



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



Show and Tell

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Every Friday our young children at Trinity Lutheran School bring in their treasures from home for "Show and Tell." More importantly, they leave school every day and church on Sundays equipped to show and tell others about the priceless treasure of Jesus. They do this because they have learned that, like them, the world needs to see Jesus.

It was some Greeks who made the above request to see Jesus. "Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'" (John 12:22-23). The request of those Greeks was granted when Jesus was glorified by being "lifted up" on the cross for them and the entire world to see.

Jesus was not glorified until He was lifted up on the cross. For example, at the beginning of Jesus' journey toward the cross He attended a wedding at Cana in Galilee where they ran out of wine. His mother Mary said to Him, "they have no wine." And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does that have to do with Me?' My hour has not yet come" (John 2:3b-4). While Jesus turned the water into wine, He did it behind the scenes so that only a few even knew that a miracle had taken place. Likewise, after He miraculously cured a man of leprosy by simply saying the words, "be clean," Jesus reveals that even with that His hour to be glorified had not yet come. Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone" (Mark 1:44). The miracles that Jesus performed made known that He is God but they stopped short of revealing what God in man had come into the world to do.

The hour of Jesus' glory was at a time and place that a fallen humanity did not recognize as being glorious at all. It was the hour on the cross where Jesus cried out, "It is finished," and then died for the life of the world. Jesus said, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). He also said, "For this purpose I have come to this hour" (John 12:27). Jesus died so we would not be alone. He died so that we can live together with Him in the glory of God. We are the fruit of His redeeming work. He rose victorious over our sin and death and now lives to put a whole new life into us, namely, His. It is a life that conquers death.



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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'



“Now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2), now is the hour for “show and tell.” Now is the time to showcase Jesus to the world by telling everyone what he has done. At Trinity this takes place through the proclamation of the Gospel from the pulpit of our congregation and in the classrooms of our school. We are thus equipped to make known the love of Christ both in what we say and do for others in our everyday lives.

The word of the Lord is spoken into our ears, studied with our eyes, and His body and blood is placed into our mouths and very being so that others hear from our lips what Jesus is doing for us, and see Him at work in what we do for others. The ancient prayer of Saint Patrick (remembered in the church on March 17th) says it well: “Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise.”

Others wish to see the Christ as well. Like Philip and Andrew, we are given the privilege and honor of making known the love of Christ. The time is now. The hour has come for you to show and tell others about Jesus.

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

Rev. John M. Berg
Associate Pastor



Erin Bode and Rev. Bill Cwirla were the highlight of this year's "This Is the Feast" Higher Things Youth Conference in January. 160 youth and adults enjoyed the Conference and around 500 people saw a wonderful concert by the Erin Bode Group in support of a Lutheran High School of 500 students in Dirkesdorf, South Africa, an area of great poverty and lim-

Nave and Beyond

- Lent is a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. Please join us every Lord's Day for the Divine Service and every Wednesday for Midweek Services (10am/6pm) this Lententide as we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Enjoy a soup luncheon following the 10am service every Wednesday.
- Please invite your friends, family, and acquaintances to services at Trinity. A great way to extend such an invitation is to give them one of brochures detailing texts, themes, dates, and times of our Lent and Easter Services.
- Please prayerfully consider a Lenten Thank-offering by filling the Lenten Offering boxes with change throughout this Lenten Season. Please bring them back to the church on Easter Sunday.
- Don't miss the Trinity Showcase set for Sunday March 8th at Noon. See you there!
- Community Outreach Calling Dates for March:
 - + Monday March 2nd, 7-8pm
 - + Thursday March 5th, 7-8pm
 - + Monday March 9th, 7-8pm
 - + Tuesday March 10th, 7-8pm

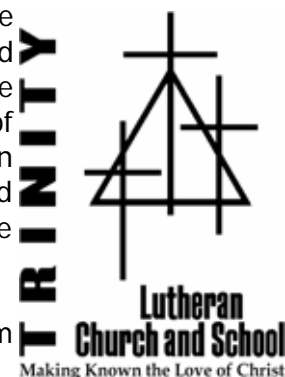


From the Principal



Trinity Lutheran School – Making Known the Love of Christ

March 1-7, 2009, is National Lutheran Schools Week. Trinity Lutheran School joins with all of our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod schools in celebrating the blessings our schools. These schools have not only blessed our children and families. They have certainly blessed our church, our country, and the world. How have we been blessed by these schools? Our schools daily share Jesus and the life-giving Word of God. The love of Jesus transforms sinners into saints of God. The Word of God prepares these children for their future life of service on earth and their future in eternity. That's the blessed promise that is given to us in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."



