



# 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 the Pastors



### TRANSFORMING LIVES!

"We all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into Christ's likeness" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Trinity Lutheran Church through its congregation and school transforms lives by the love of God in Jesus Christ! Through the proclamation of the Gospel in church, classrooms, and community, people are transformed as faith in Jesus Christ is created and nurtured in them by God and as they are equipped to use the talents and abilities that they have been given by God in service to others. Our theme for Trinity Lutheran School this year is, "Transforming Lives: Training in the Truth" based on 1 Timothy 4:7b-8: "Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things holding promise both for this life and the life to come."

It is important for you to remember that as a Christian, one transformed by the love of God in Jesus Christ, you act on behalf of Christ and His church. You are called and equipped to:

- C – Christ-like living that focuses not on self, but on the welfare of the community
- A – Abide in Christ so that you bear the fruit of good works
- R – Reconcile relationships that are broken by forgiving each other as God in Christ has forgiven you
- E – Encourage each other with the word of God

As we begin a new school year and as everyone in the church returns to familiar schedules, "don't almost care" because almost caring is the same as not caring at all. Care for others by getting involved in transforming lives at Trinity! If you are not sure how to get involved give either one of us a call at 458-8246 or e-mail us at mech@trinitysheboygan.org or berg@trinitysheboygan.org. There are so many great things going on here!

On Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church dedicated the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center to the glory of God and for use by our congregation and school. This new space will be used to facilitate the fulfillment of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in this place. Trinity Lutheran Church and its school (4k – 8<sup>th</sup>



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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 the Pastors cont'



Grades) has served the community of Sheboygan for 154 years! Trinity Lutheran School is known for excellence in Christian education and has graduated thousands of students, many of whom have gone on to become valedictorians, salutatorians, or top notch students in high school and college, and many more that are now Christian leaders in our community.

The top floor of the new Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center will be used this school year by the 4k and 5k (all day kindergarten) of the school. Plans are being discussed by the Board of Christian Day School to add a 3 year old preschool and daycare in the near future. Did you know that Trinity has highly trained teachers, all licensed by the state of Wisconsin, many of whom have advanced degrees? In addition, Trinity Lutheran School offers two foreign languages (Spanish and German), has a full time Music Director, and has a dedicated Resource Teacher who assists students in their learning.

The lower level of the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center will be used by the congregation for various meetings, Bible studies for both young and old, Stephen Ministry, the youth group, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Rangerettes, Cub Scouts, and for fellowship. If you haven't seen it, yet, stop by and check out the new space for ministry, space that our congregation has been seeking for over 30 years.

Let's work together to fill the pews of our church and the classrooms of our school so that the lives of many more people, both young and old, are transformed by the love of God in Jesus Christ!

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech  
Senior Pastor

Rev. John M. Berg  
Associate Pastor

### Nave and Beyond

- Sunday School and Bible Studies begin anew on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please check the enclosed Sunday School and Bible Study brochure for dates, times, and places for all the Bible Studies being offered at Trinity. Join fellow members of Trinity in being transformed by the study of God's Word!
- On Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> at the 8am service we will place our new Sunday School teachers for the 2007-2008 school year. We will also place our new Church Council for the 2007-2008 year on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45am service. On Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> at the 8am service we will place all those who serve on Boards, Committees, and Auxiliaries at Trinity. Please support these faithful servants of the church!



**From the Principal**



**TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL – TRAINING IN THE TRUTH**

Have you heard of the Paulding Light? What is the truth behind this mysterious light? Just a few weeks ago I camped near Lac Vieux Desert in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. I was camping with my daughter, her friends, and their fathers. We cooked over the campfire, hiked at Bond Falls, swam at Clark Lake, played games around the camp fire, and enjoyed dad/daughter time. Several dads had a suggestion for another activity. They had heard of the Paulding Light and thought it would be interesting to try to see this mysterious light that appears most nights on an “out-of-the-way road.” Our group made plans to turn off Highway 45 onto Robbins Lake Road one evening in an attempt to see this light. We were curious and wanted to determine the truth behind the Paulding Light. Arriving at about 11pm, we did see the light in the distance. People around me were speculating as to the cause of the light. There were various theories expressed as to the origin of this light: supernatural and natural explanations. I was skeptical of many of the explanations. But, I wanted to know what caused the mysterious light. I wanted to know the truth of the Paulding Light. What is the truth? Do you know the truth?



