



Trinity Messenger



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" (Luke 2:14)

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From Pastor Mech



NET FISHING WITH JESUS

"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke 5:8b).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

If you have ever tried to get fish out of an aquarium you know that fish want nothing to do with nets. No matter how well intentioned you are, fish always flee a net. It doesn't matter if you're about to move them to a wonderful new tank with nice clean water, plants and other fish with which they can hang out. Try to net them and they'll dive for cover every time.

In the Gospel reading for the 5th Sunday after the Epiphany (Luke 5:1-11), we hear that Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret and saw two boats by the lake but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats and taught the people from it. After He had finished speaking, he said to Simon Peter, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4). Now Simon, along with the other fishermen, had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. The fish had successfully avoided their nets. Simon answered Jesus by saying, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Your word I will let down the nets" (Luke 5:5). When the fishermen went out and let down their nets they caught so many fish that they needed another boat. Both boats began to sink due to the large number of fish that they had caught. "When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord'" (Luke 5:8).

Peter was amazed at what Jesus had done and was gripped by fear. He doesn't know who Jesus is but knows who he is, namely, a sinner. Peter knows he doesn't keep the commandments of God and that he says and does things that are not pleasing to God. Thus, the power of God in Jesus Christ terrifies him. He doesn't want to get caught in Jesus' net. As a net fisherman he knew that nets gather together anything and everything – both good fish and bad, and he knew that he was one of the bad ones. He dives for cover, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Jesus said to him, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10b).

Peter would learn that Jesus' net for catching each of us along with all the others turns out to be His arms – stretched out on Calvary far enough to embrace a whole world of people lost in the depths of sin and death. He catches us not to destroy us but to forgive our sins and to put us into a new and glorious place. Jesus nets us to put us not into an aquarium, but into the eternal the glory of God.



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Monday at 6:00 pm

Family Education Hour 9:30 am

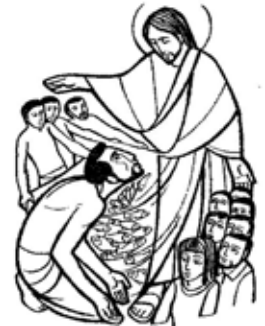
Bible Classes
(throughout the week)

Trinity Lutheran School
4-K thru 8th grade

From Pastor Mech, cont'



Our Lord says to you sinners, like Peter, "Do not be afraid." You can come into the boat with Jesus just as you are – dead in your trespasses and sins. He forgives sinners; He raises the dead. You're perfect disciple material. So, like Peter, Jesus now sends us onto the seas of sin and death, into the same dark night of a fallen world. We are His body now, His outstretched arms, sent out with the net of His Gospel to bring others into the eternal glory of God.



In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

The Nave and Beyond

- You should be receiving your 2007 Trinity Church directory in the mail by the middle of February. If you do not, please contact the church office.
- Please plan on attending the Voters' Meeting that will take place on Sunday February 18th at Noon in the Gym. Lunch and childcare will be provided.
- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (February 21st) and midweek services throughout Lent are at 10am and 6pm. This year we will be participating with other LCMS congregations in a pulpit exchange for the midweek services. Trinity School students are asked to attend the Ash Wednesday service in the evening with their parents but are reminded that they will attend all other midweek Lenten services at the regular time of 10am with fellow classmates. After each morning Midweek Lenten service there will be a Lenten Soup lunch in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited! Lent is a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on God's word and draws from it life and hope. Join with fellow members of Trinity in being faithful in worship and prayer!
- Lenten brochures will be available to hand out to family, friends and acquaintances that will include the dates, times, texts, and themes of all services at Trinity during Lent and also Easter Sunday. Use them to invite others to worship with us at Trinity!
- A special Lenten thank offering box will be given to every member of Trinity, both young and old. Please fill the box with change throughout the season of Lent and bring it to church on Easter Sunday.
- Both the Associate Pastor Call Committee and the Principal Call Committee are finishing interviews with candidates and are hoping to present a slate of candidates at the February Voters' Assembly meeting. Please watch the bulletin for details.
- Work continues on the Ministry Center. Your help is needed! Tuesday mornings 9 am-noon and Tuesday evenings 6-8:30 pm. Contact Dennis Voland (467-0292) for information about the morning work being done and Jack VanDerWeele (467-6813) about the work being done in the evenings. Give either on a call if you would like to stop in and see the progress being made.

