



Trinity Messenger

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From Pastor Loughran



Dear friends in Christ,

Farewells are always difficult especially for a pastor and the congregants whom he serves. This is because we share so much together including our joys, our hopes, our sorrows and our fears. Over these past six years we've been together in so many circumstances that it is impossible to recall them all. In all honesty, I feel as if I'm just starting to get to know you and I really do wish that I could stay and know more of you better.

However, as is often the case, God's thoughts are not my thoughts in this regard. I never thought of myself as a pastor at a congregation like Trinity, Sheboygan or Grace, St. Petersburg much less the Senior Pastor at such a congregation, and yet, here I am about to assume those duties at Grace. I would humbly ask for and welcome your continued prayer in that regard.

For your information, Grace is a congregation of 1,500 baptized members with a PK through grade 8 Christian Day School of well over 300 students. Their Administrative Staff consists of an Office and Business Manager who are contracted, a Music Director, Principal, Pre-school Director, DCE, Youth Director, Assistant Pastor and Senior Pastor who are called. Over the past two years only the Music Director has been in place. The other Administrative positions have been filled by interims. This factor alone made it easy for me to see that I needed to accept the call to serve as Grace's next Senior Pastor despite the joy that I have in serving you and in serving with Pastor Mech.

I have no doubt that Trinity is facing a bright future. Our new Strategic Planning Committee is made up of a broad cross section of the congregation including several people who conduct organizational reviews for a living. Our current budget shortfalls are forcing us to address ongoing Stewardship issues in creative ways and we will no doubt emerge the stronger for it. The strength of our school, a motivated and highly skilled team of teachers and support staff, remains intact and ready to serve the young people of our congregation and community. Pastor Mech, Roger Buck, Brian Heinlein and Chris Melcher will also continue to provide much needed leadership and continuity to Trinity's past as the Lord works to move us into His future. And then, of course, there are all of you who have been such capable partners in Christ throughout your lives as a part of Trinity Congregation.

In closing, you may have noticed that I used the word "our" to refer to the work being done at Trinity. This is because we, that is, you, I and my family remain a part of the same church universal. This church is defined by the One Lord into whom we have been baptized and from whom all blessing flow and are received.

The Loughran family will always be thankful to you for all of your prayers, support and love shown to us throughout these past several years. And so as difficult as it may be it is time to say farewell and Godspeed to you.

In Christ,

 e Pastor

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Pinellas Park, FL 33781



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Sheboygan, WI 53081

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Fax: 920-458-8267
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Divine Services:
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Monday at 6:00 pm
Family Education Hour 9:30 am

Bible Classes
(throughout the week)

Trinity Lutheran School
4-K thru 8th grade

From Pastor Mech



Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

For my August letter to you I'd like to update you on a variety of things happening at Trinity.

Pastor Loughran's Farewell: Pastor Loughran's farewell is set for Sunday August 13th at City Streets following the 10:45 am service that day. Please check inside this newsletter for details. Pastor Loughran has been a trusted friend to me and a faithful and caring pastor to us all. We thank him for his dedicated service to Trinity and wish him and his family God's continued blessings as he becomes the Senior Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Call Committees: Call Committees are in the process of being formed for both the Principal position (for the start of the 2007 school year) and the Associate Pastor position. Also, in the next few weeks you will be given the opportunity to submit names for these positions. These names will be added to names that we will receive from the District President. Please watch the bulletin for details on how to submit names for these positions.

Part-time Pastoral Help: I will be seeking part-time pastoral help in the following areas while the Associate Pastor position is vacant: Shut-in and hospital visitation (over 80 shut-ins are communed each month), 7th Grade Confirmation classes, and occasional preaching. Mr. Buck is also helping with teaching and hospital visitation.

Strategic Planning Committee: A strategic planning committee is being formed to review all aspects of how the mission and ministry at Trinity is being carried out and to make recommendations for the future. This committee will be seeking your input.

Status of Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center: A faithful and dedicated group of Trinity members has shown what a tremendous impact can be made when individuals use their time and talents in service to the Lord and His church! Several lower level rooms in the TLMC will be ready for use within the next couple of months. This will make space available for various Bible classes, Stephen Ministry, Cub Scouts, Rangerettes, various boards and committees, etc. The upper level has also seen incredible progress! The walls for the school rooms are up!!! This work has all been done gratis by volunteers! There will be an opportunity to take a tour of the TLMC in September. Please watch the bulletin for details.