In our lives we have many people approach us claiming to speak the truth about various issues or events. We then need to determine: What is the truth? When it comes to matters of faith and spiritual life, there is only one source of truth -- God’s Word. Jesus, himself, is the Word made flesh. He says in John 14:6: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus’ statement is the basis of our theme for the 2007-2008 school year: “Training in the Truth.” At Trinity Lutheran School we are training children in an atmosphere where the Truth permeates every lesson and activity. When there is a question as to what is true, we turn to the Truth that is presented clearly in the Bible. This Truth leads us to our heavenly Father and makes us part of His family. We believers are part of God’s family here on earth, and we look forward to joining the family of saints in heaven.

As this school year begins, please pray for the families involved at our school. May Jesus, the Truth, work powerfully in the lives of these children who are being trained for godliness in this life and for the life to come.

Do you know the Truth? Jesus is the Truth!

*Greg Becker*


Greg Becker  
Principal

**September 4<sup>th</sup>** – First Day of School  
     8:15 am – Back to School Welcome in the Fellowship Hall  
     9:00 am – Opening Chapel Service

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** – Trinity Golf Outing @ Town & Country, 8 am Shot Gun Start

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** – Back to School Night

**September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education



## Music Notes



Where has the time gone? Having just completed my fifth year at Trinity, it hardly seems possible that I have been here that long. So much has happened these last five years, and by God's grace, we have so much more to look forward to in the next five years.

It is not too late to join the Mixed Choir this year. Please join us at our first rehearsal of the season on Thursday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. Handbells also begins its first practice of the season on September 6 at 6:30 p.m.

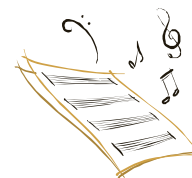
This fall we are privileged to have with us a student from Concordia University, Mequon. Steve Hohnstadt will be at Trinity working on his Parish Music Practicum. He will spend some time directing the choirs, handbells, and playing the organ as he prepares to become a full-time church musician. Please welcome him to Trinity when you see him later this month.

### Here is the upcoming music schedule:

Sept. 9	10:45 a.m.	Trinity Singers (Gr. 6-8)
Sept. 16	8:00 a.m.	Joy Choir (Gr. 3-5)
	10:45 a.m.	Handbells
Sept. 23	8:00 a.m.	Mixed Choir
	10:45 a.m.	Cherub Choir (Gr. 1-2)
Sept. 30	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School Gr. 3-8

**Previous Quiz Question:** This hymn is an example of a troped Kyrie. The original Latin text "Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison" (which means Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy) has textual and melodic additions between the original liturgical chant. Troping was a common practice from about the 9th to the 13th centuries. Tropes were ultimately banished by the Council of Trent, but a few have survived and are present in our hymnal today. What hymn is this? The answer is "Kyrie! God, Father" LSB 942.

**New Quiz Question:** This hymn was originally entitled "Redemption through the Precious Blood." William Chatterton Dix received his inspiration for the hymn from Revelation 5:9. This hymn was written as a Communion hymn on Ascension Sunday. While the first stanza reminds us of the Revelation scene, the second recalls Christ's Ascension and His words in the upper room, "I will not leave you as orphans..." (John 14:18). 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.*



**January 8, 1961** - Resolved to enter into a service contract with United Organ Co. at \$100 per year for two calls per year, for tuning and regulating minor defects.

1960 statistics; Members—1890; Baptisms—63; Confirmed—40; Weddings—20; Burials—31

Since St. Mark congregation has lots its organist, one of our organists, teacher William Claybaker, will help them during the vacancy.

**May 17, 1961** - Teaching in 7th and 8th grade to be departmentalized. Mr. Koss to teach science throughout the school; Mr. Rommelmann, teaching part-time and continue the responsibility of the music program in the school and the church.

**September 13, 1961** - Mrs. Ruth Hanson, former 2nd grade teacher, agreed to tentatively direct the School Band in two weekly rehearsals.

A letter from Pastor Schulz was read. He had previously expressed his wish to be relieved of the burdens of head pastor and his request was granted.

**November 8, 1961** - Mr. Kross' 40th anniversary as a Lutheran school teacher to be observed December 3rd in the 10:15 am English church service. A banquet also to be held.

**Giving Plus 2007**

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

**\$5,445** in matching funds from Thrivent Financial was received in August of 2007.

John Ballhorn	Mary Beinemann
Tom Beinemann	Carol Darling
Bev Dekanich	Tom Dekanich
Margaret Goldmann	Arwin Herzog
Laura Herzog	Sue Leibham
Georgene Lubach	Tim Lutze
Nancy Moudry	Tom Schwanke
Annette Vogel	Jennifer Welsch
Christina Zeuner	

**Confirmation  
Secret Prayer Pal**

We are beginning a Confirmation Secret Prayer Pal Program this September for the 2007-2008 Confirmands. This program is designed to provide spiritual and emotional support for our 8th grade Confirmands. This will be done through prayer, notes, and other small reminders. They will be aware that they are being thought of by a member of the congregation as they learn what it means to be a member of the body of Christ and the Lutheran Church. We are looking for a sponsor (s) for each of the 8th graders.



