



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



CARING FOR EACH OTHER AT TRINITY

"Above all, keep loving each other earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:8-10).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,



If one pays attention to what is going on at Trinity one cannot help but see people caring for each other. The grace of God extended to us through the Gospel of Jesus Christ is bearing fruit in fellow members of the body of Christ at Trinity praying for one another and helping each other in real and genuine ways. It can be observed by watching our teachers as they care for their students and in the students' acts of kindness done for their teachers. It is wonderful to behold so many stewards of God's varied grace at work in our congregation and school!

While summer is a time to get away and enjoy the gifts of creation, it is important that we still gather together to receive the Lord's gifts of salvation. The forgiveness of sins, strength for daily living, and the comfort of life that only God's word can give is vital for our lives of faith. "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage each other – and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25). Please see the inside of this newsletter for the Summer Sunday School and Bible Class schedule and join us throughout the summer-time to study God's word in addition to weekly worship!



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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



The Spring Musical presented by grades four through eight of Trinity Lutheran School was fantastic! Our school has so much to offer and it is great to see the talents and abilities of our students being developed in the areas of academics, athletics, socialization, and even the performing arts. Most importantly, the love of God in Jesus Christ shapes and forms everything we do. Trinity Lutheran School is indeed a great place to grow because it is a place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ transforms lives.

Trinity Congregation at its regularly scheduled Voters' Assembly Meeting May 20th approved by unanimous vote using a recent estate gift of \$386,704 from the Walter Rusch Memorial for the Vision Through Faith effort minus ten percent to be used for missions.



Vision Through Faith

From Pastor Mech, cont'



\$150,000 of this gift will be used to finish the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center by September 1st for use by the 4K and 5K classes of Trinity Lutheran School and multiple Bible study groups and other groups of the Congregation including the Youth Group, Seniors, Rangerettes, Cub Scouts and the Church Council. In addition, the Board of Christian Day School will be doing a feasibility study that will look at starting an Early Childhood Program (Pre-School) at the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center for the 2008-2009 school year. Moving the 4K and 5K classes to the TLMC will make room for the middle school to enhance its program in its current location. The Fellowship Hall will be used as a lunchroom during the week for Trinity Lutheran School to free the Gym so that it can be used more for physical education classes. Bible studies that were in the Fellowship Hall during the week will now be taking place at the TLMC.

On Sunday May 20th Greg Becker was installed as the Principal of Trinity Lutheran School. We welcome Greg in his new role as Trinity's principal. Also, two candidates for our 4th and 5th grade teaching positions were designated to be called to serve as teachers at Trinity, Chelsea Durk and Kassandra Weschke. Kassandra has chosen not to be designated so the Board of Christian Day School will be meeting to fill that position as well as the part-time Spanish position. Please keep Chelsea in your prayers as she has accepted the designation and is considering the Call to serve our Lord as a teacher at Trinity. Biographical information regarding Chelsea may be picked up in the Lounge. We bid farewell to Katie Schafer and Robin Larkin. Katie and her husband Matt will be relocating to Indiana and Robin will be teaching full-time at St. John's, Plymouth. A farewell is planned for June 10th.



Mark your calendars for the Church Picnic Sunday June 17th beginning with the Divine Service at the Weill Center at 10am. We will also welcome new members to Trinity at this service. After the Divine Service we will be heading out to Kiwanis Park for some fun and fellowship. The Trinity Band will play the music for the Divine Service and we will have brats and hamburgers at the picnic. A free-will offering will be taken to cover the costs.

Pastor Berg's installation as the Associate Pastor of Trinity is set for June 24th at 3pm with a dinner in the Gym following. This will be a wonderful opportunity to witness an installation of a pastor and there will be many other pastors at Trinity for this service. Please join us as we welcome Pastor Berg, his wife Kathy, and their children Mary, Bethany, Jacob, Karl, Matthew, and Rebekah to Trinity!



In July (July 13-21), twenty-one high school and college students from Trinity will be participating in a servant event at Red Lake, Ontario, Canada. They will be conducting a Vacation Bible School at Christ Lutheran Church in Red Lake for over 120 children. Also in July (July 29th – August 4th), thirty-one middle school students from Trinity will be conducting a Vacation Bible School and doing service projects at an Indian reservation in Cloquet, Minnesota. What a tremendous example of "loving each other earnestly!" In addition, 11 of our youth will be attending the National Youth Gathering in Orlando, Florida where they will join thousands of other youth from our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod for fellowship, service, and growth in faith.

In closing, "if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. We know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world" (1 John 4:12-14). As the Gospel continues to pour out the grace and love of God in Jesus Christ into your heart and life, others will not only see but will participate in the "caring for each other at Trinity."

