



Trinity Episcopal Church



Celebrating More than 160 Years of Changing Lives

December 2011 Newsletter

From the Junior Warden;

The Holiday Season is upon us! Thanksgiving is my favorite secular Holiday! It's all about family and food! What could be better? Every year I go back and read Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation which set the stage for our modern celebration. Here's a link <http://www.wildwestweb.net/thanks/thanks.html>. In the midst of the most terrible war this country has ever seen, he was able to find the glory and love that God has given us. Blessings to you and your loved ones this Thanksgiving!

Happenings! 1) The apartment heating system and insulation is installed. Michael is toasty! 2) The response to our second audit has been written. There are still a few projects that need to be undertaken, like the review of our insurance and the completion of our inventory, but all is well. 3) Trinity's Financial Handbook has been reviewed and updated. 4) A radiator was moved down from the apartment and installed in the Guild room which is now quite cozy. 5) The windows upstairs in the Choir Room and offices have been covered with plastic for insulation. 6) RibFest was a great success, raising over \$1,000 for the Church. 7) The number of Pledge Sheets I have received has risen from 1 to 12 – Please pledge now to support Trinity. 8) Plans are afoot for our first co-operative service with the other Church that uses our building on November 20th. 9) Father Rosa has been teaching us about the History of the Episcopal Church. 10) Trinity's Energy efficiency plan has been written, reviewed and approved by the Vestry and submitted to the Diocese! Busy, busy, busy!

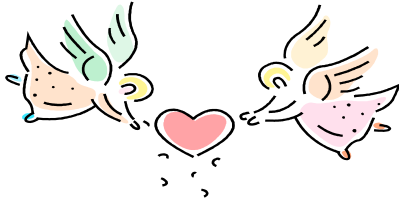
Rob Borchert



HOSPITALIZED:

Naomi Fauth: is at Jennings Terrace, Aurora. She would love to hear from you.

Mona Knuth: is at Countryside Care Center, Aurora. She would also love to see you.



Congratulations: Eloise Eilert was awarded her doctorate from Texas A & M University Nautical Archaeology Program. Her paper was written on “Conservation of severely damaged paper using passivation polymers”.

Congratulations, Dr. Eilert.

Linda Barber and myself are co-chairing the nominating committee for vestry. If anyone out there has a fellow parishioner you would like to nominate for any position please let Linda or myself know in time for the January annual meeting.

Thank you
Chireen and Linda

**Please cut out this prayer
and carry it with you...**

We pray for discernment for where God is calling each of us and our church.

We ask for God’s help as we seek ways to serve the Hispanic population.



PRAYERS NEEDED

In Our Parish Prayers: We pray for Jim, Malcolm, Mona, Cynthia, Lucile, John, Sarah, Naomi, Mitch, Ryan, Mary, Jackie, Barb, Trish, Tom, Nicki, Judy, Charlie, Patricia, Mike, Myron (for health), Hannah, Bianca, Betty (for the guidance of the Holy Spirit).

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Amen.



The Sandwich Board would like to send a big thank you out to TGIF's, Panera Bread Company and Red Lobster for their continued donations of food that is used every Thursday at Sandwich Board. Without these contributors the parishes and their members would be doing a lot more cooking and preparing of food. Soooo, next time you are thinking of a place to go and eat please remember these generous companies who help us feed anywhere from 100- 150 people EVERY

Thursday. While you're in the restaurant, take the time to introduce yourself as a member of Trinity and let them know just how much their company's donations mean to not only them but for the guests every Thursday.

Linda Barber
Sandwich Board Director

I would like to thank all those responsible for pulling off the kick-off Sunday School and mini Fun Fair. I believe we had around 11 or 12 children who attended and I think it's safe to assume a good time was had by all.

Chireen

Thanks go to: Michael Walker, Gale Blogg, Chireen DeKing, Rob Borchert, and Pat Wilson for their help with the insulation upstairs. This was quite an accomplishment as the attic (probably) had not seen anything since the 1950's.

Attended: Michael Walker and Linda Barber attended the Northern Illinois Food Bank agency conference in Geneva. We received many great ideas on fund-raising. NIFB has recently moved to a new great location off of Averill Road in Geneva. We were given the opportunity to tour this wonderful facility. At the end of the program each agency was awarded a \$95.00 gift certificate from Kraft Foods.

2nd Annual Goofy Gift Girls Get-Together

Bring a goofy gift from home or store not to exceed \$5.00 (re-gifting is appropriate at this event). The goofier the better! In addition please bring a little appetizer or a few cookies. Please keep it small, we had so much food last year. Chireen DeKing is hosting this fabulous extravaganza.

Place: 220 Hartway Court, Montgomery.
Time: 6:00 p.m.



Please RSVP to her by December 1 at 630.801.1554.

We hope to see a lot of ladies from Trinity!



Financial Snapshot: At our last Vestry meeting, we voted to start putting a condensed budget in the newsletter each month so that the membership at large can see where we're at. If you have any questions about our financial standing, talk to Alex Adams, Rob Borchert, Tom Herget, or John Cluney .

Financial Snapshot 11-1-2011

		Actual	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
Income					
September	Pledge and Plate	\$4,494	\$5,456	\$53,099	\$65,473
	Total Income	\$11,146	\$13,011	\$91,707	\$95,545
Expenses					
	Apartment Electric	\$100	\$155	\$1,449	\$1,275
	Church Electric	\$151	\$190	\$2,296	\$1,900
	Gas	\$74	\$125	\$7,093	\$7,871
	Total Building and Grounds	\$4,523	\$870	\$29,742	\$24,289
	Clergy Costs - Total	\$1,154	\$800	\$24,133	\$25,006
	Total Expenses	\$11,171	\$7,265	\$91,355	\$97,523
	Excess Revenue over Expenses	-\$25	\$5,746	\$352	-\$1,978