



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



Making Known the Love of Christ

Jesus prayed to our heavenly Father, "I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them" (John 17:26).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

This month Trinity celebrates the 155th Anniversary of our congregation and school. We celebrate that Jesus, along with His forgiveness, life, and peace, has been made known to us through the proclamation of the Gospel in church and school, and through the love and care that God's people at Trinity have extended to others in both word and deed. God is with us in Christ! God the Father has answered Jesus' prayer! Not only that, our Lord has made us members of His body so that we receive His gifts and go about the task of making known the love of Christ within and through our church and school at Trinity. How is this done? Note the following:

- It is done through the preaching and teaching of God's word in the Divine Service every Lord's Day and in Bible classes on Sunday and throughout the week. Do you know someone who isn't going to church? Make known the love of Christ to them by bringing them with you to church and Bible class at Trinity.
- It is done through the daily teaching of God's word and the Christian care extended to students at Trinity Lutheran School and Lutheran High School. Trinity Lutheran School and Lutheran High School are known for excellence in Christian education and have graduated thousands of students. Many of those students from Trinity Lutheran School have gone on to be valedictorians, salutatorians, or top-notch students in high school and college. In addition, many are now highly successful in their vocations and Christian leaders in our community as a result of going to Lutheran High School. Do you know someone who is looking for the best in Christian education? Make known the love of Christ by inviting them to be a part of our schools.
- It is done through pastoral care to those who are sick or hurting in any way. Do you know someone who could use pastoral care? Make known the love of Christ by alerting either one of us that you know someone who could use a visit. We will go and visit them.
- It is done through Trinity's Stephen Ministry program. A free and confidential service, Stephen Ministry takes folks who are struggling with a cri-



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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'



sis and pairs them with laypersons who have been trained as Stephen Ministry Caregivers to offer them not advice or counsel, but Christian support and care. Make known the love of Christ by letting Roger Buck or us know of someone who could use some help.

- It is done when Trinity members volunteer to help those in need like Olivia, Amy, Sarah and Penny just to name a few. Make known the love of Christ to those who have been confronted with serious illness or tragedy by letting them know you care.
- It is done through Trinity members who pray for others, who visit those in nursing homes, hospitals, and prisons, who help in feeding the poor through the Emmaus Meal program, who take meals to members who need a break when a family member is sick and on and on. Make known the love of Christ by getting involved in the mission and ministry of Trinity!

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, He it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). As we celebrate the 155th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church and its School, we thank God for making known to us His love in Christ. We pray that Trinity would continue to be a branch that bears the kind of fruit that makes known the love of Christ to others in both word and deed. Happy 155th anniversary Trinity!

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

Rev. John M. Berg
Associate Pastor



Divine Services: Sunday 8am, 10:45am
Mondays at 6pm

The Nave and Beyond

Ascension Day is May 1st. Please plan on attending the Festival of the Ascension of our Lord at either the 10am or 6pm service!

Confirmation Day is May 4th this year at the 10:45am service. All Confirmands should meet in the 8th grade room at 9:30am.

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!!!

The Voters' Assembly Meeting is Monday May 19th at 7:15pm in the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center. See you there!

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.

From the Principal



Trinity Lutheran School – Training in the Truth

May I share with you some of the activities and events which will be occurring at Trinity Lutheran School in the month of **May**?

As the 2007-2008 school year nears its end, I'm confident that the achievement tests that we just completed in April will continue to show that our parents and teachers train our children to attain much knowledge during their years at Trinity. Our school consistently scores in the 80th and 90th percentiles in all subject areas in comparison to the other schools in our country. Our math classes in 4th through 8th grades are set up according to ability levels so that students receive proper instruction according to their abilities. As our eighth graders conclude the year, they will be well prepared for the next level of education in high school.

You may be interested to know that Trinity does more than just provide an excellent academic education for our students. Trinity's students are also trained in the Arts. Through art appreciation and music classes our children learn the value of art and music in our lives. Drama opportunities, such as our Spring Musical on May 13, allow our students to gain experience in working with others and confidence in performing in front of an audience. Our students will also join the SALSA Band for a concert on May 29.

We also have "classrooms" outside of our building. 4th through 6th graders spend three days learning at Camp Matawa. The Wade House is the setting for learning for our 1st through 3rd graders. The Windy City, Chicago, provides many opportunities for our 8th graders to enjoy "big-city" life. We participate with the other SALSA schools in a track and field meet on May 16. These and other experiences allow our students to learn in exciting settings. Talk to our staff and see our website (www.trinitysheboygan.org) to learn more about our activities.

Most importantly, we train these children to live a godly life that is founded on Jesus Christ. Daily devotions, religion and confirmation classes, weekly Chapel services, Sunday School, and Divine Services give God's Word the opportunity to fall on fertile soil. His Word then grows and bears fruit to His honor and glory. Jesus states in Luke 8:15, "The seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop." (Please read the whole parable in Luke 8.)