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

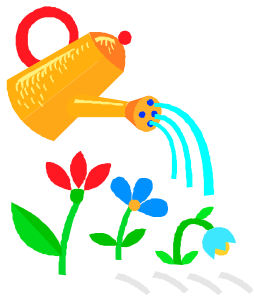


From Principal, Greg Becker



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

Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heaven descend
And righteous fruits abound. LSB 577, v. 1



It's gardening time! Seeds and young plants are placed into the ground. Gardeners care for the growing plants in anticipation of the fruits and flowers to come.

In a similar way God's Word has been sown within the hearts of the children at Trinity Lutheran School this year. As the year ends, we give thanks to our great God for the growth and transformation that has taken place this year. As parents, teachers, and congregation members we want to see these children transformed into the likeness of Christ. We want them to bear fruit that gives witness to the faith that is within them. We eagerly expect them to love and serve others in their daily lives. We joyfully look forward to the time when they will receive the crown of life in heaven.

What will God have us do so that these children continue to be transformed? Just as you tend and nurture the plants in your garden so that they bear fruit later in the season, God leads us to nurture these precious children with the Word of God. We regularly tend to the plants in our gardens. How much more important it is to tend to the growing faith of these children! Continue to feed yourselves and these children with this powerful Word during these summer months. Pray for God's Spirit to cause the fruits of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" to be evident in all of our lives. (Galatians 5:22-23) To God be praise and glory!

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your Word in me take root.
Many Your Spirit ever be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven. LSB 589, v. 4

May your transformation into the image of Christ continue this summer!

Greg Becker

Greg Becker
Principal

P.S. Thank you for your kind words on the day of my installation as Principal on May 20. Your cards and gifts truly touched my heart, and I am deeply grateful. Thank you for your promises to continue to support and pray for the vital ministry we have within our church and school. Let's continue to encourage other families to receive the blessings of daily instruction in God's Word at Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

Music Notes

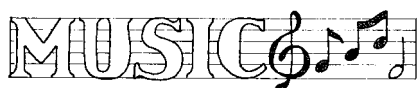


Church Band: All members of Trinity are again invited to play with our church band for the June 17 service at the Weill Center. Instrumentalists are asked to attend a rehearsal on Saturday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the music room. Please contact Brian Heinlein (heinlein@trinitysheboygan.org) or the church office (458-8246) if you are able to play so we can get the music to you.

Mixed Choir: Our final rehearsal this spring was Thursday, May 31. A special rehearsal will be held Thursday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m. to prepare for Pastor Berg's Installation. Any Trinity member who would like to sing for the installation but is not a member of the choir is welcome to join us that night for the rehearsal.

Men's Choir: We sing during both services on Sunday, July 1. We will practice on Thursday, June 21 at 8:00 p.m. following the Mixed Choir rehearsal. All men of the congregation are invited to join us.

Carillon: Our church carillon plays hymns every evening at 6 p.m. and at noon on Fridays and Saturdays. A great place to hear the bells is from the library water feature. If you are in the area during this time, take a few moments and enjoy the sound of Trinity's bells.



Here is the upcoming music schedule:

June 3	8:00 a.m.	Trinity Singers (Gr. 7-8)
	10:45 a.m.	4K/Kindergarten
June 17	10:00 a.m.	Church Band (at the Weill Center)
June 24	3:00 p.m.	Mixed Choir (Pastor Berg's Installation)
July 1	8:00 a.m.	Men's Chorus
	10:45 a.m.	Men's Chorus

Previous Quiz Question: This Easter hymn was written by C. F. W. Walther while he was at sea in Easter of 1860. He was on his way back to Germany for a much-needed break after his health failed. Anna M. Meyer later translated the hymn into English. Walther's own note says, "on the first Easter Day, April 8, 1860, on the Ocean." What hymn is this? The answer is "He's Risen, He's Risen" LSB 480.

New Quiz Question: This hymn was reportedly written in about fifteen minutes by a thirty-one-year-old pastor and schoolteacher. He wanted to write a marching song for his schoolchildren in Horbury. On the festival day of Whitmonday (the day after Pentecost), his youngsters were to walk to a neighboring town to join other children for the celebration. Later, he apologized for the hymn, saying, "It was written in great haste, and I am afraid that some of the rhymes are faulty." 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.



November 11, 1959 - Flashlight candles to be purchased and used for the Candlelight Service

January 10, 1960 - Down payment of \$2090 to be paid as soon as possible in 1960 for the modernization and rebuilding of the church organ.

March 6, 1960 - Approval given to employ extra help to assist the church secretary, when necessary, at a rate not to exceed \$1.25 per hour. (The assistant was

Frieda Muehlenberg.)

Board of Elders and Trustees to study making a change in the method of communion registration.