I would like to share with you some statistics about Lutheran elementary schools from 2007-2008. Our synod has 976 elementary schools serving 121,394 students.

	LCMS Average For an Elementary School	Trinity
Size	135 students	145 students
Cost	\$5305	About \$4500

Trinity's students perform very well on our Achievement Tests. Our classes consistently score above the 80th percentile in comparison with other classes in the country. We often score in the 95th-99th percentile in areas such as math and science. Trinity provides a great academic education. Praise God.

A Lutheran education is worth more than the simple cost of education or the quality of the academic education. As a popular commercial states, "It's priceless." What on earth is more precious than our children? What's more important than the gift of faith that is nurtured in each of us in our church and school? I think you and I both agree that spending eternity with our loving Savior is where we want our children to be. More importantly, it's where Jesus wants us all to be. Let's be diligent in our faith life, regularly receiving the gifts of God through His Word and the Divine Service.

On behalf of our current and past students, thank you for providing a Christian education for us!

May God continue to lead us to Make Known the Love of Christ!

Greg Becker

Mr. Becker



Music Notes



Students from Trinity Lutheran School will be participating in the SALSA Music Festival on Monday, March 2 at St. Mark Lutheran Church. The music festival is open to the public, so please come and enjoy the talents of our students. A recital featuring select students from the festival will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 22 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

The Mixed Choir is now preparing for the upcoming Easter Season. We would love to welcome new members to the choir as we prepare music to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We rehearse every Thursday evening from 7:35 to 8:30 p.m. in the music room. Come and join us!

Trinity students will present the musical melodrama "Rogue of the Railway" on Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Weill Center. Join us in a journey back in time to Dakota Territory in the 1880s. Will our beautiful heroine, Dakota Melody, be rescued in time from the speeding Night Express? Will the deceitful villain Silius Scavenger be able to sell his snake oil to the unsuspecting townspeople? Find out at the show. We hope to see you there!

Here is the upcoming music schedule at Trinity:

- Mar. 1 8:00 a.m. Trinity School Names A-L
- 10:45 a.m. Trinity School Names M-Z
- Mar. 4 6:00 p.m. Mixed Choir
- Mar. 8 8:00 a.m. Trinity Singers (Gr. 6-8)
- 10:45 a.m. Handbells
- Mar. 11 10:00 a.m. Trinity School Grades 6-8
- Mar. 15 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 3K-Gr. 3
- Mar. 18 10:00 a.m. Joy Choir (Gr. 3-5)
- 6:00 p.m. Mixed Choir
- Mar. 22 10:45 a.m. Joy Choir (Gr. 3-5)
- Mar. 29 8:00 a.m. Handbells
- Apr. 1 6:00 p.m. Handbells



Library



During this Lent and Easter season follow Jesus to the cross and grave and then rejoice in His glorious resurrection. There are many books, CD's and videos available in the church library to guide you on this journey.

Continue to check the new arrivals as more are added weekly. We now have Karen Kingsbury's "Redemption" series and the "Red Glove Collection".

A reminder that books may be kept for 30 days and CDs/videos/DVDs may be kept for 7 day. Please return promptly to avoid an overdue notice. **When returning items, please make sure you return library books to the correct library. Some of ours have been recently returned to Mead Library.**

Showcase 2009



Don't miss the **Trinity Showcase** on Sunday, March 8th! 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? The Lutheran Lawn Rangers, the precision drill team, will be returning to entertain you with another outstanding performance. We promise you will not be disappointed! Show your support for Trinity. Plan to attend the Showcase on March 8th!



