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What is Stewardship?

In biblical terms, Charles Bugg defines stewardship in the Holman Bible Dictionary as: “Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.” Christian Stewardship regards the obligation of Christians in managing and utilizing intelligently the gifts that God has given.

More often than not, when we think of good stewardship, we think of how we manage our finances and our faithfulness in paying God’s tithes and offerings. But it’s much more than that. In fact, it’s more than just the management of our time, our possessions, our environment or our health. Stewardship is our obedient witness to God’s sovereignty. It’s what motivates the follower of Christ to move into action, doing deeds that manifest our belief in Him.

Stewardship defines our practical obedience in the administration of everything under our control, everything entrusted to us. It is the consecration of one’s self and possessions to God’s service. It acknowledges in practice that we do NOT have the right of control over ourselves or our property- God has that control. Faithful stewardship means that we fully acknowledge we are not our own but belong to Christ, the Lord, who gave Himself for us. Being a good steward in this world is one way of expressing our love for God and our gratitude to Him.

The ultimate question, then, is this: Am I the lord of my life, or is Christ the Lord of my life? In essence, stewardship expresses our total obedience to God and Jesus Christ. I&S Ministry Team

Update from Session on Transitional Pastor (formerly known as an interim)

We are very close to hiring a transitional pastor and expect to share more details soon. In addition to providing full-time pastor duties for Trinity, the transitional pastor will help us as follows:

In partnership with the Session, work toward a healthy and productive transition between called pastors by:

- Assisting the congregation to review its history and identify its gifts and passions
- Identifying and mentoring new and emerging leaders in the congregation
- Exploring new directions for ministry in the community
- Assisting the congregation to resolve conflicts and solve problems constructively
- Assessing the current staffing model
- Assessing the current committee structure, including Session and Deacons’ Board
- Drafting the job description of the next installed pastor
- Evaluating the church’s financial and material assets
- Strengthening the relationship of the congregation with the Presbytery and Synod
- Prepare the congregation for the arrival of the next installed pastor

The transitional pastor will not be involved in the search process of the Pastor Nominating Committee and will not be eligible to be a candidate for the pastoral office of our church.



**Join us for All Saints' Day
Sunday, October 29**

During this service, we dedicate memorial gifts that were purchased, and remember members and friends of Trinity who died since the preceding All Saints' Day. Please plan to attend this special day of remembrance. Invite your family and friends.



- 11/1 Jim Carson
- Robert Brown
- 11/2 Wyatt Grissom
- 11/3 Jenny Darland
- 11/7 Julia Thorius
- 11/8 Patty DeHeer
- 11/10 Jodi Anderson
- 11/13 Sally Johnson
- Barbara Overton
- 11/14 Stacia Kleene
- 11/15 Joan Claerhout
- 11/17 Ron Albrecht
- Katie New
- Chelsea Sunken
- 11/18 Lochlan Lanning
- Nicole Coghlan
- 11/19 Heather Roush
- Shari Shaw
- 11/20 Jaiden Wallander
- 11/21 Abby Anderson
- 11/22 Katie Black
- 11/24 Dale Crain
- Marilyn Kroll
- 11/27 Kylie Hervey
- 11/28 Arlette Kuehl
- 11/29 Laird Jack

The next Trinity News deadline is November 15.
Please e-mail articles to trinityupc@dwx.com by 10 am.
Call or email Wendy with any questions.

Highlights from the September Session Meeting

1. Newly installed elders spoke to their reason for accepting the nomination and what they bring to this office.
2. Approval for Property to purchase a new refrigerator in the church kitchen and possibly a new microwave if the price is good.
3. Approval for TEST to begin fundraising for fertilizer and food baskets in November.
4. A transitional pastor job description has been drafted and approved.
5. Reminder for ministry teams to begin working on their 2024 budgets.

Annual Report Deadline

To allow time for the preparation of the Annual Report for Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting, please plan on emailing all reports to the church office by Friday, December 8. If you have any questions, please call or email Wendy.

BUDGET FIGURES FOR TRINITY NEWS
September 30, 2023

GENERAL OPERATING FUND	
Beginning balance	\$ 88,639.80
Revenue	18,092.52
Expenses	(15,258.93)
Ending balance	\$ 91,473.39
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	\$ 81,632.79

CIA November Schedule

- Nov 1 - Outing Night. Bring \$5 (extra snack money if you don't like what the youth provides) and wear socks!
- Nov 8 - Discussion Night.
- Nov 15 - Discussion Night.
- Nov 19 - Pancakes with VanDam in the fellowship kitchen 8:30-10 am.
- Nov 22 - No Youth Groups - Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov 29 - Shop, Wrap & Food. Bring \$5 to help with shopping for our adopted family.

IN OUR PRAYERS



- To...
- Glenda Richards** for the passing of her brother, Randy Starr.
 - Lon & Linda Davey** for the passing of Bob Davey.
 - Dawn Dixon** for energy and strength.
 - John & Bev Anderson** for strength and healing.