Sheboygan Area Lutheran School Association (SALSA): This group, made up of LCMS churches with schools in the Sheboygan area, met in March and April and will meet again in September to discuss the challenges that LCMS congregations with schools face in Sheboygan and across the country. One such challenge is that costs have tripled in the last ten years. We are meeting to discuss how we can meet this and other challenges that we will face in the future. So far, meetings have included presidents of these congregations, principals, pastors, and the chairpersons of the various boards of Christian Day Schools. Ken Moe, a consultant from Concordia University in Mequon, is facilitating our discussions. I will keep you updated on the progress of these discussions and any recommendations that may be made by this group.

Lutheran Service Book: A workshop to introduce the Lutheran Service Book will be held at Trinity Saturday, September 23rd from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Check inside this newsletter for details on how to sign up.

New Calendar: A new calendar is being introduced with this newsletter. We are now able to put all activities for both the church and school on one sheet. Also, the calendar will be continually updated on the website so that you can keep up with all that is going on at Trinity in a convenient way. This is a great way to be reminded that our congregation and school is one ministry just as we have one Lord, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all! To go to the calendar simply click on the "calendar" tab on Trinity's website.

In closing, I thank you for the vacation time allotted for me and my family in July as a way of getting refreshed and renewed. We had a wonderful time! It is great to be back and I look forward to our continued work together in service to the Lord and His church at Trinity!

In Christ,

 Timothy J. Mech, Senior Pastor

From Interim Principal, Greg Becker



Peace and joy to you in Christ Jesus!

I just returned from a 9-day trip to Red Lake, Ontario, where 28 of Trinity's members and friends served Christ Lutheran Church in their Vacation Bible Camp. The love and good news of Jesus was shared with 150 children during the week. Praise God! I saw first hand how the Lord's work at Trinity has prepared adults and high school youth to be His witnesses. I thank God for that work and ask for your continued commitment to prepare Christians to be witnesses of Jesus' love to the people of the world.

In a little over a month the 2006-2007 school year will begin. Thank you for supporting the important work of Trinity Lutheran School for over 150 years. The theme for the school year is "Lutheran Schools Are A Great Place to Grow! Transforming Lives!" 2 Corinthians 3:18 states: "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." I believe that Trinity Lutheran School is a great place for children to grow and that their lives will be transformed. As the spirit of Jesus lives and works in these children, they will become more and more like Jesus. To Him be the glory for the good works He has planned for them in the coming year.

I will be serving as Interim Principal for the upcoming school year. The teachers, staff, and I are preparing to work with families to help their children to grow in faith toward God, love for one another, and knowledge of the world God has created.

We thank God for the service of the returning staff members. I would like to remind you of a few changes in staffing for the coming year. In First Grade, Mrs. Ruth Hering will teach in the morning and Mrs. Lisa Menzer will teach in the afternoon. Mrs. Robin Larkin will teach Fifth Grade in the afternoon and will also serve as Spanish teacher in grades 5-8. Miss Nennig will be getting married on September 2. Please pray for God's blessings on these exciting changes and for the whole Trinity family as we prepare for a year of much learning.

May God bless your summer and fill you with His joy as you serve Him!

Greg Becker

Mr. Greg Becker, Interim Principal
principal@trinitysheboygan.org

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS



Thursday, August 17th – Teachers Return

Tuesday, August 29th – 6 pm New Family Orientation Night



Tuesday, September 5th – First day of school. Family and Friends are invited to join us at 8:15 am for fellowship, coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall. Opening chapel service will be in church at 9:00 am.

Tuesday, September 12th – School Pictures



Wednesday, September 13th - Thursday, September 14th – 7th Grade Outdoor Education

Saturday, September 16th – 8 am Golf Outing at Town & Country



Wednesday, September 20th - Back to School Night

Wednesday, October 18th - Grandparents' Day



Music Notes



Men's Choir: All men of Trinity are invited to be part of a men's choir for the Sunday morning services on August 13. This is a one-time commitment. We will practice on Wednesday, August 2 and 9 at 7 p.m. in the music room. You can attend either one or both of these practices. Please contact Brian Heinlein for more information.

Mixed Choir begins its 144th consecutive choir season on Thursday, August 31 at 7 p.m. We welcomed a few new singers last year and would love to welcome you to our choir this year. Come join us as we praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Trinity's **Handbell Choir** begins its fifth consecutive season of ringing on Monday, September 11 at 7:15 p.m. A few members will not be returning this year, so if you are interested in playing handbells, please contact Brian Heinlein.

