



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"

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From The Pastors



To Such Belongs the Kingdom of Heaven

"Children were brought to Him that He might lay His hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:13-14).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

For most of you, it was your parents who brought you to Jesus. They brought you to Jesus for the first time when you were baptized. There Jesus laid His hands on you and blessed you. Through a mere pastor, some water, and in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit everything that the hands of Jesus won when they were spread out on the cross became yours, including the forgiveness of sins and a life that overcomes even death. Then and there Jesus prayed for you by name before His Father in heaven, and He's been doing so ever since.

Sunday after Sunday, week in and week out you were brought to Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, the nurturing of your faith, and to equip you for the service of loving others as God in Christ has loved you. Jesus said of children such as you, "to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Yet, for many of you, something has happened along the way that has taken you away from Jesus and, as a result, has hindered your children from coming to Jesus, too.

You have taken for granted what our Lord is doing among us every Lord's Day through His name and Word, or worse, have substituted something else in its place. Consequently, instead of children of God we are in danger of becoming gods unto ourselves who try to dictate who God is, what He does, and where and when He does it. This is the "American Idol" within the one, holy, Christian, and apostolic church and it is shaped and formed not by the name and Word of God, but in the image of a fallen humanity. To such does not belong the kingdom of heaven.

If only we could become children again! The Good News is that we can as we are drawn by our Lord in repentance and faith back to the "fountain of youth," that is, the font of Holy Baptism to confess our sins and receive absolution. Here innocence is restored as we receive the innocence of Jesus Christ. Here arrogance is removed and we become dependant on the only one we can de-



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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
3-K thru 8th grade

From the Pastors, cont'

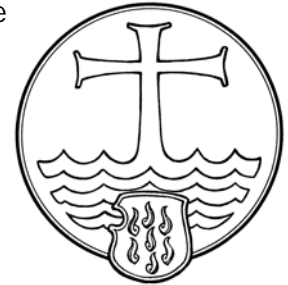


pend on for life and salvation, Jesus Christ. Here we are taken out of the hands of a fallen humanity and put back into the hands of Jesus who will carry us out of death and into life eternal. Here Jesus says again of you and of all the children of God, "to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

Rev. John M. Berg
Associate Pastor



Nave and Beyond

- Thank-you to all who participated in the 7th Annual Trinity Golf Outing and to all who so generously gave of their time, talent, and monetary gifts to make it a great success!
- Thank-you to all who participated in the Brewer game fundraisers. Trinity participated in 11 games and raised over \$5,000 for our congregation and school!
- Please plan on enjoying a delicious homemade spaghetti meal with on Sunday October 26th! Everyone is welcome!!! For more information see "That's Amore" inside this newsletter.
- The Annual Citywide Reformation Celebration will be held at the Weill Center on Sunday October 26th at 3:30 pm. For more details see "Music Notes" in this newsletter.



From the Principal



Trinity Lutheran School – Making Known the Love of Christ

Generosity

Take a few moments to read 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. You will find that Paul is reminding the Corinthians of the wonderful grace that had been shown to them in Jesus Christ. For their sakes, Christ became poor so that they would receive His riches: eternal life, forgiveness, peace with God, all our needs for our bodies, etc.. Since the Corinthians have received such wonderful gifts from God, how could they do anything less than give of their bounty to others who are in need. Paul says to them, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

You have also been given all the riches of God through the loving sacrifice of Jesus. You, in turn, have responded by giving **generously** to others and to the ministry that takes place at Trinity Lutheran School. Here are some examples of **generosity** I have seen recently:

Painting hallways, cleaning, landscaping, donating books and school supplies, driving for a fieldtrip, making donations for interactive whiteboards, installing new equipment, assisting families in need, and giving regular offerings.

As we are generous with others, we are loving them with the love that first came from God. We are **Making Known the Love of Christ**. The needs of others are being met, and God receives the praise and thanksgiving for these acts of love.

By our actions, we will teach **generosity** to our children. We will teach them to give **generously** without expecting anything in return. We will teach them to see their possessions as gifts from God to be used for the benefit of others. We will teach them to be cheerful givers. We will teach them that by their actions they are **Making Known the Love of Christ**.

Thank you for your **generosity** in the past. We look forward to your continued **generosity** in the support of Trinity's ministry. May our children learn to be **generous** by seeing our cheerful examples.

