



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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"Making Known the Love of Christ"

August 2008

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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
3-K thru 8th grade

From the Pastors Study



Making Known the Love of Christ

Jesus prayed, "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,

Jesus' prayer is that He, along with the love of God, would be in us. His prayer is answered as His word is received in a God-given faith that bears the fruit of God's love in Christ. Our letter to you this month includes a note of thanks, an update on what is new at Trinity, and improvements that have been made to help us realize our vision of making known the love of Christ through our congregation and school.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO:

- Stephen Ministry Caregivers who provide intentional Christian care to those going through difficult times
- Volunteers who regularly visit the sick and shut-in
- A multitude of Trinity members who helped with the "Making Known the Love of Christ in our Community" event so that it was a success – Inquiries have been made concerning our congregation and school as a direct result of this event
- All who have volunteered to work at Brewer games to benefit Trinity – so far over \$3,000 has been raised
- Volunteers who cut the lawn at the Church and TLMC every week
- Volunteers who water the grass and flowers as needed
- Volunteers who have worked tirelessly at replacing the floor in the Fellowship Hall
- Volunteers who have painted the Fellowship Hall, the hallways of the school, and the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center
- Volunteers who clean the church every week
- Volunteers who have served on the Church Council, Boards and Committees, and as Sunday School teachers



From the Pastors cont'



WHAT'S NEW AT TRINITY AND WHAT IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE?

- **Trinity Lutheran Early Childhood Center** is set to open with all its programs September 2nd (3K, 4K Teacher – Kathy Gruben, Kindergarten Teacher – Lisa Menzer, Early Childhood Program Director – Amy Janke)
- Two **Interactive Whiteboards** that bring cutting edge technology to help in teaching our children at Trinity Lutheran School
- **New flooring throughout the entire school** that covers the old green and brown tile
- **New ceramic tile** in the Fellowship Hall
- The Fellowship Hall and Hallways of the school are newly painted
- The dumpsters have been moved from the back entrance of the church and replaced with flowers and a bench to make that entrance more welcoming
- **A new sign at the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center along with an LED scrolling sign** to pass along Trinity information and upcoming events to our community
- **A new pictorial directory and name tags** for Trinity members to facilitate our getting to know each other better
- A proposal for a **new model of ordering service opportunities** for members of Trinity. The focus will be on fulfilling various tasks that realize the vision of making known the love of Christ instead of spending a lot of time in meetings. Goals for each area of ministry and events for each year would be set by the Church Council (i.e. goals and events for evangelism, human care, youth, etc.) and a member of the Church Council would be held accountable for getting help from Trinity members to fulfill each goal. To put it another way, instead of asking you to serve two years on a board or committee with meetings, for example, we would ask you to serve on a particular date and time in an area of your choice or expertise. The details of this proposal will be presented to you over the course of two voters' meetings in September. We will be looking for your input and approval
- **A restructuring of Sunday School** that will make use of our trained Lutheran School teachers. This will facilitate building on what is taught in our school for Trinity students as well as offering those who do not attend our school the benefit and expertise of our Lutheran School teachers in Sunday School
- Pastors, faculty, and staff are taking classes and/or meeting regularly to improve their skills to benefit our congregation, school, and community
- Trinity's website has been updated—check it out at www.trinitysheboygan.org

As you can see much is going on, even in the summer, at Trinity Lutheran Church and its School to make known the love of Christ. We are truly thankful that God, our heavenly Father, has answered the prayer of His Son and has made known His love to and through you!

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

Rev. John M. Berg
Associate Pastor



From the Principal



Trinity Lutheran School – Making Known the Love of Christ



Martin Luther (theologian, husband, pastor, father, and professor) once said, **“For the sake of the church we must have and maintain Christian schools.”** Why would he place such value on a Christian education? Christian education begins with God and His Holy Word. The Word made flesh, Jesus, comes to us to bring us forgiveness, life, and salvation. On our own we would be doomed to hell and eternal punishment. Think about that – we deserve the total wrath of God due to our sinful condition. No, we are not good people. Only God is good. In His goodness He brought His forgiving love to us, a love that gives us a righteousness that comes from Jesus. Wow! Jesus loves you and me! As we realize God’s immense love for us, we

want to live in His love all the days of our lives. How do we do that? By the power of the Spirit we are led to the Bible to continually grow in faith and to learn more of His love for us. What will we do with His love? We will **Make Known the Love of Christ** in our church, family, school, community, and world. Why? So that others may have Jesus’ forgiveness, life, and salvation also.

