



Trinity Messenger

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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



“Excel in the Grace of Giving”

“But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

On Sunday October 15th and Sunday October 22nd the theme of our Divine Services will be “Excel in the Grace of Giving,” based on the readings for the 19th and 20th Sundays after Pentecost. As Christians, we are motivated to give by the gift of God’s grace through His Son. With hearts filled with God’s love and grace, we can give faithfully.

As your pastor, I hope and pray that the messages that I share will help us in our journeys as faithful and generous stewards. By the power of the Holy Spirit working through God’s Word and Sacrament, we are molded and transformed into stewards who follow God’s ways and become more Christ-like in our giving.

Giving is our faith response to God’s gifts. God wants us to give willingly and cheerfully out of hearts filled with love, gratitude, and thankfulness for our present and eternal lives. We also give out of obedience because God’s Word directs us to give. The Apostle Paul said, *“But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”* (2 Corinthians 8:7)

I hope you will make every effort to be present on these Sundays. The individual Sunday themes are:

Sunday October 15th: “Giving is Christ’s Way of Living” (Mark 10:17-22)

Sunday October 22nd: “Overcoming Greed” (Ecclesiastes 5:10-20)

A commitment form will be mailed to you in the next few weeks and there will also be a form in the bulletin on both Sundays. Please bring your commitment form to church on October 22nd, or return it to the church office at your convenience.

May God bless and keep us in His peace and joy as we give to Him!

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor



From Pastor Mech, cont'



Nave and Beyond

- Thank-you to all who participated in the 5th Annual Trinity Golf Outing and to all who so generously gave of their time, talent, and monetary gifts to make it a great success!
- Thank-you to all who helped with the Lutheran Service Book Workshop held at Trinity. Over 150 people attended the workshop!
- If you would like a personal copy of Lutheran Service Book you may order one by contacting Chris at the Church Office (458-8246). The cost is \$19.00.
- If you would like to purchase a copy or copies of Lutheran Service Book for the church in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have received, you may still do so by contacting Chris at the Church Office (458-8246). The cost for these books, which include imprints of Trinity's name, is \$23.00.
- The annual Reformation Celebration is set for Sunday October 29th at 3:30 pm at the Weill Center. The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola, Professor of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin.
- Don't miss the Voters' Meeting set for October 1st at Noon at the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center. There will be a brat fry, tours of the TLMC, and ice-cream sundaes served by Trinity's Student Council.
- Don't miss the Mission Fair at Trinity Sunday October 8th. The preacher on that Sunday will be Rev. Walt DeMoss, a missionary who currently works with Lutheran Bible Translators. Check page 6 of this newsletter for more details.

We give our firstfruits because God has given us life and all of life's resources. Firstfruits giving calls on us to set aside our offerings to the Lord first before handling our other obligations.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops"
(Proverbs 3:9).



Reformation Celebration



**REFORMATION CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**

STEFANIE H. WEILL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



The service will begin at 3:30 pm. There is no hymn sing this year. The Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola, professor of theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, will be the guest preacher.

From Interim Principal, Greg Becker



Trinity Lutheran School – A Great Place to Grow - Transforming Lives

“Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. . . We live by faith, not by sight. . . So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it” (2 Corinthians 5:1, 7, 9).

Our world puts great emphasis on the beautiful/handsome bodies we have (or wish we had) or on the cars, home, gadgets, and other “things” we have (or wish we had). These are all wonderful blessings from our loving God. We see these beautiful, worldly “things”, but these “things” are not the goals of our lives.

By God’s grace, we live by faith. This faith is a gift from God. This faith changes how we look at “things.” We can give thanks when we see these “things”, yet our home is not in these bodies or with the “things” of this world. By the Holy Spirit we have been guaranteed a home in heaven, which is much more glorious than anything we would find on this earth.

While we are still on this earth, our goal is to please Him who saved us in Jesus. At Trinity Lutheran Church and School our students are taught to learn about the “things” of this world and to give thanks for God’s good gifts to us. More importantly, we teach about the eternal life that we now have through faith and about the eternal home that is prepared for us in heaven. May our words and actions please Him until we live in our eternal home in heaven.