Greg Becker

Greg Becker, Principal

P.S. Please read 2 Corinthians 8 & 9 today!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

Book Fair – October 5th-11th – in the church lounge

Grandparents Day—Wednesday, October 8th – All grandparents (and surrogate grandparents) are invited to join Trinity students for morning activities and lunch. Check with your grandchild or call the school office to sign up. Sign up sheets are due to the school office by October 1st.

No School – Monday, October 27th **Noon Dismissal** – Thursday, October 30th - Parent/Teacher Conferences

No School – Friday, October 31st - Parent/Teacher Conferences

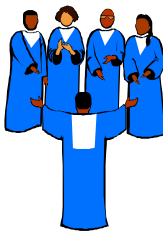


Music Notes



The annual citywide Reformation Rally will be held at the Weill Center on Sunday, October 26th at 3:30 p.m. A combined choir featuring members of area Lutheran churches will sing at the Reformation Rally. If you would like to sing with this choir, you only need to attend one of two rehearsals being held at Trinity: Saturday, October 18 at 10 a.m. or Wednesday, October 22 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to sing with us for the service. You do not need to be a member of the Mixed Choir to be a part of the Reformation Rally choir.

The Kammerchor of Concordia University, Mequon, will be joining us for worship at Trinity's 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, October 12. Under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Kosche, Kammerchor has sung around the world and across the United States during its 30-year history. Both Pastor Berg and Mr. Heinlein were members of the choir. Invite your friends and neighbors to worship on October 12 at 10:45 a.m. for this exciting day.



Here is the upcoming music schedule:

Oct. 5	8:00 a.m.	Joy Choir (Gr. 3-5)
	10:45 a.m.	Mixed Choir
Oct. 12	10:45 a.m.	Kammerchor from Concordia University
Oct. 19	8:00 a.m.	Trinity Singers (Gr. 6-8)
Oct. 26	8:00 a.m.	Mixed Choir
	10:45 a.m.	Joy Choir (Gr. 3-5)
	3:30 p.m.	Mixed Choir

Previous Quiz Question: This ninth century hymn includes references to the appearance of the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire at Pentecost. The hymn also refers to the seven gifts of the Spirit mentioned in Romans 12. Two different melodies for this hymn are included in our hymnal. What hymn is this? The answer is "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" LSB 498/499.

New Quiz Question: This hymn was originally written in German during the latter half of the 17th

century. Three different people were involved in creating this hymn. A woman involved in the Pietism Movement, Catharina von Schlegel, wrote the poetry. A century later, Jane Borthwick, a Scottish-born composer, translated the hymn into English. A Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius, composed the music for this hymn. God used three people with three different languages to create this hymn. 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)



The Steeplechase has begun. First stop, Trinity Lutheran Church & School on 9/14. Middle schoolers went first, on what was for some, more like a wild goose chase than steeplechase depending on how observant they were and how well they knew their Trinity history and architecture. It's unknown if the high schoolers fared any better than their younger counterparts as they all were sent on a scavenger hunt around the church and school. They could see for themselves how the art and architecture at Trinity teach the Christian faith. Coupled with Rock Band, DDR, Wii and spaghetti and meatballs, it was a fun night.

Next stop: The Basilica of Holy Hill on October 12th.

We will be leaving the Ministry Center parking lot at 1 pm and returning at 7 pm. Cost is \$5. Please bring a sack lunch with a drink. Permission slips are located by the youth bulletin board in the Lounge. **If you are a parent and interested in accompanying us, we are looking for drivers!

LET THE STEEPLECHASE CONTINUE!!!!



Picture Directory added Dates!

Due to an electrical problem at the Ministry Center, we have added October 6 & 13 as new dates to have your pictures taken. You may sign up at trinitysheboygan.org or call the church office.

Thrivent GivingPlus

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

As of August , 2008, \$36,860 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 to:

Mary Beinemann	Robin Barrow	Del Carriveau
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Richard Schulz	Sue Sholten	Sue Slimmer

From the President

On Sunday, Sept. 21st we had the Voter's Meeting. This is just a summary of some of the things discussed for those of you who did not attend.

