



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 Study



Opening Day

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" (Luke 24:32).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

The Milwaukee Brewers will celebrate Opening Day this year on Friday April 4th. Fans will flock to Miller Park in such great numbers that it will be standing room only. All the television stations will be there along with many celebrities. The players' adrenaline will be flowing and there will be great excitement among the fans. It will be the place to be!



The church's "Opening Day" was Easter Sunday, the day we celebrated Jesus' opening the tomb with His life that conquers death and His opening of our hearts with His word that creates and nourishes new life in us. The pews were filled. The pastors' adrenaline was flowing and there was great excitement among God's people. It was the place to be!

In baseball, players prepare for Opening Day and the regular season with Spring Training, a time when they work hard at becoming a better team. In the church, the faithful participate in the "Spring Training" of Lent, 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. Just as baseball players continue to work on their game throughout the season, faithful Christians seek to continue their growth in faith and to increase their love for others throughout their lives.

While Opening Day is once a year in baseball, every Sunday is "Opening Day" in the church. For every Lord's Day Jesus opens our minds to understand the Scriptures through the preaching of His word and the administration of the Lord's Supper (see Luke 24). The Sunday Divine Service takes us through the entire Scripture over the course of each year. We build on this through the daily reading of God's word. A great resource for your daily devotions to build on what you learn each Sunday in church and Bible class is the daily Bible reading schedule found on the insert in your bulletin each week. It is also located in Lutheran Service Book on page 300. The readings correspond to the proclamation of God's word each Sunday. Along with the readings, pray for those listed in the bulletin, read a devotion, like Portals of Prayer, and sing or speak one of the hymns of the week.



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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'



As you read, mark, learn, and take to heart the Lord's word, every day will be like opening day, that is, the day our Lord opens the kingdom of heaven to you.

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

Rev. John M. Berg
Associate Pastor

The Nave and Beyond

On Sunday May 18th, Trinity will celebrate its 155th Anniversary by providing an opportunity to showcase the many talents and treasures of our congregation and school. The Trinity Showcase will feature a lunch after church, a talent show, as well as a silent and an oral auction. Please put this date on your calendar and plan on attending. If you are interested in participating in the Showcase, please contact Jamie Olsen at 467-7254 or email her at olsen2@charter.net. This is going to be a great time!!!

Hey Brewer fans! Trinity has an opportunity to sell concessions at 10 upcoming Brewer games. In doing so, Trinity will receive 10, 11 or 12% of the profit, depending on the game that was worked. 6 people are needed to staff the concession stand. Volunteers must be 18 years or older. The games are filling up fast so hurry and contact Jamie Olsen at 467-7254 or by email at Olsen2@charter.net if you are interested in helping out.

On June 22nd we will have our annual church picnic at the church and school. We're going to do something different this year. We will have one Divine Service at 9:30am at the Weill Center and then will enjoy a brat fry together on the school playground. This is the same day as the Harbor Centre Family Day and Bike Race. Trinity will be a major participant in this community event. There will be bike races all day, four bands, and lots of family activities. The streets around Trinity will be closed for the races and Trinity will be a vendor providing food and family entertainment. We will be right in the center of activity. In addition, we will be able to showcase our congregation and school. A committee is being formed to plan this event. If you are interested in helping out please contact the church office (458-8246).

The Church Council will submit new vision and mission statements to the Voters' Assembly in May.

Proposed Vision Statement: **Making Known the Love of Christ**

Proposed Mission Statement: **Trinity is dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ within and through its church and school.**

Rationale: The Strategic Planning Committee was given the task of developing new vision and mission statements based on a survey of Trinity's congregation and school. The survey indicated that Trinity congregation and its school sees itself as one entity and that the school is Trinity Lutheran Church's main mission. A vision statement should indicate how we want people to see us, and how we see ourselves. The vision statement above clearly states how we want people to see us and how we want to see ourselves based on the survey, i.e. They/we see us making known the love of Christ. It also is what you see once the mission has been accomplished, i.e. people know the love of Christ. A mission statement indicates how the vision is accomplished. The mission statement above indicates that the vision is accomplished through the proclamation of the Gospel within and through the church and school. The word "proclamation" was used since it encompasses both the preaching and teaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments.

