

Let God's Word...

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS

September/October, 2024

...Rule Our Hearts and Guide Our Footsteps

Pastor's News, views, and attitudes

Just a reminder we have Grief Share starting on Sept 5. If you are struggling with loss, I recommend this for you and your loved ones. Recently I lost a friend and I am still processing his death. This was a man that always hugged me when we saw one another, which was never enough. This was a man that walked with my son through his addiction and along with me helped him become the man he is today. There are times we lose someone that we don't realize how important they were in our lives, this was Jim. I have been spending a lot of time realizing I will never hug him again or talk with him again. It is tough.

There are scriptures that remind us on how short life is and there are a couple that speak to me. Psalm 39:4-5 "Let me know my end, Lord. How many days do I have left? I want to know how brief my time is." You've made my days so short; my lifetime is like nothing in your eyes. Yes, a human life is nothing but a puff of air!

Ecclesiastes 9:12 "People most definitely don't know when their time will come. Like fish tragically caught in a net or like birds trapped in a snare, so are human beings caught in a time of tragedy that suddenly falls to them." Life is short and we never know, so hug, laugh, love and enjoy while we can. God blessed us with this life, make the very best of it.

Pastor Lisa

One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

Nurture news

Creative Crafters is going strong. If you want to sew, knit, crochet or just gab, you are encouraged to join us on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m.

A Bible Study will be starting September 4 for 6 weeks on "Knowing Who We Are, The Wesleyan Ways of Grace". Contact the church office or Pastor Lisa to register. Books are \$15 and you can get one even if you can't attend the study.

Julie will be leading a Grief Share support group from September 5 through December 5 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. You can register at GriefShare.org or by calling the church office. Julie is also working on a youth grief share program and welcomes your prayers and input.

We will be calling Bingo at Crosstown Square in Silvis the third Thursday of every month. Please see Barb Downs or Katie Gillispie if you would like to volunteer for this enjoyable outreach. Our October outreach is for Bingo prizes. We have included a flyer in this newsletter listing prizes they enjoy, and the list will be posted at church as well.

Our next combined worship service with Green River will be sometime in October. We welcome your prayers and suggestions for those combined services so we can get more people attending.

Our mission opportunity for September is cereal for the Food Pantry. We very much appreciate the wonderful response each month for these mission opportunities.

Please feel free to come to our next Nurture meeting on Monday, Sept. 9 at 5:30. We welcome any questions or ideas about other things our church could do. Thanks so much for all your support and all your prayers. We thank God for such a generous, giving, involved church family.

Milan Christian Food Pantry

Our next work dates are Mondays Sept 30 and Oct 3 from 9 – 11 a.m. and Thursdays Nov 4 and Nov 7 from 3 – 6 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome! The board will be deciding on items for the Thanksgiving baskets at their September meeting, so stay tuned for further details. Thanks to everyone who is donating, working and/or praying for the Food Pantry. We are so grateful for your ongoing support and especially for the wonderful response for our request for feminine hygiene items and cereal in August. Our shelves were looking very bare, so thanks so much for filling them so well!

Be sure to notify the church office with any changes in addresses and/or phone numbers.

Pennies For Missions will be collected the second Sunday of the Month

Upcoming Events >>>

Event	Date	Time
Open Road	Sep 10 th & 24 th Oct 8 th & 22 nd	6 pm
Creative Crafters	Wednesdays	9 – 10 am
Bible Study	Sep 4 – Oct 9	6 pm
Grief Share	Sep 5 – Dec 5	6 pm
Nurture	Sep 9 th	5:30 pm
Staff Parish	Sept 7 th	5:30 pm
Bingo	3 rd Thursday	1:30 pm
Trustees	Sep 28 th	9:30 am
Finance	Sep 28 th	10:00 am
Church Council	Sep 28 th	10:30 am
Charge Conf.	Oct 27	1 p.m.

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9am-noon. Fridays CLOSED. If anyone would like to volunteer in the church office, please see Pastor Lisa or Katie Gillispie. Pastor's hours are available by appointment. If the church office is closed, please leave a message and Pastor Lisa or an office volunteer will return your call. If you have an urgent issue, you may call or text Pastor Lisa on her cell phone at 217-898-8403 or email her at pastorllisa@gmail.com.

Charge Conference will meet at Aledo United Methodist Church, 301 N. College Ave. Aledo, IL 61231. Phone 309-582-2169 Rev. David Schultz is pastor there.

Come join our Bible Study and/or Grief Share groups!