The love of Christ is made known in our church. Take your family to the Lord’s house every week. Once you leave church on Sunday you have the responsibility to read and study God’s Word in your home. Through that Word you will be strengthened in faith to serve God and others. Christian schools work in conjunction with families to train children in an environment where God’s Word is present and where the truths of the Bible are integrated into the child’s learning process. **An education is valuable; a Christian education is priceless.** What a blessing we can give to our children when the church, your family, and Trinity Lutheran School work together to make the love of Christ known in their lives. But it doesn’t stop there. These children will then be empowered to share the love of Christ boldly and confidently throughout their lives.

At Trinity we have made improvements and changes to better help us to **Make Known the Love of Christ**. We’ve added a 3K program and Daycare to provide Christian care for the families of our community. We’re adding 2 interactive whiteboards to classrooms. This new technology will enhance the educational process for our students. See the article written by our pastors for more things that are “new and improved” for the coming year.

Thank you for your support in creating and maintaining Trinity Lutheran School. May God continue to bless our students and families as we **Make Known the Love of Christ**.

Greg Becker

Principal



Music Notes



Mixed Choir begins its 146th consecutive choir season on Thursday, September 4 at 7:35 p.m. All confirmed members of Trinity are invited to sing with the choir. We hope you will join us and be a part of this wonderful tradition at Trinity.

Trinity's Handbell Choir begins its seventh consecutive season of ringing on Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. A few members will not be returning this year, so if you are interested in playing handbells, please contact Brian Heinlein.

A problem with the electrical system caused the organ to be inoperable on Sunday, June 29. This same problem occurred about four years ago. It has been fixed and the organ is again operating properly. Repairs are still underway to fix a winding problem in the air reservoir for the bottom octave of the 16' pedal Principal pipes. Additional work being done this summer involves replacing dead magnets for some of the pedal pipes and trying to make the console combination action more reliable.

Previous Quiz Question: This hymn was written by Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) who was well known as a nature lover. He wrote sixty hymns of praise and worship and encouraged church music in every way he could. The poetry in this hymn makes many references to scenes found in nature. Unfortunately, this hymn was not included in *Lutheran Service Book* but can be found in *Lutheran Worship*. What hymn is this? The answer is "All Creatures of Our God and King" LW 436.

New Quiz Question: This "patriotic" hymn was written jointly by two Unitarian clergymen who were life-long friends. They were both from Massachusetts, were both born in the same year, 1813, and both graduated from Harvard the same year, 1832. It is believed that this hymn was either translated from German or was based on a German poem. The hymn first appeared in Lowell Mason's *Carmina Sacra* in 1841. What hymn is this? The answer will be in next month's newsletter.

Faithbook



Welcome to Faithbook!

Faithbook is a Trinity utility that makes known the love of Christ to middle and high school students. (Formerly known as Trinity Youth Group)

Trinity middle school and high school students can connect with each other and delve into the Word with Pastor Berg every month on the second Sunday starting September 14th at the Ministry Center.

Grades 6-8 will meet together first, starting at 4 pm for general hanging out and gaming. Pastor Berg will conduct Bible study from 4:30 to 5:15 pm.

High school and middle school students will come together at 5:15 pm for evening prayer with a meal to follow.

At 5:30 Pastor Berg will conduct Bible study for grades 9-12. General hanging out and gaming will take place at 6:30 until 7:00.

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor dark of night will keep us from meeting together and learning about Christ's gifts for us.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

Notifications:

In June, the ever-intrepid Melissa Kasten, Joel Janke, Anna Linse, Josh Orville, Meredith, Naomi and Harris Wells, Kurt and Connor Duchow and their wily chaperones, Bill and Leila Wells and Mary Dittmar, attended Higher Things "Amen" Conference in Scranton, Pennsylvania. We made new friends, many from Texas, some from Sweden, got "skunked", learned a lot and worshiped often. We can't wait for next year's conference! Stay tuned for details about "Sola" in Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 21-24, 2009.

Be sure to join us on August 21st, 11:30 am-4:00 pm, at the Plymouth Pool for sun and fun. (info on page 6 of this newsletter)

Watch for details about our youth retreat in January 2009!

Thrivent GivingPlus



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

As of June 30, 2008, \$27,385 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 (458-8246 or 458-8248).