Your prayer pal (Confirmand) should be contacted at least once a month. This may be done through a card, note or small gift.

This program begins at the end of September and goes through May. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Jablonski (467-1540).



**TLMC Dedication**

**Stephen Ministry****SHARING LOVE**

Stephen Ministry has been in operation at our church for 7 years. The ministry of the Stephen Caregivers has been a blessing to individuals, to the lay caregivers themselves, and to the whole congregation. In order to continue and expand this ministry of care, we are beginning another Stephen Ministry training class in September. It is not too late for you to join our team! Take advantage of this opportunity to share the love that God has given you. You will find that being a Stephen Ministry Caregiver will not only be helpful to others, but it will be one of the most fulfilling and joyful experiences that you have ever had.



Call Roger Buck TODAY for an application form. We Stephen Leaders look forward to adding you to our new class!!! We are all happy to answer any of your questions! Roger Buck, 458-8246 or Marlene or Dennis Fors, 467-4397 or Lois Heronemus, 451-4656.

**Library****Author of the Month: Gene Edward Veith**

Do you know what Postmodernism is? What's the Christian response to terrorism? You can find answers to these questions in our church library in books by Dr. Gene Edward Veith.

Dr. Veith is the former Culture Editor for World Magazine, a Christian news magazine, as well as a former Professor of English and Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences at Concordia University Wisconsin. He is currently the Dean of Academics at Patrick Henry College in Virginia. He has a blog with a Lutheran perspective, <http://cranach.worldmagblog.com/cranach/>, where you can read and comment about culture and Christianity. He has written many books on this subject as well as books on literature and classic education. You can find these books by Dr. Veith in our library:

[Postmodern Times: A Christian Guide to Contemporary Thought and Culture](#)

[Christianity in an Age of Terrorism](#)

[God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life](#)

[Spirituality of the Cross: The Way of the First Evangelicals](#)

Also check the library displays for supplemental material for fall Bible studies.

**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: [maryl@hdipc.com](mailto:maryl@hdipc.com) or call me: 452-3783. (Mary Dittmar)**

## Thank You



### FLAMINGOS FLOCK TO FLORIDA!

As the Sr. High Youth flew off to Florida to attend the National LCMS Youth Gathering, they took with them 50 neckties each with a sticker that read "CHOSEN" by Trinity, Sheboygan Wisconsin, with a little pink flamingo printed on each. They handed out the neckties to other kids that they met on a daily basis at the Main Event in the Conference Center. The students that attended (Amy Becker, Natalie Schroeder, Bailey Dolson, Anna Linse, Kelly Boehlke, Kim Buck, Jeb Holt, Peter Voss and Davis Dolson, and (2) Chaperones; Carla Becker and Brenda Boehlke) want to thank you for the support the congregation gave them to attend this fabulous event. They raised money during the Cookie Walk, Younkers Community day coupon sale, Easter Breakfast, Brat Fry(s) and of course, your favorite, the Flamingos! They raised over \$8000.00 to cover their travel and program costs, WOW! The Youth Gathering event included motivational and inspirational speakers each day, activities such as team volleyball and karaoke, and praise bands to listen to in the evening. They ran into Pastors Loughran and Walther and saw "the Jesus Painter". It was an energizing time and a fantastic thing to see so many other Lutheran youth gathered together in praise and fellowship! Thank you again for your support!



## Senior Breakfast



The Trinity Seniors will meet September 17, at 8:30 AM at Fountain Park Restaurant. The Program will be presented by Carl Blom Willis, Manager Volunteer Services, at Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center and Aurora Sheboygan Clinic. He will discuss the endless volunteer possibilities at these facilities. Come and enjoy the fellowship with this group.

## Youth Servant



## Events

### RED LAKE, ONTARIO YOUTH SERVANT EVENT

The following Trinity youth and guests attended the Red Lake, Ontario, Canada, Servant Event July 13-21: Kimberly Buck, Ben Carriere, Jessica Kanz, Stephanie Kempf, Joshua Mech, Juli Nicholson, Kurt Duchow, Adam Heitzmann, Natalie Burkart, Stacy Menzer, Peter Voss, Amy Weber and Chelsea Carpenter. The crew of six adult leaders included: Bob and Jeanette Foster, David Burkart, Mary Jane Kempf, and Roger and Alice Buck. A special group of young adult leaders added much to this year's group. They included: Shannon Buck, Kalyb and Bejya Davis, and Christopher Schmidt. More than 130 children from the Red Lake and Balmerston, Ontario area attended the Vacation Bible School. In addition to the formal VBS, our youth interacted with the Canadian children playing soccer, going on a scavenger hunt and enjoying a family picnic time at Rahill Beach. Tentative dates for the 2008 trip are July 25 – August 2.