The first important discussion point was a short presentation by Allan Voss concerning the proposed changes to how Trinity will be operating the congregation and school. This restructuring will require some changes to the church by-laws. The church constitution is not affected. Allan is in the process of modifying the by-laws and will present the proposed changes to the Voters' Assembly at the November meeting. Those changes will then have to be voted on at the May 2009 Voters' Meeting. Trinity will be working under the new model on an trial basis until that time. The basic change to the process that has taken place is that a number of the boards no longer function as boards have in the past. Instead of having a board and meeting on a monthly basis to talk about doing things, the board chairman is now a member of the church council representing that area of concern. When that area has a task to do, that chairman will gather people to accomplish that goal. They may have meetings to organize the work for the task, but will not be meeting just because they have to have a monthly meeting. The Boards of Christian day School and Elders will remain as functioning boards because of the oversight responsibilities they have to the operation of the congregation and school and the associated pastors and staff.

Among some of the other interesting things discussed was the Childcare program that started in early September at the Ministry Center. After only a couple of weeks of operation we

are already getting close to the break-even point financially for that particular program. With just a few more kids enrolled in the program, this will be a fully self-sufficient program financially. This is a wonderful new program for Trinity and will be a natural feeder system for our school. Associated with this program, the Christian Day School Board is looking at the different groups that they should be targeting, and the proper way to recruit those groups, to use the Child-care program and Trinity school.

Pete Leibham presented the financial report. He reports that we are about \$99,000 behind budget, but with the expected increase in giving now that summer is over, we should make up that deficit. He projects about a \$60,000 deficit which is what the voters approved for this year. In conjunction with this, it was again stressed that Thrivent members should take advantage of Thrivent's matching funds program to create additional funding for our school. We are about \$14,000 behind last year's numbers. If you do not already use the Simply Giving program for your Trinity donations, please also consider this program. Simply Giving is a program where your weekly donations to Trinity can be taken directly from your checking or savings account instead of having to write a check or have cash every Sunday for your envelop.

The Pastors spent a fair amount of their time thanking the many members of Trinity who do so much for our congregation and school. All of the volunteer labor for renovations to the Ministry Center, the Fellowship Hall and the School were mentioned. The great success of functions like the Trinity Showcase and the Church Picnic held in conjunction with the bike races. The new planters replacing the dumpsters at the back entrance create a much more welcoming environment, the school teachers who have taken on the tasks of Sunday school teaching, and on and on. Trinity is blessed with a large number of active people willing to serve the Lord by serving their church and school. So thank you to all of those people. If you want to get more involved, just ask! I'm sure we can find some great opportunity that will take advantage of your skills and abilities.

The last order of business was a proposal to grant \$5,000 to Seth and Shannon (Buck) Hoepfner for their mission work in Cambodia starting in October. Earlier this year, a rather large estate gift came to Trinity. The church council tithed a portion of that estate gift to a mission fund to be used for mission work. Some of that fund has gone to our mission at Lutheran high and some to the District and Synod missions. This proposal was to use \$5,000 from that fund for the mission work of Seth and Shannon. The motion was made, seconded and approved. God's blessing on your mission to Cambodia, Seth and Shannon.

God's blessings,
Jeff Kelm

That's AMORE'



That's A'BORING or That's AMORE (which means love)? For several years we've been conducting a Fall pizza and candy sale, and it's become a "boring" fund-raiser. Last year our school raised only \$3000 for all of our efforts. This year, PTL wants you to enjoy and "love" our fund-raiser by inviting you and your family to a delicious homemade spaghetti meal on Sunday, October 26th. Please join us for church at 10:45 am, a delicious meal between 12:15 and 2:00 pm, and the Sheboygan Area Reformation Rally at 3:30 pm at the Stephanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts. This is a great way to support our school and church and to enjoy Christian fellowship. A free-will donation will be accepted for the meal. With your generosity, our goal is to collect more than last Fall's fundraiser. Please RSVP to the school office (458-8248) by October 20. Help us to "Make Known the Love of Christ" by supporting this event. Now, That's AMORE.



News & Notes



CAMBODIA MISSION: Shannon (Buck) and Seth Hoepfner will leave October 1 to begin their mission to Battambang, Cambodia. Look for regular updates in your Trinity newsletter. If you would like to receive their letters by email, please notify Roger Buck or the church office to get your information added to the list.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS: The East Sheboygan County Chapter will hold its Chapter Leader Election Dinner on Sunday, October 12, at Rangeline Inn, 107 Rangeline Road, Kohler, WI. Doors will open at 4 pm followed by the dinner at 5 pm and the election meeting at 6 pm. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food items for our local food pantries. The cost of the dinner is \$6.00 (\$12.00 value), and children under 5 years of age are free.