9:30 am-1:00 pm Take-out orders available
 11:00 am-1:00 pm Brat fry – hamburgers, brats, German potato salad, jell-o salad, chips, beverages, and baked items.

FREE WILL OFFERING

- 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Silent Auction
- 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Talent Showcase
- 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Live Auction
- 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Check-out

Flower Sale



2009 TRINITY STUDENT FLOWER SALE



Flowers can be ordered through any Trinity School student or by using the order form available in this newsletter or 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 supplied by Don Caans. Orders and payments are due by April 15th.

Flower pickup is Friday, May 22nd 1:00-5:30 pm at the Ministry Center.

Hanging baskets are \$21, 4 ½ inch geraniums for planting at \$3.50 each or \$39.00/dozen and Flats are \$16 each. See order forms for available varieties and colors.

Stephen Ministry



THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY IN STEPHEN MINISTRY



Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry because it is absolutely essential for building safe, healing, caring relationships.

Stephen Ministry is confidential. Stephen Ministry Caregivers don't reveal what their care receivers have told them. Not to the pastors, not to the Stephen Leaders, not to their spouses or friends, and not to other Stephen Ministry Caregivers.

Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship to be effective. Care receivers are experiencing difficulties that leave them feeling very vulnerable. Discussing their innermost feelings is an important step in the healing process. But in order to open up and discuss that which is troubling them most, care receivers need complete trust in their Stephen Ministry Caregivers--- and the assurance that what they say will not be circulated to others and become news for gossip.

This assurance builds trust and creates a safe place where care receivers can risk revealing their most painful issues---problems they might not even discuss with close friends or family. Confidentiality helps create a relationship that promotes healing and hope.

Another aspect of confidentiality is that nobody---except the Stephen Ministry Caregiver, the care receiver, and the pastor or Stephen Leader who matched the two together---even knows that a care receiver has a Stephen Ministry Caregiver. Care receivers, of course, are free to tell others about the relationship and who their Caregiver is, but the Stephen Ministry Caregiver never tells. This means a care receiver can choose to have complete anonymity so that if he or she doesn't want people even to know that he or she has a Stephen Ministry Caregiver, nobody will ever know.

Because confidentiality is a major part of Stephen Ministry, we will talk more about it next month in the newsletter. If you have any questions about any part of Stephen Ministry, please speak to one of the pastors, Roger Buck, Dennis or Marlene Fors, or Lois Heronemus. If you know any of our Stephen Caregivers, they also will be happy to speak about their experience with the program.

Lenten Services



Sun. March 1 8 a.m./10:45 a.m.

"Nothing to Laugh About!"
Mark 1:9-15

Wed. March 4 10 a.m./6 p.m.

"Bethany and Jerusalem"
Mark 14:1-25

Sun. March 8 8 a.m./10:45 a.m.

"Jesus Showcase"
Mark 8:27-38

Wed. March 11 10 a.m./6 p.m.

"Gethsemane"
Mark 14:26-52

Sun. March 15 8 a.m./10:45 a.m.

"Spring Cleaning"
John 2:13-22

Wed. March 18 10 a.m./6 p.m.

"The High Priest's House"
Mark 14:53-65

Sun. March 22 8 a.m./10:45 a.m.

"We'll Leave the Light On for You"
John 3:14-21

Wed. March 25 10 a.m./6 p.m.

"The Praetorium"
Mark 15:1-204

Sun. March 29 8 a.m./10:45 a.m.

"The Divine Server"
Mark 10:32-45

From the President



In the last year Trinity has received a few estate gifts. The Church council has tithed 10% of each of these gifts into a special "Missions" fund. It is our intention to continue this practice. But just what are we intending to do with the money in this missions fund? Following are some examples of the purpose of this money.

We donated money to Seth and Shannon Hoepfner for their mission work in Cambodia, and will continue to consider contributing to Trinity members who go on mission trips. Trinity occasionally gets requests to help with area or district missions. For example, we contributed to the Hmong ministry that is being developed in our district. This fund will be a way for us to respond to local mission needs without affecting an already loaded budget.