AREA CARE CENTERS

- Westview Care Center** – Ken & Sandy Newell
- The Village Care Center** – Bev Anderson, Dawn Dixon

Pledge Packets

October 22 was Dedication Sunday. If you have not turned in your pledge card or time & talent sheet, this is a reminder to get it in to the church office ASAP. By working together and encouraging one another, we accomplish more. Thank you for your continued support. In Gratitude to God - We Give. I&S Ministry Team



November 2023 ~ Trinity United Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Reg Wed Schedule</p> <p>5:00 SWAT (FH) 5:30 Calvin C (S) 5:50 Bells (FH-W) 6:15 P-5th Grade (P) 6:15 MS-G1(SW MP) 6:30 CIA (Y) 7:00 Chancel C (S)</p>	<p>Ministry Teams</p> <p>5:30 Hospitality (CR) 7:00 Mission (CR) 7:00 I&S (A) 7:00 A&F (FH) 8:00 Worship (S)</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Reg Wed Schedule</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 Men's Coffee Group (Y)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7-11:30 Blood Drive (FH-E) 9-Noon Don Justo Coffee Sales (PATH) 5:00 Contemporary Worship (FH) Communion Rev Kristin Pike</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p> <p>9:30 Worship (S) Communion Maurice Dyer 10:45 ABS (CR)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3:30 Koinonia (SW)</p>	<p>7</p> <p></p> <p>6:30 Property (FH)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:15 Martha Circle (FH)</p> <p>Reg Wed Schedule</p> <p>Ministry Teams</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 Men's Coffee Group (Y)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1-5:30 Blood Drive (FH)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9-Noon Don Justo Coffee Sales (PATH)</p> <p></p> <p>5:00 Contemporary Worship (FH) Rev Don Naftz</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:30 Worship (S) Rev Dr Judy Winkelpleck 10:45 ABS (CR)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>3:30 Koinonia (SW)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 Sewing Group (SW)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 Trinity News Deadline</p> <p>Reg Wed Schedule</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 Men's Coffee Group (Y) 10:00 3T (FH)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9-Noon Don Justo Coffee Sales (PATH) 5:00 Contemporary Worship (FH) Rev Dr Judy Winkelpleck</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:30 Pancakes with VanDam (K) 9:30 Worship (S) Rev Sheryl Puderbaugh 10:45 ABS (CR) 10:45 CE (SW)</p> <p>2:00 Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner (FH)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>3:30 Koinonia (SW)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00 Sewing Group (SW) 6:30 Deacons (FH)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p></p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9-Noon Don Justo Coffee Sales (PATH) 5:00 Contemporary Worship (FH) Rev Kip Harris</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Christ the King Sunday</p> <p>9:30 Worship (S) Rev Sheryl Puderbaugh 10:45 ABS (CR) 10:45 CE (SW)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3:30 Koinonia (SW) 7:00 Ana Circle (FH)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00 Sewing Group (SW)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Reg Wed Schedule</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 Men's Coffee Group (Y)</p>		

Congregational Thanksgiving - The 2nd Annual Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner will take place on Sunday, November 19 at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office, Kerry McKasson or Barb Yearous by November 12. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy will be provided. Please expect a Perfect Potluck in your emails for additional side dishes and pies. If you know of anyone who may not get out and would like a dinner delivered, please include that information in your RSVP. We hope to see you all there!

Heal House residents use several things on a daily basis. The items either wear out or are used quickly. The shelter board has a wish list of items needed. Trinity's Mission Team wants to help provide some of the items on the wish list that the residents use frequently. During the month of November, Mission is asking the congregation to bring to the church atrium any of the following items: toilet paper, small Kleenex boxes, wash cloths, hand towels, liquid hand soap, liquid laundry soap, eco-friendly bio degradable paper plates, eco-friendly disposal coffee cups with lids. Let's follow God's word (*Hebrews 13:16*) "*And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*"



In the spring of 2023, the WeLIFT Board of Directors and staff agreed there are many local barriers that impeded our client's ability to gain and sustain employment. The Compassion Fund was created for our working clients to help pay for items like; required clothing/footwear, transportation, small vehicle repairs and maintenance, critical documents like birth certificates and IDs, short term emergency housing and IMU/rent incentives for our financial workshops (participants are required to attend all

financial workshops - programs are usually between 5-7 weeks and upon completion each participant receives money toward their rent or utility bill).

If you're interested in making a financial donation to WeLIFT, the easiest way is to simply write a check and mail it to: WeLIFT Job Search Center
106 East Second Ave.
Indianola, IA 50125

We will send you a thank you letter and confirmation of your donation. To donate online go to WeLIFT's website at <https://www.weliftjobsearchcenter.org/> and click on the DONATE button.

Trinity Staff:

Office AdministratorWendy Dowell
Children and Youth Director..... Amy Fredricks
High School Youth Directors.....Nick & Becca VanDam
Middle School Youth Directors.....Paul & Rachael Wilson
Minister of Music.....Mark Koskamp
Chancel Bells & Calvin Choristers Director.....Chari Kruse
Chancel Choir Accompanist.....Anna Lackaff
Calvin Choristers Accompanist.....Gary Richardson
Custodian.....Kerry McKasson
Sunday Childcare AttendantGlenda Richards
Financial Secretary.....Betty Dyer

*Growing an inclusive faith community
of forgiveness, compassion, joy and service in
Christ through God's word.*

Worship Schedule

Sunday - 9:30 am
Saturday - 5:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