As you can see, Trinity Lutheran School is a place where children learn, grow, and receive training in many aspects of life and in many different settings. We believe that this approach prepares our children well for this life and for the life to come. We are ...

Training in the Truth.

Greg Becker

Mr. Becker



May 1st – Ascension Day



May 4th – Confirmation

May 13th – School Musical and Open House



May 16th – Track and Field Day

May 21st – Early Dismissal 2:30 pm



May 21-22 – 8th Grade Chicago Trip

May 21-24 – 4-6 Grade Outdoor Education

May 26th – No School



Music Notes



Thank you to everyone who helped with arrangements for the Kansas City Lutheran High School concert on April 19. As of this newsletter writing, twenty-eight families have volunteered to host students and chaperones overnight in their homes and over forty people signed up to help prepare and serve meals for the choir members. Thank you everyone for your service to the church!

This year's Spring Musical will be held at the Weill Center on Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m. 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 entertainment and great fun. Everyone is invited to attend the show.

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

May 1	10:00 a.m.	Trinity Singers (Gr. 6-8)
	6:00 p.m.	Mixed Choir
May 4	10:45 a.m.	Faculty & Staff
May 11	8:00 a.m.	Joy Choir (Gr. 3-5) 10:45am
	Handbells	
May 18	8:00 a.m.	Mixed Choir
	10:45 a.m.	Mixed Choir

Previous 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 is "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB 474.

New Quiz Question: This hymn was written in 1876 by a pastor in Brandon, Vermont to commemorate the one-hundredth birthday of the Declaration of Independence. It was sung for the first time at Brandon's Fourth of July celebration. The hymn was then submitted to the committee planning the Constitution's centennial celebration, which chose it as the official hymn for the occasion. They sent it to the organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City to compose an original tune. Unfortunately, this hymn was not included in *Lutheran Service Book* but can be found in *Lutheran Worship*. What hymn is this? The answer will be in next month's newsletter.



"It's Cool in the Furnace"

Trinity's Spring Musical 2008



Presented by
Grades 1-4

May 13, 2008
6 pm
Stefanie H. Weill
Center

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 16, 1966 - Junior ushers will wear new jackets for the first time on Thanksgiving Day.

Several teachers are participating in Modern Math course given in the city.

Worn out paraments in the church appointments were being replaced.

January 8, 1967 - \$500 was donated by a member to be invested in the District Church Extension Fund and ear marked for kneeling benches.

Long Range Planning chairman gave a detailed explanation of tentative plans to provide for future needs of the church and school. Approval given to engage Edgar A. Staubenrauch and Associates, Inc. to prepare a master plan.

Pastor Tornow reported communicant membership of 1857 at the end of 1966 and a total membership of 2436. There was a loss of 43 communicant and 98 souls due to removing inactive and/or removed members.

Thrivent GivingPlus



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

As of March 31, 2008, \$7,635 has been received in matching funds from Thrivent. If you are a Thrivent member and have not yet participated in GivingPlus and would like information, please contact the church or school office.

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| Greg Becker | Carla Becker | Lois Bolgert |
| Dennis Christian | Beverly Dekanich | Tom Dekanich |
| Aaryn Feile | Jeanette Foster | Brian Heinlein |
| Jim Hermann | Earl Jacobs | Caroline Jens |
| Peggy Kelch | Robert Keller | Victor Klunck |
| Chris Melcher | Lisa Menzer | Roasalie Rusch |
| Gerda Schellpfeffer | | Mary Vincevineus |
| Gordon Vogel | Mark Vogel | Christina Zeuner |

Library



Throughout the month of May there is a special display of books focusing on mothers and motherhood. All items may be checked out.

"May the Lord give you increase more and more, you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 118:14-15

The Biography section of our library offers a small collection of books on how faith in God has shaped the lives of men and women, including Martin Luther, Todd Beamer, Joni Erickson Tada and Janette Oke. In this section you will find two of our newest books "Don't Bet Against Me" by Deanna Farvre and "Quiet Strength" by Tony Dungy and Nathan Whitaker.



The following overdue video, #366 "Mother Goose Goes to School," was borrowed from Trinity's library without the card being filled out. Please return it promptly.



A tip for musty books: Place them in a paper bag filled with kitty litter. Close the bag and ignore it for a week. When you remove the books, the odor should be gone. (source - Ash Tree Echo, Vol. xxxii)

Latvia Mission




April. Finally we see some signs of spring in Wisconsin. Signs of new growth, renewal, hope are seen. I can see these things by looking at my wife's beautiful gardens, and I can see these things in my activities. You see, in April I start the heavy duty planning for my annual mission trip. This last week I've spent time each night calling the members of my mission team to Latvia. Some are people who've gone with me in past years, and some are people I've not yet had a chance to meet.