Thank you Tom Beinemann, Linda Christian, Julia Ehlert, Brian Feile, Ron Feld, Bob Foster, Wallin Hennell, Jack Henning, Lorraine Hermann, Lois Heronemus, Richard Heronemus, Laura Herzog, Shirley Honold, Stephanie Jablonski, Allan Jurss, Gary Klokow, Connie Knop, Thomas Kraus, Bonnie Leffin, Marion Linse, Tim Muth, Elmyra Quasius, Eldon Rahn, Robert Riemer, Ruth Riemer, Jim Rindt, Tabby Ryll, Sherri Schoening, Russ Sholten, Greg Boehlke, Kim Buck, Dale Feld, Margaret Goldmann, Jake Hermann, Ken Howard, Joann Jacobs, David Leffin, Ed Livermore, Marlene Mallow, Gary Melcher, Jeff Menzer, Tom Schwanke, Joann Stenklyft, Allen Timm, Cathy Timm, and Rick Zeuner for your support!!!

News & Notes



EMMAUS MEAL: The September 2008 Emmaus Meal is September 6th. Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for more information on volunteering or baking for this event.



SUMMER YOUTH SERVANT EVENTS: The youth participating in the Cloquet and Red Lake, 2008 Servant Events will share their summer experiences as part of the Summer Sunday School program. "Making Known the Love of Christ in Cloquet, MN" will be presented by the youth and their leaders on August 3 between services and the Red Lake youth will share on August 10.

PRISON MINISTRY: A group of men from Trinity will lead services at Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution near Plymouth on Sunday afternoon, August 24. Anyone who would like to assist in this please contact Roger Buck by Sunday, August 10 to fill out necessary forms for clearance.



Latvia News



On Sunday, July 13 Pastor Mech's sermon was on the topic of the Parable of the Sower. The Sower sows his seeds on the hard path, the rocky soil, the thorny soil and the good soil. The seeds that fall on the hard path get eaten by birds, the seeds that fall on the rocky soil have no deep roots and get scorched by the hot sun, the seeds that fall on the thorny soil get crowded out by the weeds and the thorns, but the seed that falls on the good soil grows, and returns many fold. Jesus' parables show what happens in real life. This year's trip to Latvia has a very good example of the Sower at work.

We had three "special" boys brought to camp. They were Martins, 14, Vladislav, 11 and Janis, 12. It was explained that they lived at a local orphanage, had issues, and needed positive role models in their lives. Their social worker was a member of the church holding the camp. She felt that the environment of our camp might be a positive experience for them, and she arranged for the director of the orphanage to bring them to camp.

They immediately caused problems. Martins was our "hard path". He was way to "cool" to take part in camp. He ignored everything going on around him, would not answer any questions, or do any of the work. He did not want to be there and made that quite obvious. All seeds sown on him bounced off, fell to the ground, and were eaten by the birds. He was brought back the second day, was just as distant, and caused issues with the class work. It was decided to take him back to the orphanage.

Vladislav was our "thorny soil". Although he seemed willing to learn and take part, he often looked to Martins for approval. When it was obvious that Martins was upset that he was participating, Vlad would stop working also. Other times he would start a task and get in an argument with one of the other kids. He was very temperamental. In talking with him, we found out that he was waiting for a visit from his biological mother. By the end of the second day, he had become so disruptive, it was decided that he also would not return the next day. Any seeds sown on Vlad were soon choked out by the "weeds" in his life.

But Janis was the "good soil". Janis wanted to be there and wanted to improve his English. Martins also tried to pressure Janis into not taking part. Janis also had some disagreements with the other Latvians in class. Janis was having some problems with a younger brother at the orphanage. But he did want to learn. I thank God for his teachers, Libby and Jennifer, who "tilled the soil" for Janis and Dan, a 21 year old student at Virginia Military Academy who was in camp to lead our recreation. He helped keep the class in line and stopped the minor arguments from escalating. An excellent roll model! He helped keep the many "weeds and thorns" that could have strangled Janis away. And Eloise, who jumped in and was Janis' nurturer. She helped Janis with his work, encouraged him to take part, helped him focus on the work and shielded him from Martin's disapproval. Janis did have many issues. He would tell us he was not coming back the, because he had no friends and was unhappy. But he came back and learned, and experienced the love of God from those who helped him.

So, when you hear any of Jesus' parables, remember to think about how they relate to real life. Jesus presents them to us as "life lessons", lessons that we can use to help us do the work that he has put before us.

God's blessings,
Jeff Kelm

Back to School Shopping



MEMORIAL MALL\$\$\$\$

This summer as you are shopping for "back to school clothes" remember that Memorial Mall is once again going to be giving \$5,000 back to school! You can help earn up to \$2,500 for our school:



- Shop at any Memorial Mall retailer August 1st through Labor Day.
- Bring your receipts to the Mall Office prior to mall closing on Labor Day.
- The school of your choice will be awarded one point for each dollar spent.
- The 5 schools with the most points through Labor Day will share \$5,000 in prize money! 1st place - \$2,500, 2nd place - \$1,000, 3rd-5th places - \$500 each.

