Tompkins
 - 10 Tom Bergan
 - 11 Kim Knox
 - Chuck Deany
 - 19 Julie Fraher
 - 20 Cindy Clapp
 - 21 Sam Terrell
 - 22 Jake Birch
 - 24 Christopher Wright
 - 25 George Hills
 - Jon Brashear
 - 26 Caleb Klemm
 - 28 Vickie Wright
 - 30 Kyle Donley
 - Chris Haren
 - Rylee Kay Mahoney
- Anniversaries**
- 11 Jeremy & Lisa Allen



November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
HOLY COMMUNION All Saints Day Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am				Bible Study 10 am Kempton		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am 5:30 pm Chili Supper 6:00 pm The Farm Hands Entertainment			Kempton UMW 1:30 pm	Bible Study 10 am Kempton		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am				Bible Study 10 am Kempton		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am						

Birthdays




- 2 Joanne Rasmussen
- Brent Talbott
- 3 Rev Deb Talbott
- 4 Brad Biskie
- 5 Nikki (McWhorter) Briggs
- Kim Earing
- Phillip Earing
- 6 Leslie Kopp
- 9 Ron Sadler
- Michelle Tompkins
- 12 Ben Godbee
- 14 Connie Hitchens
- 15 Marilynn Sadler
- Brenda Ferreira
- 16 Holly Godbee
- Nancy Wright
- 20 Robert Roggenburg Jr
- Jeff Biskie
- Pastor John Lyons
- 22 Alex Malone
- Rev David Phillips
- 24 Mikaayla English
- 30 David Taylor

Anniversaries

- 1 Pastor Jon and Christina Brashear



December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel -- which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:23</i></p> 						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
HOLY COMMUNION Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am				Bible Study 10 am Cullom		Christmas Tree Lighting Kempton 4-7 pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am			Kempton UWF 1:30 pm	Bible Study 10 am Cullom		Christmas on Main Street Cullom 4-7 pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am				Bible Study 10 am Cullom		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Cullom 9:00 am Kempton - 10:15 am		Christmas Eve Service Kempton 				
29	30	31				
Unity Sunday 10:00 am Cullom No church in Kempton						

Birthdays

- 4 Raymond Jepson
Susie Roggenburg
- 5 Richard Roggenburg
Jared Haberkorn
- 7 Keith Taylor
- 8 Zach Malone
- 9 William Huffman
- 11 Julie Taylor
- 13 Vern Tompkins
- 15 Angel Stringer
- 18 Karl Klemm
Chris Taylor
- 19 Payton Whitman
- 23 Felicia Brown
- 24 Jeff Edwards
Aimee Wright
- 29 Linda Haberkorn

Anniversaries

- 4 Carey & Leslie Wiesner
- 5 Whitney & Ryan Larson
- 8 Allen & Susan Spangler
- 10 Casey & Janine Loving