The transformation continues.

Greg Becker

Mr. Greg Becker
Interim Principal



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS



NJHS INDUCTION – Wednesday, October 18th – National Junior Honor Society Induction will take place after 10:00 am Chapel Service.



Wednesday, October 18th –All grandparents (and surrogate grandparents) are invited to join Trinity students for morning activities and lunch. Check with your grandchild or call the school office to sign up. Sign up sheets are due to the school office by October 11th.

PICTURE RETAKES – Wednesday, October 25th – Students who were absent on Tuesday, September 12th for pictures, or those students who would like their picture retaken may do so on this day.



NO SCHOOL – Thursday, October 26th and Friday, October 27th



Music Notes



Last month we started a second **Handbell Choir**. We now have 19 handbell ringers at Trinity. We still have openings for another 3 ringers. Practices are on Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Please contact Brian Heinlein if you would like to be a part of this growing music ministry at Trinity.

The **Lakeshore Chorale** and Youth Choral will present a concert here at Trinity on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature Aaron Copland's *In the Beginning* as well as music by other American composers. *In the Beginning* describes the seven days of creation using various rhythmic patterns, tempos, textures, and non-traditional harmonies. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$7 for students. Watch the church bulletin for more information.

The annual citywide **Reformation Rally** will be held at the Weill Center on Sunday, October 29 at 3:30 p.m. Doors will open at 2:45 p.m. There will be no hymn sing preceding the service this year.

Due to many positive comments received this summer, the **Men's Chorus** will continue to sing throughout the coming year. They will sing at the following services: Oct. 22 - 10:45 a.m.; Feb. 25 - 10:45 a.m.; March 25 - 8 a.m.; April 15 - 8 a.m.; and July 1 - both services. All men of the congregation are invited to join us as often as they are able. Our next rehearsal will be on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m., immediately following Mixed Choir practice.

Please take note of the following choirs singing this month during Divine Services at Trinity:

Oct. 1	8:00 a.m.	Handbells
	10:45 a.m.	Cherub Choir (Gr. 3-4)
Oct. 8	8:00 a.m.	Kinderchor (Gr. 1-2)
Oct. 15	8:00 a.m.	Mixed Choir
	10:45 a.m.	4K/Kindergarten
Oct. 22	8:00 a.m.	Joy Choir
	10:45 a.m.	Men's Chorus
Oct. 29	8:00 a.m.	Mixed Choir
	10:45 a.m.	Trinity Singers (Gr. 7-8)

Previous Quiz Question: This new hymn in *Lutheran Service Book* is a versification of the *Te Deum laudamus* by Stephen Starke. It is set to the tune *Thaxted*, the central melody from *Jupiter*, No. 4 of *The Planets* by Gustav Holst. What hymn is this? The answer is "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" LSB 941.

New Quiz Question: This hymn in *Lutheran Service Book* was written by Francis Scott Key, the same author who wrote the words to *The Star-Spangled Banner*. 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.



September 9, 1953 - A sizable memorial contribution was given by Miss Eleanor Burhop in memory of her parents to be used for wrought iron vases and candelabra for the altar and all church pews to be quipped with hymnal racks.

November 11, 1953 - Budget for 1954 was approved: \$65,706 for our congregation and \$12,000 for the Synodical budget.

Day and High school students were to be asked to participate in the German Christmas program. Rev. Karl Schulz, Vicar Trautmann and one of the teachers to direct.

Mimeographed ballots in both English and German instructions were used to elect the Board of Elders and Trustees.

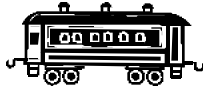
January 10, 1954 - Beginning the first Sunday in February we will have a second English service every Sunday at 7:30 am.

A buzzer type signal to be installed for the organist.

Social Ministry

News

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CLOTHING DRIVE:



A boxcar will be on the 2100 block of Union Avenue just west of the railroad crossing on Saturday, October 28, 7:00 am – 2:30 pm.