SENIORS' SATURDAY SERVICE: The first Fall Saturday Service for Seniors was held on Saturday, September 27, at 10 a.m. in church. A second service for seniors will be **November 8**.

STEPHEN MINISTRY PEER SUPPORT DATES: Stephen Ministry Peer Support will meet on October 6 and 20, 6:30 at the Ministry Center.

SHOO THE FLU at Trinity is Wednesday, October 8th from 10 am– 2 pm.



Library



October is National Book Month!

What a better time to check out the library and pick out a good book to read!

October 11-18 is "Teen Read Week"

Check section 8 of our library for popular teens series such as "Christy Miller", "Christy", or "China Tate". Besides fiction, there are books on various topics including "Life In a Teenage Jungle", "Is There Really Life after Death" and many more. Check out the "Higher Things - Dare to be Lutheran" magazine by the youth bulletin board in the Lounge.

Look for these book for Fall for children:

"Autumn - Poems, Stories, Prayers", "The Pumpkin Gospel" and "Halloween - Is It for Real?"

TRINITY BOOK FAIR



Trek on over to our Book Fair Safari in the Lounge. Come, explore our large selection of books, and find a great read for your children, grandchildren or your entire family. The book fair runs **October 5TH-12TH**. Help support our school and build up our classroom libraries by purchasing and donating books from their classroom wish lists. Books make great Christmas gifts!

Youth Retreat



January 23-25, 2009
At Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheboygan

This is the Feast
A Youth Retreat

Registration forms are available by the youth bulletin board in the Lounge.

FEATURED SPEAKER - Pr. Cwirla is the pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hacienda Heights, CA, President of Higher Things

ERIN BODE IN CONCERT

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The popular *Stump the Pastors* returns. *Campout. Coffee Bar. Karaoke. And more!*

RETREAT CHOIR

Official Acts



2008-2009 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.
Barbara Paape, Teacher Grade Five
Chelsea Sagissor, Teacher Grade Four
Karen Howard, Teacher Grade Three
Carla Becker, Teacher Grade Two
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
Tammy Schaefer, Spanish Teacher
Marilyn LeClair, Education Assistant
Christine Melcher, Church Office Manager
Colleen Rindt, School Secretary
Billy Free, Part-time Custodian
Sue Leibham, Hot Lunch Coordinator
Mary Niesing, Before & After School Care

Transfer In:

Jeff, Kim, Peyton Roethel St. John Plymouth

Baptisms:

Alex Lee, Kevin Lee, Luke Lee, children of Joshua & Mo Lee

Profession of Faith:

Kelly, Janelle and Kayla Koren
Betty VanDerWeele

Adult Confirmation:

Joshua & Mo Lee
Adam Liebenthal
Felicia Brown
Jenna Brown

Transfers Out:

Matthew Thiel Trinity, Town Wilson
Viktoriya, Joshua, Michael Dornfeldt Redeemer Lutheran, Manitowoc

Funerals:

Rick Berg died on August 12, 2008 and a memorial service was held at Trinity on September 6, 2008

SHOO THE FLU at Trinity is Wednesday, October 8th from 10 am- 2 pm. Includes syringe icon.

2008-2009 Trinity Church Council

Jeff Kelm, President
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Mary Dittmar, Youth

Senior Breakfast October 20, 2008 8:30 am Fountain Park Family Restaurant

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is also a member of: THE SHEBOYGAN AREA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION Lutheran High School 3323 University Dr. Sheboygan, WI 53081 452-3323

YTD (August 31, 2008) RECEIPTS: \$812,484
YTD (August, 2008) EXPENDITURES: \$911,857
Deficit (August, 2008): \$99,373

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.

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

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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HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI DINNER

October 26, 2008
12:15 pm
Trinity Gym



Please join us for church at 10:45 am, a delicious meal between 12:15 and 2:00 pm, and the Sheboygan Area Reformation Rally at 3:30 pm at the Stephanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts. This is a great way to support our school and church and to enjoy Christian fellowship. Free-will donation. Please RSVP to the school office (458-8248) by October 20. Help us to "Make Known the Love of Christ" by supporting this event. Now, That's AMORE.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION

October 26, 2008
3:30 pm
The Stefanie H. Weill Center

Several choirs, a brass ensemble and the Weill Center organ played by Brian Heinlein will provide music of the season. The guest speaker is Rev. John Wille, President of our South WI District. Doors open at 2:45 pm.



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