The Third Sunday of Easter April 6, 2008

Introit

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on
the beard of | Aaron,*
running down on the collar | of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!*
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | ever-
more.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

Collect of the Day

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen
world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of ever-
lasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Christ has risen | from the dead.*
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

April 6: Ex. 32:15-35, Luke 6:39-49; **7:** Ex. 33:1-23, Luke 7:1-17, **8:** Ex. 34:1-28,
Luke 7:18-35, **9:** Ex. 34:29-35:21, Luke 7:36-50; **10:** Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31,
Luke 8:1-21; **11:** Ex. 39:32-40:16, Luke 8:22-39; **12:** Ex. 40:17-38, Luke 8:40-56

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:19-25,
John 10:1-10

From the Principal



DO YOU CARE?

About whom do I care? If I am honest, I care most about myself. How about you? Our sinful nature places our own needs above the needs of others. But by God's grace, we show love and care to others. Why? Because Jesus loved us first! Remember all of the Bible stories that illustrate Jesus' love and care? Here are a few examples:

- Matthew 8: A leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
- Matthew 20: There were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" ... And stopping, Jesus called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.
- Luke 23: [The criminal said,] "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Quotations taken from the ESV Bible)

We cannot do what Jesus did in the above passages. He is God, but He has given us the following command in John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." We can love others, those close to us and those whom we don't know personally, with the love that Jesus has shown to us.

At Trinity Lutheran School we are training children to live a life of love by caring for others. Our children:

- create cards for the sick and needy,
- give offerings which help to educate children in Liberia,
- make donations to help people with Leukemia and Lymphoma,
- help other students enter and leave our building safely,
- serve the congregation during the Divine Service,
- encourage students who are having bad days, and
- assist teachers with classroom duties.



This list could go on and on. The students are learning life skills – skills that they will use throughout their lives to share the love of Jesus with the world. Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran School as we Train our children in the Truth. Thank you for caring!

Greg Becker

Greg Becker
Principal

P.S. On a personal note, thank you for the love and care you have shown to my family through our daughter's illness. Amy is being treated for Hodgkin's Lymphoma. God's grace, Amy's training in God's Word, and your love and care provide her with the strength and courage to face this illness. You have touched us with Jesus' love through your words and kind deeds. Thank you for talking to God about Amy's needs. We trust in God's faithfulness and never ending care. May God bless you.



Music Notes



Your help is needed. We will be hosting the choir, band, and handbells of Kansas City Lutheran High School in concert here at Trinity on Saturday, April 19 at 7 p.m. There will be almost 70 people traveling with the group and we need volunteers to help prepare dinner for the choir. We also need host families to provide housing for the choir members and their chaperones on Saturday night. Please contact Brian Heinlein TODAY if you are able to help in any way.

Students from the high school will also join us in worship on Sunday morning, April 20. Therefore, we are rescheduling the Joy Choir and Handbells for the following Sunday, April 27. Please make this change on your calendar.

On Monday, March 3, students from Trinity Lutheran School participated in the annual SALSA Music Festival held at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Trinity students were awarded 39 blue ribbons (first place) and 9 red ribbons (second place). Seven of these students were then selected to participate in a recital at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 15. Congratulations to all who participated in this year's music festival!

This year's Spring Musical will be held at the Weill Center on Tuesday, May 13. It is entitled "It's Cool in the Furnace" and is about Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Students in grades one to four will provide an evening of enter-

tainment and great fun. Everyone is invited to attend the show.

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

April 6	10:45 a.m.	Trinity Singers (Gr. 6-8)
April 13	8:00 a.m.	Mixed Choir
	10:45 a.m.	Cherub Choir (Gr. 1-2)
April 20	8:00 a.m.	Kansas City LHS
April 27	8:00 a.m.	Joy Choir (Gr. 3-5) & Sun. School 4K-Gr. 2
	10:45 a.m.	Handbells
May 1	10:00 a.m.	Trinity Singers
	6:00 p.m.	Mixed Choir

Previous Quiz Question: This six-stanza Lenten hymn was the first hymn Mr. Heinlein learned to play on the organ when he began taking organ lessons in high school. What hymn is this? The answer is "Glory Be to Jesus" LSB 433.