May 11, 1960 - Voted to retain present method of communion registration.

Final acquisition of property and land east of school was explained. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. H. Carl Prange, the donor.

Three days of Outdoor Education for 7th grade, beginning 1960-61 school year, was approved.

German instruction in the 7th & 8th grades, beginning in 1960-61, was explained.

Giving Plus 2007



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY GIVEN TO THRIVENT'S GIVINGPLUS PROGRAM!

\$9,525 in matching funds from Thrivent Financial was received in May 2007.

Marie Ahrens	Lois Bolgert	Roger Buck
Dennis Christian	Linda Christian	Esther Divine
Aaryn Feile	Brian Heinlein	Lorraine Hermann
Laura Herrmann	Robert Holler	Harold Holt
Shirley Honold	David Jablonski	Robert Kasberger
Delores Katte	Debra Kelm	Jeff Kelm
Joanne Kluczinske	Bea Kraatz	Marlene Mallow
Christine Melcher	Lisa Menzer	Al Metscher
Nancy Rakow	Cheryl Rohde	Bill Schmidt
Deborah Specht	Terry Stenklyft	Gordon Vogel
Mark Vogel		

Library



DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT HIM!

If you're going on vacation, don't forget to check out the library for devotionals to take along. And don't forget the kids! There are audio tapes to keep them occupied during the long drive.

New Books

Adult Fiction

Wolf Time by Lars Walker

Blood and Judgment by Lars Walker

Looking for Fantasy/SciFi with solid Lutheran doctrine? Then these are two books you will enjoy. They get 4 stars each on Amazon.com.

Easy Chapter Books

The Door Within by Wayne Thomas Batson

Raising Dragons by Bryan Davis

New DVD:

The End of the Spear: "End of the Spear" is the remarkable journey of a savage Amazon tribesman who becomes family to the son of a North American man he kills. This is an awesome movie!! I strongly recommend it.

Do you have a recommendation for a good book or movie? Is there a book or movie you would like to discuss with others? Send me an email: mary@hdipc.com or call me: 452-3783. (Mary Dittmar)

Chaplain's Picnic



4th Annual Chaplain's Picnic June 24th.

This year at the Annual Chaplain's Picnic we are privileged to have the First-Vice President of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Rev. Dr. Wm. Diekelman, be the guest speaker at the 10:30 Worship Service. This year's Chaplain's Picnic begins the 35th Anniversary celebration of the Chaplaincy as a full-time ministry serving the residents of Sheboygan County Area nursing homes. The Worship service begins a day full of giving thanks to the Lord for the ministry and those who support it with their prayers and gifts.

Each year there is a theme for the décor of the event. This year it is "**Americana-Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and Chevrolts.**" The Picnic is held on the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth.

10:30 Worship—Revs. Diekelman and Fleischmann

11:30 Food Served—**Culver's** Roast Beef & Custard, Hot Dogs, Brats, Potato Salads, Beans & Apple Desserts and Beverages

11:30-3:00 **New and Vintage CAR SHOW**

Sponsored by Van Horn, EVS and Sheboygan Chevrolet

11:30-2:30 **"Polka Potion" Band**

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VBS



"**THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO**" is the theme for VBS 2007 at Lutheran High (June 18-21, 9am-noon). Early bird (\$5) registration begins TODAY and continues through WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 (3PM)!! FREE BUS-ING offered this year - check it out! New T-shirts. Bring a BUDDY. See boxes in the church lounge for volunteer registration (Grade 7 & older) and snack donations. Snack donations needed this year: (1) colored goldfish crackers, (2) pretzels (any shape EXCEPT RODS – sticks OK) and (3) boxes of gelatin (examples: Jello, Royal) dessert (any size, any flavor) For questions, call Mary Ann Miller 803-8049.



Senior Breakfast



SENIOR BREAKFAST is Monday June 18th, 8:30 am at Fountain Park Family Restaurant. This month's program will be presented by Christel Miske. She will show slides and explain the trip she and her husband, Bob, took to Biloxi, MO and New Orleans during Spring Break. They delivered the items that were collected at Trinity earlier this year. "Rise above Katrina, help and rebuild" was the theme of the program sponsored by Lutheran Disaster Relief and The Orphan Grain Train. They delivered supplies to a church in Biloxi and to a school in New Orleans.