Name Tags



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"Trinity is growing and changing so, I just don't know many people anymore." When I switched to the 10:45 service, it was like a new congregation." Today, I greeted a new person and learned he had been a member for 10 years."

Have you ever said something like this? We have good news. **NAME TAGS are coming to Trinity!!** Each member may order his/her nametag when arriving for the picture directory session. Please remit \$4.00 for each nametag at this time. Children may order, too, if they wish. When you receive your nametag, keep it with you. For your convenience, you may wish to keep it in your car and create a habit of always wearing it when you enter church. It will have a magnet backing and won't damage your clothing.



If you miss a picture directory session, call Dick or Lois Heronemus, 451-4656 and we'll order one for you.

**LET'S GET TO KNOW ONE
ANOTHER BETTER – BY NAME!**

Dick and Lois Heronemus

Youth Pool Party



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH ENTERING GRADES 5-12!!!

You are invited to attend a pool party on Thursday, August 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. @ The Plymouth Pool. Meet your Trinity friends for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. No need to R.S.V.P., just meet us at the pool! The cost is \$6 for entry, money for any concessions (sorry, no carry ins allowed), and a signed copy of the Parent/Guardian Consent form. A copy of the invitation along with the consent form can be found by the youth board in the church lounge or on the Trinity website. If you have questions, please call Donna Fischer at 457-1022. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Secret Prayer Pal



We are beginning our second year of the Confirmation Secret Prayer Pal Program this September for the 2008-2009 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. It was a great success last year.

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).

Thank You



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in the painting and cleaning of the school building this past June and July. Without your help, it would not have been accomplished so efficiently. Please show your gratitude and say thank you to the following people when you see them: Amanda Buck, Kim Buck, Roger Buck, Hannah Dekker, Billy Free, Christiana Jacobson, Jordyn Jurss, Julie Jurss, Marilyn LeClair, Emily Mech, Mary Niesing, Char Rahn, Colleen Rindt, Jim Rindt, Josh Rindt, Chelsea (Durk) Sagissor, and Phil Sagissor.

In grateful appreciation, Mark Wilkens

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Rev. Timothy J. Mech, Senior Pastor
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 Ken Howard, Teacher Grade Eight
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 Karen Howard, Teacher Grade Three
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 Ruth Hering, Teacher Grade One
 Kathy Kirst, Teacher Grade One, Resource
 Lisa Menzer, Teacher Kindergarten
 Kathy Gruben, Teacher 3K & 4K
 Amy Janke, Pre-School Director
 Christel Miske, German Teacher
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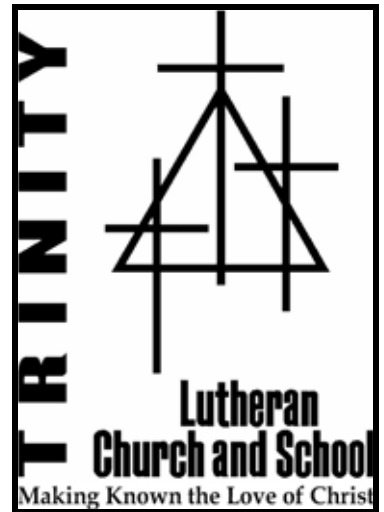
Weddings:

Bryan Zellmer & Sarah (Jagler) were married on July 12
 Phil Sagissor and Chelsea (Durk) were married on July 19

Funerals:

John Jung died on June 7 and a funeral was held June 11.
 William Grundwald died on June 26 and a funeral was held on June 30.
 Ray Uphoff died on June 28 and a funeral was held July 1.
 Gertrude Zore died on July 7 and a funeral was held July 10.

 * Senior Breakfast *
 * August 18, 2008 *
 * 8:30 am *
 * Fountain Park Family *
 * Restaurant *



We Want You to Usher!

- One service, once a month
- Join us for breakfast and training, Sunday, August 17th, 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by calling the church office (458-8246) or by emailing melcher@trinitysheboygan.org.

Volunteers Needed!!!

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is also a member of:

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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

YTD (June 30, 2008) RECEIPTS: \$589,061
 YTD (June 30, 2008) EXPENDITURES: \$685,367
 Deficit (June 30, 2008): \$96,306

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS:
Vision: Making Known the Love of Christ
Mission: Trinity is dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ within and through its church and school.

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

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

**Sign up on line at Trinity's website,
in the Lounge between services or
by calling the church office at
(458-8246)**



**Trinity Lutheran Church
And School Golf Outing
Saturday September 20th, 2008**

**8 am—Noon
Mark this date on your
calendar today!**

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Contributing Sponsor (\$50)**

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at 458-8246 for details.