New Hymnal: *Lutheran Service Book*, the new hymnal coming this Fall, will include 5 settings of the Divine Service, so it offers something that everyone will know. Familiar settings from previous hymnals include: Setting 1 – LW p. 158; Setting 2 – LW p. 178; Setting 3 – TLH p. 15; Setting 4 – *Hymnal Supplement* 98 p. 6; Setting 5 – expansion of LW p. 197

(Divine Service III), based on Martin Luther's German Mass of 1526. Matins will include settings of the *Venite, Te Deum*, and *Benedictus* from *TLH* (The Lutheran Hymnal of 1941). Other selections of the Daily Offices include Vespers, Morning and Evening Prayer, and Compline. In addition, a new Service of Prayer and Preaching will be included which introduces new musical settings of Old and New Testament canticles.

Previous Quiz Question: This hymn in its original Latin had the title *Hymnum canamus gloriae*. It was written some 1300 years ago by Venerable Bede, who may have been the writer of some of the first Christian hymns on English soil. What hymn is this? The answer is "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LW 149.

New Quiz Question: This hymn first appeared in a 1677 German Roman Catholic hymnal as *Schönster Herr Jesu*. For our hymnal, it was translated into English by Joseph Seiss. His is a distinctly Lutheran translation. Non-Lutheran hymnals use a different translation, the anonymous *Fairest Lord Jesus*. What hymn is this? The answer will be in next month's newsletter.

Trinity History



Much of the story of Trinity is contained in the minutes of the Voters' meetings of our congregation. The contents of these minutes are very interesting and offer an opportunity to learn of the colorful past of our beloved Trinity Church.



May 14, 1952 - Trinity PTA to sponsor Lutheran Basketball Tournament in 1953.

The new building being erected at the cemetery is nearing completion.

September 10, 1952 - Principal Mr. Koss reported on a policy for school boys serving on the Chair Committee and shoveling snow. (Chairs as needed for various activities in the church hall.)

November 12, 1952 - Recent survey conducted among communicant members of the congregation was 487 for and 157 against publishing a name list with members annual contributions for the year.

Motion carried to continue this practice. (It was in force for a long time before and afterwards.)

January 11, 1953 - Slate blackboards to be resurfaced by a company from Toledo, Ohio.

Pastor Brauer explained in both German and English a Call he had received from St. John's Lutheran Church in Caroline, WI and asked for a peaceful release which was granted.

A song service to be held on May 26, 1953. The 100th anniversary of the founding of our congregation.

Front doors of the church to be replaced.

March 8, 1953 - the \$10,000 Thankoffering to be presented to Rev. Oswald, president of the SWD, in the afternoon service on Sunday, May 24.

Mr. Carl Weber was given a rising vote of thanks for the fine job that was done in coaching our school basketball team.

Loughran Farewell



Please mark your calendar and plan on attending a farewell for Pastor Loughran and his family on Sunday, August 13 after the 10:45 am service at City Streets. Registration forms are available from the church office. Dinner is \$15/adult and \$7 children age 10 and under. Reservation deadline is August 4th.

The days events include:

- 8 & 10:45 am - Pastor Loughran's farewell sermon
- 12 pm - Social time at City Streets
- 12:45 pm - Dinner
- 1:30 pm - Program

Please join us for a time of fellowship and to say thank you and farewell to Pastor Loughran and his family.

Library



Though summer activities begin to wind down during August, there are still many days left to enjoy a good book

On display are books about some "real characters" including:

Adult: "Onesimus" by Lance Webb
 "Bathsheba" by Roberta Kells Dorr
 "The Mantle" by W. H. Stephens



Teen: "Pocahontas" by Mari Hanes
 "George Washington" by Norma C. Camp
 "Isaac Newton" by John Hudson Tiner

NEW ARRIVALS!!!!!!!

DVD: 321 Penguins — The Amazing Carnival of Complaining



VIDEO: The Sound of Music

BOOKS: "The Prodigal" and "The Revelation" by Beverly Lew is (Last two books in the Abram's Daughters Series)

Use of Library Builder Card is an easy way to acquire new items for the library. They are available at Sonlight Books and are stamped when a purchase of \$10 or more is made. They do not need to be filled completely before being turned into the Church Library to be redeemed at Sonlight Books.