From Interim Principal, Greg Becker



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL -- A GREAT PLACE TO GROW – TRANSFORMING LIVES

We have reached the half-way point of the 2006-2007 school year at Trinity Lutheran School. We thank our gracious God for how His loving hand has guided and blessed this school year. Our 170 students who are here on a daily basis have grown in stature and in faith. God has caused this growth to occur, and He deserves the thanks and praise.

I believe that God has placed special, caring adults at Trinity who are models of how lives have been transformed and are continuing to be transformed by the power of God's Word. Take look at the list of people on page seven who serve the students of Trinity and their families on a daily basis. Each one of them shares the love of Jesus in the things that they do. Here is a partial list of actions that model how God transforms His people to do loving works of service: shovel snow, take temperatures, serve lunches, clean up spills, help students after school, coach players, schedule events, lead devotions, correct papers, prepare for instruction, assist when a co-worker is sick, speak well of others, wipe noses, share a smile, explain a new concept, replace a broken pencil, read a special book, clean a table top, write a complimentary note, and many more. Thank God for providing us with these faithful servants.

These people serve faithfully and humbly. I know that you appreciate them. I surely am thankful for all that they do. Please continue to support them with your words and thank them for their service and for the love that they share in their daily tasks. Pray that they will be filled with strength and compassion to continue to be models and examples of the transforming power of our great God. When our students see these faithful workers, I pray that they will follow their examples of Christian love and service.

The transformation continues! To God be the glory!

Greg Becker

Greg Becker
Interim Principal



SCHOOL THIRD SOURCE FUNDING



PROGRAMS

Thrivent GivingPlus Program – Thrivent Financial for Lutherans contributes 50 cents for every dollar that a Thrivent member donates to an eligible and enrolled institution or organization.

GoodSearch – Surf the Internet using the GoodSearch browser, powered by Yahoo. Our school receives approximately 1¢ for every search.

McDonald's Neighbors Program – Save your receipts every time you or a family member (or even a neighbor) goes to McDonalds. By collecting and redeeming receipts our school can earn free educational merchandise.

Box Tops for Education Program – Clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of General Mills products found throughout your local grocery store. Our school earns cash for each Box Top redeemed.

Labels for Education – Clip **UPC CODES** from Campbell's Soup, Swanson Soup, Franco American products, and Pepperidge Farm products. LIDS from V8 drinks and Prego sauces. **(Please note that Campbell's NO LONGER ACCEPTS FRONT LABELS.)** Clipped UPC must include the Campbell's logo.

Kemps, Golden Guernsey & Morning Glory – Collect milk caps from gallon and ½ gallon containers. Our school earns cash for each milk cap redeemed.

Nestle Pure Life – Collect labels from Nestle Pure Life Water and bring to school. Our school can earn free athletic merchandise.

Scrip – Purchase Scrip gift certificates to various stores offered through the program. 75% of the profit will go to either the church, the school or a student's school account, and 25% to PTL.

Music Notes



Mark this date on your calendars: Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7 p.m. We will be hosting the Concordia University Kapelle in concert here at Trinity that night. The Kapelle is the premiere choral ensemble of Concordia University Chicago (River Forest, IL.) This wonderful concert is open to the public, with a free-will offering being received to help cover the group's travel expenses. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend, too.

It is a big undertaking to host a university touring choir such as the Kapelle. We need volunteers to help prepare a meal for the choir before the concert, and we need host families willing to open their homes for the night to provide housing for the choir members. Please contact the church office or speak with Brian Heinlein if you are able to help in any way.