We also are using this fund to extend the mission of Trinity. Many of you have heard of or seen the billboard ads that Trinity is using to advertise our church, school and Childcare programs. You may have heard about the phone calling program we have undertaken. We are also planning mailings to follow up on the calling we are doing. All of these are being funded through that mission fund created from these estate gifts.

Bringing more people into our church and school is certainly a part of Trinity's mission. Once there, we can share the message of God's love as shown by his gift of salvation through his Son Jesus Christ.

God's blessings, Jeff Kelm

MOST



As many of you know, I have gone on short-term mission trips since 2001. I plan on going again in the summer of 2009. I go on these trips through MOST Ministries. MOST has received requests for several mission teams to Latvia and Poland for next year. These will be English camps, just like the ones I've attended every year. All of these teams had churches come forward to lead mission teams. However, the recent economic problems have affected the ability of these churches to fill their teams. I believe that two of the Latvia teams and at least one of the Poland teams is in danger of being canceled if MOST cannot find a few extra people for each team.

If you have thought of trying to do this type of work, now is the time. There is a great need. The Lutheran churches in Latvia and Poland have a great deal of God's work that

we can help them with. And MOST needs people to fill these teams.

I would be glad to talk to anyone who might have an interest in a short term mission next Summer. I can answer your questions; tell you the type of work you would be doing, where and when you would be going, how much it costs (and give you ideas on fund-raising.). I can help with your training. I have pictures and stories to share if you want more information. This is your opportunity to say, 'Here I am Lord, send me!'

God's blessings,

Jeff Kelm – 803-0704 – home phone number

News & Notes



Stephen Ministry Peer Support Dates: Stephen Ministry Peer Support will meet on March 2 at 6:30 at the Ministry Center. Please bring your Red Manuel for the meeting on the 2nd. Since Roger will be out of the country on March 16, we will do a phone-in check in that night.

Emmaus Meal: Trinity will host an Emmaus Meal for the community at the Salvation Army on Saturday, March 21. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated for set-up, food preparation, serving, and clean-up. Contact Roger Buck (458-8246) if you'd like to help.

2009 Cloquet, MN Servant Event: Due to the Trinity Showcase on March 8, Mr. Buck's absence March 13-24 and Spring Break, there will not be a Cloquet meeting in March.

2009 Red Lake, Ontario Servant Event: Due to the Trinity Showcase on March 8, Mr. Buck's absence March 13-24 and Spring Break, there will not be a Red Lake meeting in March.

Church Work & LHS Student Financial Aid Forms: Student aid forms are available in the church office for those students wishing to apply for financial aid for the 2009-10 school year. Forms need to be returned to the church office by **March 17th**.

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, Early Childhood Care Director
Christel Miske, German Teacher
Tammy Schaefer, Spanish Teacher
Christine Melcher, Church Office Manager
Colleen Rindt, School Secretary
Billy Free, Part-time Custodian
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New Members:

Toni and Christi, Abygail, and Lindsey Smith, Ryan Hill
John, Lisa, and Aaron Haack
David and Danika Williamson
Ryan Hauch
Stephanie and Isabelle Ford

Baptism:

Elijah Alan Mueller, son of Jonathan & Erin (Schroeder) Mueller was baptized on February 8, 2009

Funerals:

Betty Fohrman died on January 25 and a funeral was held January 28
Jeanne Mullen died on January 25 and a funeral was held January 29
Marie Wesener died on February 8 and a funeral was held February 11
Lorraine Methfessel died on February 7 and a funeral was held February 13
Emily Ruppel died on February 11 and a funeral was held February 14

SENIOR BREAKFAST
8:30 am, March 16, 2009
Fountain Park Family Restaurant
Kathleen Manny, Community Services Specialist from the Sheboygan County Aging and Disability Resource Center is the guest speaker.

YTD (January 31, 2009) RECEIPTS: \$70,510.03
YTD (January 31, 2009) EXPENDITURES: \$110,115.21
Deficit (January 31, 2009): \$39,605.18

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is also a member of:
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

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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