Youth News

RED LAKE, ONT. SERVANT EVENT

The Red Lake group will meet Sunday June 24 and Thursday July 12. When asked why they wanted to go to Red Lake, the following were some of the responses: "God tells us to spread His Word!...so we're just fulfilling His command; it's the least we can do." (Stephanie Kempf) "I like being able to go with a group who supports you and shares many of the same feelings you share." (Stacy Menzer) "I enjoyed working on projects, doing VBS, and doing the many fun activities we had." (Kurt Duchow)

CLOQUET, MN SERVANT EVENT

Thirty Trinity middle school youth have registered for the 2007 Cloquet, MN Servant Event, July 29-August 4. Summer meetings will be held June 17 and July 22 at 7 pm. A list of needed non-perishable food items is posted by the barrel outside the kitchen. Please note which specific items you are donating so that their will not be unnecessary duplicates.



STEPHEN MINISTRY PEER SUPPORT meets the following Mondays during the summer: June 4 & 18 and July 9 & 23 at the Ministry Center.

Cancer 3-Day Walk



The team of 4 women ("Sixty 4 Bust") walking 60 miles for breast cancer, is looking for donations for a garage sale to be held at the Mech's (4589 Hunters Glen Drive) on June 22-23. If you are cleaning out your basement, garage or closets, please think of donating your items to our sale. We'll take almost anything (no adult clothes please) but are particularly looking for larger items like furniture, bikes, used golf clubs, etc...Items may be dropped off at the Mech's anytime this month or call the church office (458-8246) to arrange for pick up. Anything not sold at the sale will be donated to charity.

Also, put Monday, July 2nd on your calendar to come out to the Pizza Ranch in Oostburg for a delicious pizza buffet. "Sixty 4 Bust" will receive 10% of all profits that night as well as any tips collected. Thanks for your prayers, encouragement and support!



Summer Sunday Bible Study

June 10 - Pastor Mech will conclude the adult bible Study "Prayer - We Speak to God" and a video will be shown for the children's Sunday School hour in the gym.

June 24 - August 26 Pastor Mech will be offering a special class for those wanting to review Christian teachings and also for those seeking membership at Trinity. This is an excellent opportunity to be renewed and refreshed by God's word. This study will be held in the Music Room at 9:30 am.

June 24 - July 15 Roger Buck will be leading a video series study by Dr. Paul Maier "Christ or Caricature" in the Gym at 9:30 am. Our culture today is facing a blitz of media "potshots" which distort Biblical truths. Dr. Maier reviews many of the leading offenders to help us better understand what is happening and why.

June 24 - August 26 Summer Sunday School for all ages. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details.



Official Acts



2006-2007 Trinity Faculty & Staff

Rev. Timothy J. Mech, Senior Pastor
Greg Becker, 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
Lori Konkel, Custodian
Billy Free, Part-time Custodian
Jim Rindt, Part-Time Custodian
Sue Leibham, Hot Lunch Coordinator
Mary Niesing, Before & After School Care
Rev. Dana Loney, 7th grade Confirmation

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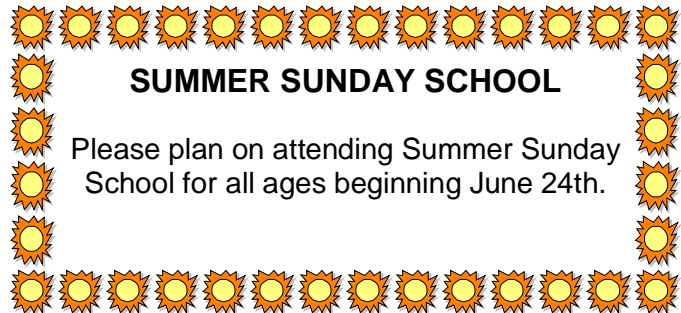
Kym Leibham Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sheboygan WI
Renee Post St. Paul Lutheran Church, La Valle, WI
Scott, Susan Alexander,
David & Kathryn Grace Lutheran Church, Sandy Utah

BAPTISMS:

Hayden Robert Berkhahn, son of Jamie Marver and Robert Berkhahn was baptized on May 13, 2007

FUNERALS:

Victor Ehlert died on April 26 and a funeral was held April 30, 2007


SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
Please plan on attending Summer Sunday School for all ages beginning June 24th.

YTD (April 30, 2007) RECEIPTS: \$391,753
YTD (April 30, 2007) EXPENDITURES: \$411,624
Deficit (April 30, 2007): \$19,871

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



**TRINITY CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY JUNE 17TH**

One Divine Service
Weill Center
10 am

Trinity Band will play the music for the
Divine Service

Food, fun and fellowship will
follow at Kiwanis Park.
Brats and hamburgers and other picnic fare

A free-will offering will be taken
to cover the costs.

**INSTALLATION OF
PASTOR JOHN BERG
SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH
3 PM**

Pot luck dinner to follow in the Gym

Please join other Trinity members to wel-
come Pastor Berg, his wife Kathy, and
their children Mary, Bethany, Jacob,
Karl, Matthew, and Rebekah to Trinity!



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