### CLOQUET, MN MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVANT EVENT

The following Trinity 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended the 2007 Servant Event and VBS in Cloquet, MN, July 29 – August 4: Jaycob Bartels, Peter Becker, Jessica Christian, Joshua and Aaron Garcia, Erika and Katie Herrmann, Robert Holt, Malissa Kasten, Joshua Orville, Reid Schmideler, Ryan Schoening, Taylor Slimmer, Crystal and Alan TenHaken, Chloe Van der Weele, Jacob and Joshua Wheeler, Natalie Carriere, Harrison Coates, Teresa Gass, Cody Gruenke, Kayla Gustafson, Tyler Jablonski, Beatrice Jentsch, Jordyn Jurss, Kaitlyn Larson, Emily Mech, Katie Powell, and Alex Zastrow. They were led by the following adult counselor/chaperones: Jack Van der Weele, David Jablonski, Julie Jurss, Jeff Holt, Brad TenHaken, Kristie Carriere, Mike Slimmer, Terry Stenklyft and Roger and Alice Buck. They conducted a week-long VBS on the Fond du Lac reservation at two sites, put a new roof on a garage, painted the outside walls of two houses and a garage, pruned trees and cleaned up an orchard, stained a deck and did lawn care at several locations. Recreational activities included swimming, Kayaking, a cookout at Jay Cooke Park, and showing off their talents performing at Cloquet Idol. Tentative dates for 2008 are July 13 – 19.

**Servant Event trip "Lost and Found"** Several lost items from the Servant Event trips have been gathered up and can be claimed in Roger Buck's office. They include towels, socks, shoes, and shampoo from Cloquet as well as a DVD player from the Red Lake trip.

**Official Acts**



**2007-2008 Trinity Faculty & Staff**

Rev. Timothy J. Mech, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. John M. Berg, Associate Pastor  
 Greg Becker, Principal  
 Roger Buck, Director of Human Care & Outreach  
 Brian Heinlein, Director of Music  
 Ken Howard, Teacher Grade Eight  
 Melissa Hauch, Teacher Grade Seven  
 Terry Stenklyft, Teacher Grade Six/A.D.  
 Anne Wickboldt, Teacher Grade Five  
 Chelsea Durk, 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  
 Tammy Schaefer, Spanish Teacher  
 Marilyn LeClair, Education Assistant  
 Chris Melcher, Church Office Manager  
 Colleen Rindt, School Secretary  
 Billy Free, Part-time Custodian  
 Mark Wilkens, Part-time Custodian  
 Sue Leibham, Hot Lunch Coordinator  
 Mary Niesing, Before & After School Care

**FUNERALS:**

Raymond Perman died on August 12 and a funeral was held August 16, 2007

Ethel Kroos died on August 13 and a funeral was held August 18, 2007

Frank Dekanich died on August 21 and a funeral was held August 28, 2007



**Red Lake Servant Event 2007**

**2007-2008 Trinity Church Council**

Jeff Kelm, President  
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 Pete Leibham, Treasurer  
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 Jeff Jurss, Christian Day School  
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 Ken Leibham, Finance  
 Al Pentek, Properties  
 Carol Bukovic, Social Ministry  
 Jon Dolson, Stewardship  
 Laura Herrmann, Youth  
 Barb Dodge, At Large  
 Andy Rindt, At Large

**Saturday Senior Service**

The first Saturday Service for Seniors will be held on September 22 at 10 am at Trinity. There will be a time for fellowship and torts after the service. Call Roger Buck at church (458-8246) to arrange for transportation.

YTD (July 31, 2007) RECEIPTS: \$698,669  
 YTD (July 31, 2007) EXPENDITURES: \$716,547  
 Deficit (July 31, 2007): \$17,878

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is also a member of:

**THE SHEBOYGAN AREA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

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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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**TLMC Dedication**

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Trinity Lutheran Church  
and School Golf Outing**

**Town and Country  
Golf Course  
September 15, 2007**



**Shot-gun Start @ 8:00 am  
Playing Format:  
Four-player shotgun start scramble**

**Sign-up Deadline:  
Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Come enjoy fun and fellowship  
while benefiting  
Trinity Lutheran Church & School**

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at 458-8246 for details.