KNOWING WHO WE ARE

The Wesleyan Way of Grace
WHAT WE BELIEVE, WHAT WE DO, AND WHY

6 week study starting Sep 4

Lacey C. Warner

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Sept 5 to Dec 5, 6pm-7:30pm
Milan Trinity UMC, 300 2nd Ave W
Milan

GRIEF SHARE

WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Register @ GriefShare.org
or 309-787-1362

Financial News

Treasurers Report – For Period Ending 31 July 2024
Submitted by Linda Armstrong Lindy

Message: During August, we had to pull \$15,000 from savings to make ends meet. The finance committee is hoping that we will be solvent the rest of the year. Blessings to all. Linda

2024:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Income	5,843.88	6,703.37	10,618.01	11,268.99	5,690.07	17,705.47	13,947.13
expenses	9,334.74	10,758.75	8,719.47	20,059.91	10,144.04	9,863.95	18,877.24
difference	3,490.86	-4,055.38	1,898.54	-8,790.92	-4,453.97	7,841.52	-4930.11
Savings used						10,000	

Recap: Below is a recap of our finances for January 2023-December 2023:

	January	February*	March	April	May*	June*	July*
Income	8,752.17	13,777.29	6,237.46	6,398.39	18,022.43	22,110.6	12,606.9
expenses	11,714.21	12,460.10	9,740.26	8,821.82	10,220.13	14,493.90	10,005.85
difference	-2,962.04	1,317.19	3,502.80	2,423.43	7,802.30	7,616.70	2,601.05
Savings used		5,000			8,000	16,000	5,902

	August	September	October	November	December	totals
Income	6,654	7,816.12	28,052.30	8,801.29	7,247.40	126,476.39
Expenses	17,034.02	6,147.36	11,054.16	12,278.25	8,412.05	132,382.11
Difference	-10,379.98	1,668.76	16,998.14	-3,476.96	-1,164.65	-5,905.72

For 2023: Months with an * behind them include income from savings. The extra \$5,902, is the refund for property tax that we were charged erroneously in 2022. Note that in October 2023, the church was given \$20,000 from an estate. This does make us in the black for the year, but if you look in the 'totals' column, you will see a negative balance which shows our balance thru November without the \$20,000 inheritance.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
WITH CAKE!!!**

First Sunday of every month

Help Needed for Miscellaneous Accounts

*You may direct extra-donations if you are looking for
somewhere specific to donate:*

- ❖ Office Supplies
- ❖ Computer Supplies (Web support or software)
- ❖ Mowing / Snow Removal
- ❖ Food Pantry

September Birthdays

Rosemary Woodbury 6
Duane Dark 12
Jill Mueller 14
Amayra Mendez 26
Daneen French 26
Bob Gauley 27
Roy Snell 28

October Birthdays

Evelyn Hoover 7
Rod Derrer 9
Mike Koester 17
Carol Gerard 19
Linda Lindy 23
Edith Gibeau 24
Jim Gripp 31

September Anniversaries

Pam & Bill Pearson 5
Jeff & Angie Golightly 12
Dan & Julie Eastman 14
Roy & Linda Snell 22

October Anniversaries

Gene & Katie Gillispie 16
Jeff & Carol Gerard 19
Jeremy & Samantha Lake 20

Attendance

(in person + online)

July 7	28 + 18	Aug 4	27 + 31
July 14	32 + 18	Aug 11	29 + 30
July 21	29 + 227	Aug 18	24 + 27
July 28	17 + 27	Aug 25	31

*Please join us for
Communion the first
Sunday of every month.*

**Ushers and Liturgists
Opportunities Available**

As part of our worship service each week, we have opportunities for ushers, liturgists, acolytes and assistants for communion. Coffee helpers for after worship fellowship are also needed. Sign-up sheets are posted in the narthex for these positions. We currently have many spots open for service. Please prayerfully consider signing up as a volunteer in service to God and to your church.

Thank You...

Bell Ringer

Sep - Gary Howe
Oct - Willy Mallder

Acolytes

Sep - Nicole Koester
Oct - Nicole Koester

Liturgists

Sep - Pam Pearson
Oct - Julie Derrer

Coffee Helpers

Sep - Barb Downs/ Sandy Mallder
Oct - Barb Downs/Barb Lee

Ushers

Sep - Willy Mallder/Greg DeSchepper
Oct - Willy Mallder/Greg DeSchepper

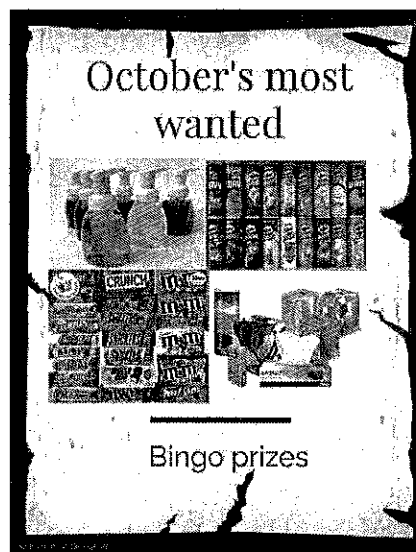
*Be ready for God moments
every day.*

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Sunday Worship Schedule
8 & 10:30 am Sunday School
9:00 am Worship

Email: milantrinity@sbcglobal.net
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Facebook: Milan Trinity UMC



Happy
Fall!!!