Attention all men: Trinity's men's choir will again sing on February 25 at the 10:45 a.m. service. We will practice on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. in the music room. Hope to see you there!

Students at Trinity Lutheran School will soon be preparing for the SALSA Music Festival on Monday, March 5 at St. Mark Lutheran Church. The music festival is open to the public, so all are invited to attend. More information will be available in future editions of the school LINK.

One change has been made to the choir schedule

this month. The Sunday School students in classes 4K to grade 2 will sing on February 25 in the 8:00 a.m. service.

Here is a summary of this month's music schedule:

Feb. 4	8:00 a.m.	4K/Kindergarten
Feb. 11	8:00 a.m.	Praise Ringers
	10:45 a.m.	Kinderchor (Gr. 1-2)
Feb. 18	8:00 a.m.	Joyful Ringers
	10:45 a.m.	Mixed Choir
Feb. 21	6:00 p.m.	Trinity Singers (Gr. 7-8)
Feb. 25	8:00 a.m.	Joy Choir (Gr. 5-6) <i>and</i> Sunday School 4K-Gr. 2
	10:45 a.m.	Men's Chorus
Feb. 28	10:00 a.m.	Trinity Singers (Gr. 7-8)
	6:00 p.m.	Mixed Choir

Previous Quiz Question: This hymn was written by Edmund Sears while he was minister to the Unitarian congregation in Wayland, Massachusetts. The poem was first published in a magazine in 1849. The hymn reflects the emphasis of Unitarianism of the time and focuses on the angels' song of "peace on earth." Like many other hymns of the mid-1800s, it calls people to live well, to be at peace, and to honor God. Peace was on the minds of many people when Sears wrote this hymn, as it was the period of the Fugitive Slave Law, the forty-niner gold rush to California, and tensions were rising in America, leading toward the Civil War. What hymn is this? The answer is "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" LSB 366.

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.



June 22, 1956 - City Common Council apparently not favorably inclined toward purchase of properties located on the southeast corner of Niagara Ave. and North 9th street for parking purposes. However, the city is interested in the northwest area of North 9th Street and New York Ave, location of the parsonage.

May 9, 1956 - Present type contribution envelopes, namely two pocket, to be used for 1957.

June 13, 1956 - Parsonage of Rev. Tornow on North 7th Street to be sold or traded for another residence.

September 12, 1956 - School enrollment is 266 of which 29 are new students in grade one and 29 new students in grades two to eight.

November 14, 1956 - In the future a letter stating the approximate cost of educating one child per year is to be sent to parents of non-members whose children attend Trinity School. The approximate cost is estimated to be \$150.

December 31, 1956 - Total baptized members is 2560 of which 1970 are communicant members. There were 61 baptisms, 22 marriages and 37 burials in 1956.

Library



"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."
Romans 13:10

On February 14th we remember those we love with valentines and special gifts. God gave us the greatest Valentine ever—His son Jesus who died that we might live. Check out this months display that focuses on God’s love for us and that love which we are to show one another.

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHT:

The first section of the library to be highlighted is the children’s area. There are a wide variety of picture books for the very young. Books on dinosaurs, Psalty’s World Wide Adventures, The Kid’s Praise Adventure series, and the Building Christian Character series are quite popular. In addition to fiction, there are books to help children understand such issues as death, divorce and blending of families. Children’s bibles and Bible stories make up a large portion of available books. Easy chapter books are also included in this section. Among popular series are Mandie by Lois C. Leppard, The Misadventures of Willy Plummet by Buchanan and Randall and the Incredible Worlds of Wally McDoogie by Bill Meyers. A variety of Little Visits With God devotion books can be found on the shelf top in this area. Watch for new items to be available soon.

Giving Plus 2006



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

\$3222.50 in matching funds from Thrivent Financial was received for December 2006! So far, **\$74,532.50** has been received from Thrivent in 2006!