Senior Breakfast



**Monday, August 21st
 8:30 am Fountain Park Family
 Restaurant**



Seniors Mark your calendar! If you have never attended a Senior Breakfast, why not start now! Enjoy a time of fellowship and a delicious breakfast! Watch the Sunday bulletin for information on the August program.

Giving Plus 2006



Thank you to all who have recently given to Thrivent's GivingPlus Program!

\$19,220 in matching funds from Thrivent Financials was received for May & June 2006! So far, **\$49,342.50** has been received from Thrivent in 2006!

May

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| Greg Becker | Marge Boehlke |
| Dennis Christian | Linda Christian |
| Brenda Dillman | Mike Dillman |
| Richard Ehler | Margaret Goldmann |
| Joe Hoem | Kristin Hoem |
| Roger Hofschild | Joan Holt |
| Shirley Honold | David Jablonski |
| Peter Leibham | Sue Leibham |
| Marlene Mallow | Jeff Menzer |
| Christel Miske | Bill Najacht |
| Joan Najacht | Jamie Olsen |
| Eldon Rahn | Nancy Rakow |
| Russell Sholten | Allen Timm |
| Gordie Vogel | Marc Vogel |

June

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| Scott Alexander | Susan Alexander |
| Greg Boehlke | Alice Buck |
| Carol Bukovic | Del Cariveau |
| Esther Divine | Donna Fischer |
| Bill Herbst | Jake Hermann |
| Tim Herrmann | Jaye Hess |
| Robert Holler | Joann Jacobs |
| Sue Jurss | Robert Keller |
| Kathy Kirst | Connie Knop |
| Bea Kraatz | Marilyn LeClair |
| Marion Linse | Kevin Loughran |
| Wanda Metscher | Eric Nimmer |
| Bill Schmidt | Marilyn Schulz |
| Richard Schulz | Monica Senkbeil |
| Robert Senkbeil | Chris Short |
| Sue Slimmer | Dennis Tetschlag |
| Orva Tetschlag | Mary Vincevneus |

Stewardship



Doing What We're Saying by Rev. Earl P. Feddersen

I can still remember her "whooshing" into the church office as though she were in a great hurry to do something important. She'd stop at the secretary to give her a quick greeting and hug...usually leaving some make-up behind. Then she would continue her "whooshing" and head for me.

She would grant me the same terse greeting and hug, complete with my fated share of make-up. She would proudly announce: "I remembered!" Then she'd drop a small envelope on my desk and bid her "good-byes," while "whooshing" back out the door. She's gone now...a victim of cancer...but I still remember.

It was not always the case. One fine fall day before her first "whooshing" visit, she came into the office for something I cannot remember. But the real purpose of her visit was to ask why the church was in a tight financial situation. I explained that it often happened over the course of the summer. People go on vacations and weekend trips and do not make up the offerings from the Sundays they missed. I explained that supporting the church was not like buying a ticket for an event. We can't "pay for a ticket" when we go and not pay when we don't.

She found the whole thing hard to follow. She couldn't see how a few missed Sundays could make such a difference. She blurted out, without my asking, that she gave "about \$500 a year" to the church. She added that if every family did that we wouldn't be in trouble. It was 20 or 30 years ago, and she may have been right about that amount. She was still lacking something in her stewardship education.

I asked her if she had any idea how often she attended and how often she failed to put in her offering. I had a reasonably good idea of the correct answer to both questions. She said that she came three or four times a month and always put in the same amount. I suggested that she examine it carefully by asking her elder about her attendance and the financial secretary about her offerings.

Not long after that, she made her first "whooshing" visit to the office. She had made a significant gift to the church a few Sundays earlier, but she missed the Sunday before her first "whoosh." When she came in that first time, she sort of sheepishly admitted that, because of their travels, she didn't even attend two times a month and never made up her offering. Her "\$500" a year was more like \$210.

"But," she announced, "this day marks the end of that. I had a long talk with Bill (her husband) and with God. Here is the offering for last Sunday." It was the first of many, many "whooshes" for many years of her generous and loving life.

College Students



If there is a member of your family headed for college this fall, please notify the church office with his/her current school address, including e-mail. This information will help us minister to them while they are away at school. The monthly newsletter, mailings and "care packages" are sent to them to give them news of their home church activities.