These phone calls always show me signs of new growth, renewal and hope. New growth heard in the voices of people preparing for their first mission trip, on fire to share the Gospel with people on the other side of the earth. Renewal, when talking to old friends as we talk about driving up to camp in the bus and seeing the excited faces of the campers as they eagerly wait to see who has come back to teach them of Jesus' love. Hope, as we realize the blessings this trip will be to our lives, and plan for how we can be a blessing in the lives of the Latvians.

Yes, there is a lot of work ahead. But the work seems so trivial in light of what we will be doing. We will be teaching English, using Bible stories. We will be singing, playing, doing crafts, acting and enjoying fellowship with approximately 50 Latvians. But most importantly, we will be sharing the love of Jesus with the people of Latvia; some Christians, some new to Christ's church, and some who have not yet experienced Jesus' love.

As we return home. We will be the ones who will have grown, been renewed, and had hope restored.

God's blessings,
Jeff Kelm



Mark your calendar for Trinity's next picture directory dates:

- August 6-9, 2008
- August 28-30, 2008
- September 18-20, 2008

Volunteers are needed for this project to be a success. Please consider helping!

Trinity Showcase



Don't miss the Trinity Showcase on Sunday, May 18th! What better way to share in Christian fellowship than to eat a Sheboygan brat, listen to talented Trinity performers while bidding on many home made crafts and services? A special, unforgettable performance by the Lutheran Lawn Rangers, a precision drill team, will be one of many acts you won't want to miss! We promise you will not be disappointed! Show your support for Trinity. Plan to attend the Showcase on May 18th!

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Take-out orders available

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Brat fry – hamburgers, brats, German potato salad, coleslaw, chips, beverages, and baked items.

FREE WILL OFFERING

- 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Silent Auction
- 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Talent Showcase
- 2:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Oral Auction
- 2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Check-out

HELP CELEBRATE OUR 155TH ANNIVERSARY!

Plant Sale



Piece of Eden perennial Plant Sale

Saturday May 17
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran
Ministry Center
904 North 9th Street



Who should attend?

Experienced Gardeners
 Beginning Gardeners
 Gardeners looking for a great deal on perennials



deal on perennials



Plants have been donated from Trinity member gardens!

Brat Fry sponsored by our Cub Scouts

All proceeds to benefit landscaping upkeep at Trinity.
 Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Vacation Bible School



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS MANY VOLUNTEERS:

Helping with VBS is a lot of fun and a great way to meet people from our area Lutheran Churches.

There are many and varied opportunities for service before VBS and during VBS (June 16th through 19th from 9:00 AM until noon). Jobs abound for anyone who is in 7th grade (this school year) through senior citizens. Remember, all "leaders" will receive advance training and all "helpers" will attend a training meeting on the first day of VBS. Cherry-colored volunteer forms are available in the Lounge. Just fill one out and place it in the volunteer box. You'll be contacted regarding your assignment.

VBS SNACK DRIVE: Donations help Vacation Bible School stretch its budget. Here are the food items we need: graham cracker sticks, goldfish crackers (any flavor or size), white frosting, teddy grahams (any flavor), mini pretzels (not sticks), canned pineapple pieces, canned mandarin oranges, large marshmallows. Please place donations in the barrel marked "VBS" by the kitchen window.

VBS NEEDS MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: Could you donate any of the following items: any kind of stickers, any decorative ribbon or rick-rack, gently used (or new) wooden blocks, waffle or cardboard Duplos (not Legos). Please place donations in the barrel marked "VBS" by the kitchen window.

2008 Confirmands



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| Bethany Margaret Berg | Ezekiel 34:11 |
| Natalie Rachel Carriere | Ephesians 5:1-2 |
| Harrison Lucas Coates | Revelation 2:10 |
| Samuel Thomas Dekker | Romans 8:28 |
| Lizabeth Magdalene Free | Matthew 28:20 |
| Teresa Sara Gass | John 11:25-26 |
| Cody Daniel Gruenke | Psalm 119:105 |
| Kayla Jean Gustafson | Joshua 1:9 |
| Katherine Eileen Herrmann | John 14:6 |
| Tyler Christopher Jablonski | John 11:25-26 |
| Beatrice Anne Jentsch | Romans 15:13 |
| Jordyn Elysse Jurss | Psalm 46:1 |
| Emily Nicole Mech | Romans 8:38-39 |
| Noel Brandt Schommer | Psalm 51:10 |
| Stacy Sue Schneider | John 11:25-26 |
| Donavan James Stuefen | Hebrews 13:5 |
| Nicole Katherine Timm | Philippians 4:13 |
| Joshua James Wheeler | Philippians 4:13 |
| Alexandra Lynn Zastrow | Joshua 1:9 |

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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



"It's Cool in the Furnace"

Trinity's Spring Musical 2008
Presented by Grades 1-4



May 13, 2008, 6 pm
Stefanie H. Weill Center
Free admission!



ALL PRO DADS BREAKFAST



Tuesday, May 13
7:30 am

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at 458-8246 for details.