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| John Ballhorn | Amanda Buck |
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Remember you can now begin matching for the 2007 calendar year. Please contact the church or school office for more information.



Stephen Ministry



HOW DID STEPHEN MINISTRY BEGIN?

In 1999, our own Trinity congregation enrolled in the Stephen Series and sent 4 members for leadership training in May of that year. Our first training class began in fall of 1999 and in December, 13 members were commissioned as Stephen Caregivers. Since that time, more caregivers have been commissioned and 86 people have been served by these Stephen Ministry (SM) caregivers. Most of these care receivers have been from our own congregation. In addition, five more members have received Stephen Leadership training. We praise the Lord for the growth of this lay ministry.

However, some facts that some may not be aware of are that this ministry began in 1974 and has spread worldwide. In November 1974, two seminary students and Dr. Kenneth Haugk were talking over lunch about the challenges of pastoral ministry and how there were many more needs for pastoral care than any pastor could ever provide. They turned to Ephesians 4, "equipping the saints for the work of ministry," and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit the idea for the Stephen Series was born. Dr Haugk thought, " Why not equip a team of lay people with care giving skills so they could assist with pastoral care!" Within a year, Dr. Haugk’s wife founded the Stephen Ministries organization (then called "Pastoral Care Team Ministries). From those small beginnings 31 years ago, God has brought a tremendous growth in Stephen Ministry. Dr. Haugk continues to lead this organization from their worldwide headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. Some highlights are listed below:

- Nearly 10,000 congregations from 100 denominations are now involved in Stephen Ministry.
- These congregations come from all 50 states in the U.S., nine Canadian provinces, and 21 other countries.
- More than 50,000 pastors, other church staff, and lay leaders have attended a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course and become Stephen Leaders.
- These Stephen Leaders have trained nearly a half million of their congregation members to be Stephen Caregivers.
- More than a million people have been touched by Christ's healing love through formal Stephen Ministry caring relationships. Millions more have been touched by Stephen Ministries in informal ways.

In Fall of 2007, we will begin a new class for Stephen Caregivers. Would **YOU** like to be a part of this meaningful time tested ministry? Please contact a Stephen Leader, Pastor Mech or Roger Buck at (920) 458-8246.

(Resources used: Kenneth Haugk: *Heart to Heart, A Passion for Equipping*)

Youth News



YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS



Youth Group will meet February 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, in the Youth Room. Call Laura Herrmann at 208-0341 with any questions.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN YOUTH GATHERING MEETING

All youth participants and adult leaders will meet Sunday evening, February 11 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

RED LAKE, ONT. SERVANT EVENT

The first meeting for youth going to Red Lake is scheduled for Sunday evening, February 11, at 7 pm., immediately following the National Lutheran Youth Gathering Meeting.

Breast Cancer



3 Day Event



We are all touched in some way by cancer. Every week we are made aware of someone facing the challenges of cancer. Our prayer list can attest to this. Four women from our congregation have been inspired to do something about it. Alice Herbst, Darlene Mech, Christine Melcher, and AnnMarie Voss will be participating in a Breast Cancer 3-Day event in Arizona from November 2-4, 2007. This event (sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation) is being held to raise money for cancer prevention, treatment and research. They have chosen a team name "Sixty 4 Bust" because they are 4 women walking 60 miles.

This is quite an undertaking! It is the equivalent of walking more than two marathons. They will be training hard in the up coming year and will need your encouragement and prayers to keep them going. They are very committed and looking forward to the challenge. All of us have a story how cancer has affected our lives. Please keep the team members in your prayers, ask about their progress, and share your story with them.

You can find out more about their upcoming adventure and support them by visiting the web pages of the team members on-line. Just go to www.The3-Day.org, click on "donate," then "donate 2007" and "Arizona2007." Enter the participant's name to view her

personal web page. You will have the opportunity to donate if you would like or just watch the progress made towards each woman's fundraising goal.