Lutheran Service



Book Workshop

This Fall the LCMS Commission on Worship and Concordia Publishing House are offering over 280 workshops throughout the United States and Canada to introduce Synod's forthcoming hymnal, Lutheran Service Book (LSB). Each workshop will be three hours in length and will be held from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Saturday mornings.

Trinity will be hosting one of these workshops on September 23rd led by Pastor Mech. Pastor Mech will be attending a training session for this workshop in St. Louis in August.

These introductory workshops are designed to appeal to a broad range of individuals, including:

- pastors
- church organists and pianists
- choir directors
- Sunday School teachers
- church secretaries
- members of the Church Council and Board of Elders
- other interested leaders and lay members
- anyone who loves to sing!

In addition to highlighting both what is familiar and what is new in LSB, trained workshop presenters will lead participants in actually using many of LSB's worship resources during the workshop.

Registration forms are available from the church office but must be sent to the Commission on Worship in St. Louis by individuals wishing to attend the workshop. You do not register through Trinity Church office.

The cost for the workshop is \$20 per person. This includes:

- a copy of Lutheran Service Book—Pew Edition (an \$18.50 value)—allowing participants to "thumb" through the book (the first time for many) and begin the process of experiencing this significant worship resource.
- instructional sessions with the presenter and the musician who will lead the participants in singing.
- Copy of "A Guide to Introducing LSB"

2006-2007 Trinity Faculty & Staff

Rev. Timothy J. Mech, Senior Pastor
 Greg Becker, Interim Principal, Teacher Grade 5
 Roger Buck, Director of Human Care & Outreach
 Brian Heinlein, Director of Music, Music Teacher
 Ken Howard, Teacher Grade Eight
 Melissa Nennig, Teacher Grade Seven
 Terry Stenklyft, Teacher Grade Six/A.D.
 Robin Larkin, Teacher Grade 5, Spanish
 Katie Schafer, Teacher Grade Four
 Karen Howard, Teacher Grade Three
 Carla Becker, Teacher Grade Two
 Ruth Hering, Teacher Grade One
 Lisa Menzer, Teacher Grade One
 Jeanette Foster, Teacher Kindergarten
 Kathy Kirst, Teacher 4K, Resource Teacher
 Christel Miske, German Teacher
 Marilyn LeClair, Education Assistant
 Chris Melcher, Church Office Manager
 Colleen Rindt, School Secretary
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 Billy Free, Part-time Custodian
 Mary Niesing, Before & After School Care

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Official Acts



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 Stacy

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Ken Weimann
 Earl & Carol Peterson

TRANSFER OUT:

Jill Jung Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sheboygan

PEACEFUL RELEASE:

Joel Dekanich by his request

BAPTISMS:

Charles, Heather and Holly Rogers were baptized on June 8, 2006
 Skyla Boje, daughter of Ryan Boje & Bouala Joy Rehm, was baptized on
 June 25, 2006

FUNERAL:

Katherine Gerlat died on June 25th and a funeral was held June 28th.
 Myrtle Meyer died on July 4th and a funeral was held on July 6th
 Molly Ruppel died on July 12th and a funeral was held on July 14th

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 This September, **Memorial Mall** will award a total of \$5,000 to five area schools based on purchases made at any Memorial Mall retailer **between July 31st and September 4th**. Bring the receipts for purchases to the Mall Management Office and request points be awarded to the school of your choice. Schools will earn 1 point for each dollar spent! After September 4th, the school with the most points will be presented with a check for \$2,500! The school with the next highest will receive \$1,000 and the three runner-up schools will receive \$500. Awards will be presented on September 9th during the Radio Disney Back to School Show.

YTD (June 30, 2006) RECEIPTS: \$1,196,443  
 YTD (June 30, 2006) EXPENDITURES: \$1,303,567  
 DEFICIT (June 30, 2006): \$107,124


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 The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to glorify God and share Jesus' love through Word and Sacrament to strengthen believers and to reach unbelievers.

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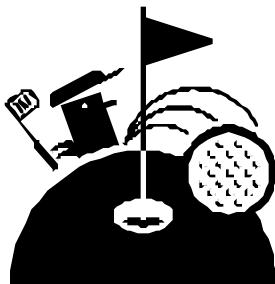
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5<sup>th</sup> Annual Trinity Lutheran Church  
and School Golf Outing  
Shot-gun Start @ 8:30 am  
Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
Town & Country Golf Course

(Registrations forms are available in the church & school offices)

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