New Quiz Question: In 1964, Herbert Brokering wrote "Earth and All Stars" for the ninetieth anniversary of St. Olaf College. David Johnson, formerly chairman of the department of music at St. Olaf, composed the tune for the hymn. About ten years ago, Brokering took that same tune and wrote a jubilant Easter text for it. This hymn is now in our Lutheran Service Book. 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 19, 1966 - Principal Hestermann reported an enrollment of 218 pupils or 61% of the available children of school age in the congregation.

Long Range Planning Committee has been meeting regularly and should have a report for the Voters' in about 4 months.

July 13, 1966 - Game lines to be painted on the playground.

November 16, 1966 - Mr. Henry C. Rommelmann will resign as teacher and Director of Music effective July 1, 1967.

The church elevator to be repaired immediately.

A recommendation to purchase and install knelling benches in church, to be paid by two anonymous donors, was not adopted but referred to the Long Range Planning Committee.

2nd Annual Piece of Eden Plant Sale



Spring will soon be here! This means it will soon be time to think about getting into the dirt and getting our gardens ready. The plant sale needs your help. We need your plant starts and divisions to make our sale a success.

Pots and plant labels are available in the Lounge. Example of types of plants needed: grasses, perennials, ground covers, fruits & berries, flowering plants, hostas, ferns, herbs. Funds raised from this sale to be used for grounds upkeep at the Church and Ministry Center.

Dates to remember:

- April 22 - organizational meeting
- May 6 - organizational meeting
- May 14 & 15 - plant drop off (6-8p)
- May 16 - plant drop off and sale set up
- May 17 - Plant sale & brat fry (8a-2p)



Things you need to know:

1. Pot your plants **at least** one week prior to sale
2. Label your plant
3. Water plants before delivery
4. Drop off plants at the Ministry Center

For more information, contact Gary Melcher (458-4795) or Darlene Mech (467-1724).

Library



"From the rush and glare of the streets
Through a wide glass-paneled door
I walked and ...there to my hand and eye
are row and rows of books,
the minted treasures, coiled from time,
to be newly mined by me today.
then I tuck them under my arm
and carry their beauty home."

(Downtown Library by Violet L. Gregory)

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 13-19

What a great time to check out Trinity's library! Books, CD's and videos for all ages! Don't leave empty handed! New items are always being added!



From the President



This coming June, Trinity has an opportunity to open itself to our community. Sheboygan will be hosting professional bike races on Sunday, June 22nd in the downtown area. The bike races will take place on eighth and ninth streets, between New York and Erie avenues. The bike races will be run from about 10:00 in the morning until supper time. This will, of course, then interfere with our normal church service times. The race committee realized that the races would impact Trinity and contacted the pastors to be included in the planning. Pastor Mech was included in the first organizational meeting, and I joined Pastor for subsequent meetings. We have made some changes to Trinity's plans for the Sunday in question, as this will give us an opportunity to open our church to the community.

First, the church picnic is being moved one week, to Sunday, June 22nd. This is the same day as the races. This will accomplish several things for us. By having the church picnic on this Sunday, we can have one large church service at the Weill center (as we have had in the past). The church service will start at 9:30, which will allow us to all get parked and be in church before the races start. The race committee will also advertise to all participants and visitors that Trinity is holding a church service at the Weill center, so that we may provide a church service to participants and visitors who wish to attend church on a Sunday morning.

Second, we will hold the church picnic in the playground area of our church. This will give our congregation the opportunity to take in the races, but also to be an active participant in the activities. Trinity has been asked to be a food vendor for the event. We will be able to have a "brat and burger" sale, as well as a possible "bake sale", in the front of our church. All other food vendors will be in the Library area, so we will be right in the area of the food vendors. This could be a good fundraiser for the church.

Other possibilities this could afford our church include; 1. Tours of historic downtown Trinity church and school, as well as our Ministry center, pre-school and extended care facilities. 2. Outreach to the community, in the form of information on Lutheran doctrine, worship opportunities, possible showing of "Veggie tale" videos, etc. 3. Plus, we will have the opportunity to let people in the area get to know more about Trinity; our history, who we are, what we offer, etc. We also have been asked by the race committee to "man" a crosswalk on the corner of Wisconsin and 9th street, to handle traffic flow during the races.

I will be putting together a committee at church to start the planning for these various activities. We will be including the "church picnic" committee for coordination purposes, but will also be looking for volunteers for such things as leading tours, selling food, "manning" the crosswalk, etc. If you have any ideas for others ways that Trinity can be involved, please bring those ideas to my attention. Look for more information as it becomes available.