If you prefer to donate by check to an individual participant or to the team, please see any of the four women for a donation slip. They will be planning fundraisers in the future and are also looking for corporate sponsorships. They appreciate your prayers and support!

Mission To



Vietnam

Shannon Buck is teaching English as a foreign language in Vietnam. Shannon has arrived in Vietnam and is exploring Hanoi and the nearby region. She lives in a small house with two American roommates, both also missionaries with the LC-MS. She is getting acclimated and enjoys the food and culture. Her mailing address is:



Shannon Buck
41 NGO 123 DAO TAN
BA DINH
HANOI, VIET NAM

Note: Christianity is prohibited for Vietnamese people. She worships in an apartment with other ex-patriots (foreigners). You have to have a passport to worship there. Be careful what you might say in letters or emails.

Social Ministry



LENTEN LUNCHEONS begin on Ash Wednesday (February 21st) after the morning services. Soup and other treats will be provided. If you would like to make soup or bake treats, please contact Roger Buck at church.



STEPHEN MINISTRY PEER SUPPORT meets the first and third Mondays in February (2/5, 2/19) at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



EMMAUS MEAL Our next Emmaus Meal at the Salvation Army will be very early in March on March 3rd. Plan to join us if you can help with set up, serving and/or bussing, or clean up. Please call Susan Kilton 458-4563.

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
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 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
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 Tim Lutze, Head Custodian
 Billy Free, Part-time Custodian
 Jim Rindt, Part-Time Custodian
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2006-2007 Trinity Church Council

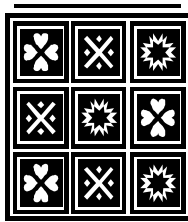
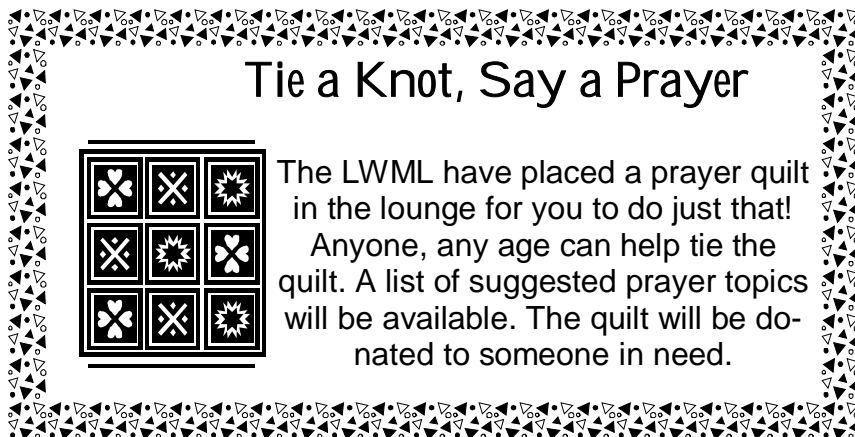
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FUNERALS:

- † Ann Heinemann died on December 29, 2006 and a funeral was held on January 5, 2007
- † John Stauss died on January 9, 2007 and a funeral was held on January 13, 2007
- † Peggy Chripens died on January 22, 2007 and a funeral was held on January 25, 2007

*“I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”
 (John 11:25-26)*

Tie a Knot, Say a Prayer



The LWML have placed a prayer quilt in the lounge for you to do just that! Anyone, any age can help tie the quilt. A list of suggested prayer topics will be available. The quilt will be donated to someone in need.

YTD (December 31, 2006) RECEIPTS: \$590,145
 YTD (December 31, 2006) EXPENDITURES: \$508,437
 (December 31, 2006): \$81,708

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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TRINITY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2007
FOLLOWING THE 10:45 AM SERVICE



Please mark your calendars and join fellow members of Trinity in deciding important matters affecting our congregation and school. Lunch and childcare will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there! If you would like to help with the lunch or child care, please contact the church office (458-8246).

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