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### Trinity Lutheran in giving habit

*Church donates money to Habitat for Humanity and Food Pantry*

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Edwardsville's Trinity Lutheran Church gave two local non-profits something to smile about on Monday.

Trinity gave both the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Habitat for Humanity Chapter and the Glen-Ed Food Pantry a check.

Rev. John Shank said the donations are part of Trinity's effort to give back to the community.

Members of both organizations were present to accept the donations at the church on Monday.

Habitat Secretary Joy Hayes was joined by Taletta Watson, Paula Brockmeyer, Jane McKinney and Jim Grabowski.

Hayes said the money they received will be used towards their next home build. Hayes said Habitat's next home is under way in Glen Carbon.

Hayes said the family has been selected. She said the organization is planning to host a ground breaking late summer or early fall and they will announce who the family is at that time.

Monuments later, the Glen-Ed Food Pantry's Executive Director Judy Moody along with Pantry Board Member Beverly Schroeder accepted a check from the church.

"We are thrilled," Moody said.

Moody said the money will be used for the organizations current back to school supply drive.

The organization expects to help more than 400 students in District 7 get the supplies they need for school.

"This is one of the most important projects will do all year," Moody said. "We want the kids to look like everybody else."

Moody said the drive gives students in need the necessary tools to start school from supplies to P.E. uniforms, as well as shoes.

"This is the first year we will be giving new shoes to all students. Before it was just the younger children," Moody said.

Moody added that Trinity has been and continues to be very supportive of the Pantry.

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In effort to give back to the community, Trinity Lutheran Church donated a check to the Habitat for Humanity on Monday morning. From left to right are Taletta Watson, Paula Brockmeyer, Rev. Shank, Joy Hayes, Jim Grabowski and Jane McKinney. Photo by Rachael Wilbur

Shank said Trinity was pleased to help these organizations and support the community.

"We are a part of the community," Shank said. "We are glad to help and we want to be a part of what they are doing."

Both organization are always looking for support from the community.

Grabowski said Habitat is hosting a golf scramble on Aug. 13 at Sunset Hills Country Club to help raise money for the organization. He said anyone interested in playing or becoming a hole sponsor, should contact them at [edglenhabitatsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:edglenhabitatsecretary@hotmail.com).

To learn more the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Habitat for Humanity Chapter, visit [www.lchabitat.org](http://www.lchabitat.org). Donations to the local Chapter can be mailed to the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chapter of Habitat for Humanity at P.O. Box 355, Edwardsville, IL. 62025.

Hayes said the chapter also meets the first Wednesday of every month at Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors, located at 2205 South State Route 157 in Edwardsville. She said anyone interested in getting involved is welcome.

The Pantry is also still accepting donations for its annual school supply drive.

Board Member Dawn Stach said the Pantry is still in need of cash donations to help purchase shoes, book bags, one-inch binders, inexpensive calculators, dry erase markers, three-ring pencil cases, notebook dividers, supply boxes, steno books, paints, tape, scissors and index cards (lined).

Stach said the Pantry will be distributing the supplies to students from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 3 and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 4. She said families interested in receiving supplies should contact the Pantry by Aug. 3.

All students in Pre-K through 12th will receive a book bag, supplies and athletic shoes and sixth to ninth grade receive P.E. uniforms.

The Pantry assists families who reside in District 7. Communities include Alhambra, Carpenter, Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Hamel, Livingston, Marine, Moro, New Douglas, Prairietown, St. Jacob and Worden. To learn more about the Pantry, visit [www.glenedpantry.org](http://www.glenedpantry.org) or contact the Pantry at 656-7506. Donations may also be dropped off during normal business at the Pantry located at 125 Fifth Ave. (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).

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