ITEMS REQUESTED THIS YEAR ARE:

- Light and medium weight clothing for men, children and infants
- Sweaters and sweatshirts of all kinds for men, women, children and infants



DO NOT BRING:

- Women's clothing except for sweaters and sweatshirts
- Heavy winter clothing and coats
- Gloves, scarves, shoes and hats
- Undergarments, socks, belts
- Handbags
- Household goods, sheet toys



PLEASE HONOR THE ABOVE REQUESTS! You may take your "do not bring" items to Bethesda or the Salvation Army.

FOOD PANTRY: As fall begins we are reminded of the need for foodstuffs that we will distribute to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please place donations of non-perishable food in the basket found in the church lounge at your convenience. This will allow us to share our bounty with those truly in need.



Mission Fair

Plan to attend the Mission Fair to be held on Sunday, October 8, during the Bible Class hour. Booths will be set up displaying several mission outreach events held during the summer. Students will share their experiences to Red Lake, Ontario, Canada and to the Fond du Lac reservation near Cloquet, MN. Jeffrey Kelm will talk about the MOST English Bible Camp in Latvia. Judy Hake traveled to the Caribbean with Athletes in Action to Cameroon. Also, hear how Pastor Faiv Neg Her is working with Hmong families of Sheboygan through Trinity. He has a Sunday Bible Class that meets in the Luther Room each week.



Mission Speaker Rev. Walt DeMoss, currently Director of Program Ministries with Lutheran Bible Translators, will preach at the services the weekend of October 8-9. He will have materials available explaining LBT that can be shared during the Mission Fair as well.

Stephen Ministry

CAN YOU HEAR JESUS' WORDS OF COMFORT?



In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus tells His followers, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you res. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for Your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- Do you feel weary?
- Does the yoke of life seem too difficult for you to carry alone?
- Are your burdens too much to bear?

God has called some persons with in our midst to be Stephen Ministry caregivers. These persons are trained and supported in walking with others through difficult times in their lives.

COULD YOU BENEFIT FROM A STEPHEN MINISTRY CAREGIVER?

LWML

We would like to welcome back LWML members and invite all women to LWML activities this year.

Regular meetings are held in the Fellowship the third Monday of September, November, January, March and May at 1:30 pm. Our next meeting is November 20th.

At future meetings we will prepare a Christmas mailing for Trinity Shut-ins; have a bible study; practicing conversational English with Students from Lakeland college; and do some quilting.

LWML Sunday is at Trinity Church on October 8th. We will participate in the Mission Festival held that day between services. Mite offerings will be collected that day.

The Fall Retreat is at Janesville October 21-22 and the Fall Rally is at Bethlehem on October 26th.

Your participation in LWML will be a rich blessing for you and help further the work of God's Kingdom.



Official Acts



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, Technology
 Ken Howard, Teacher Grade Eight
 Melissa Hauch, 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
 Tim Lutze, Head Custodian
 Billy Free, Part-time Custodian
 Sue Leibham, Hot Lunch Coordinator
 Mary Niesing, Before & After School Care
 Rev. Dana Loney, 7th grade Confirmation,
 Shut-in Visitation

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 Laura Herrmann, Youth
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TRANSFER IN:
 Arthur & Shirley Froemming St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grafton WI

TRANSFER OUT:
 Vicki Tollefson, St. John Plymouth
 Valor, Justice
 Cheryl & Samantha Bresser St. John Plymouth

PEACEFUL RELEASE:
 Kym Barden address unknown

BAPTISM:
 Annika Mae Risler, daughter of Steve and Heather Risler was baptized on September 17, 2006

FUNERALS:
 Elouise Zabel died on September and a funeral was held on September 13, 2006

Firstfruits giving expresses the special relationship that we have with Jesus Christ.

“Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God . . .” (Exodus 23:19).

YTD (July 31, 2006) RECEIPTS: \$1,285,249
YTD (July 31, 2006) EXPENDITURES: \$1,422,656
DEFICIT (July 31, 2006): \$137,407

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 is also a member of:

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MISSION STATEMENT:
 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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Return Service Requested



Family Fun Night at the Sheboygan Armory Tuesday, October 31, 2006 4-7 pm



Admission charge is one nonperishable food item per person.
All donations will go to St. Mark Food Pantry.



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