God's blessings, Jeff Kelm

Trinity Showcase



The PTL sponsored, "Trinity Showcase" is a great opportunity to share our **God-given talents** while helping to support both church and school programs. PTL is planning to use a portion of the money raised from this event to purchase a SMART board for Trinity Lutheran School. This interactive white board will enable teachers and students to engage in a technologically advanced experience within the classroom. We hope you will consider sharing your talents by donating items or services to the silent and oral auctions or by participating in the talent showcase. Please join us in celebrating the blessings of our church and school on Sunday, May 18th! Contact Jamie Olsen at (920) 467-7254 or email at Olsen2@charter.net if you would like to participate in this event.

Flower Sale



2008 TRINITY LUTHERAN RANGERETTE AND TRINITY STUDENT FLOWER SALE

Flowers can be ordered through any Rangerette or Trinity student or by using the order form available in the Church Lounge. Please place the order form, along with your payment, in the red box by the church office door or turn in to the church or school office. Flowers are by Don Caans. Orders and payments are due by April 16.

*Hanging baskets and geranium pick up is Friday, May 9, 2:00-5:30 pm in the Ministry Center.

*Bedding flats, dahlias and vines pick up is Friday, May 23rd 2:00-5:30 pm at the Ministry Center

Hanging baskets are \$21 each and available in:

Fuchsia

Ivy Geraniums

New Guinea Impatiens



4 ½ inch geraniums for planting at \$3.50 each or \$39.00/dozen

Flats are \$16 each and available in:

Alyssum, Begonias, Impatiences, Marigolds, Pansies and Petunias

Dahlias and Vines are \$3.50 and available in individual pots



See order forms for available colors

Trinity Softball



BATTER-UP!



The 2008 summer adult softball season is just around the corner. Any Trinity member in high school or older is encouraged to sign-up for the team. This is a co-ed team that plays area churches every Monday evening, beginning in early June and running through August. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Stenklyft at 451-7794 or stenklyft@trinitysheboygan.org. Spots will fill up fast

Trinity School



Enroll Today!

Join Hans (pictured below) in registering now for the 2008-2009 school year! Trinity Lutheran School and Early Childhood Center serves children in 3-year old preschool through 8th grade. We will also be offering Extended Care from 7am-5:30pm daily at the start of the new school year. Sign up today!



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

2007-2008 Trinity Church Council

Jeff Kelm, President
Joe Hoem, Vice President
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Allan Voss, Stewardship
Laura Herrmann, Youth
Barb Dodge, At Large
Andy Rindt, At Large

Transfer in:

William & Leila Wells Grace Lutheran, Elkhart Lake, WI
Garrett, Harris, Naomi, Meredith, Sophia & Evelyn

Baptism:

Delaney Leigh Stapel, daughter of Chris & Brenda (Sixel) Stapel

Funerals:

John Rosenthal died on February 25 and a funeral was held February 29

Esther Wiegand died on March 7 and a funeral was held March 11

Gerda Adomavich died on March 9 and a funeral was held March 12

Elroy Rautmann died March 15 and a funeral was held March 18

Senior Breakfast announcement with coffee cup icon and floral border. Text: SENIOR BREAKFAST Trinity Seniors will meet on Monday, April 21, at 8:30 am at Fountain Park Restaurant. The program will be presented by the Director or Deputy Director of the Sheboygan Public Works Department who will discuss the many and various duties of the Department

YTD (February 29, 2008) RECEIPTS: \$130,817
YTD (February 29, 2008) EXPENDITURES: \$238,854
Deficit (February 29, 2008): \$108,411

PROPOSED VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS:
Vision: Making Known the Love of Christ
Mission: Trinity is dedicated to making known the love of Christ within and through its church and school.

This newsletter is also available online at: www.trinitysheboygan.org

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is also a member of: "Preparing Christian Leaders - One Student At A Time"

THE SHEBOYGAN AREA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
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"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things." Philippians 4:8

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Return Service Requested

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TRINITY SHOWCASE MAY 18, 2008

Join us in celebrating
Trinity's 155th
Anniversary!

Worship, Lunch, Talent Show
Silent & Oral Auction, Fellowship



ALL PRO DADS BREAKFAST



Tuesday, April 15
7:30 am

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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