



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



Let's Get Together

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Summer is upon us and with it many wonderful opportunities to get together with family and friends for outings, vacations, and other fellowship activities. The writer to the Hebrews reminds us of the importance of getting together as the body of Christ. He is speaking of worship, the place where Jesus serves us the blessings of His suffering, death, and resurrection. These blessings include being given life together with God and each other for eternity. In worship, God in Christ joins us together with Him, each other, angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven by means of the Gospel. Every Lord's Day Jesus brings us together as a community of faith so that we can love and care for each other as He loves and cares for us.



As you enjoy the many fellowship opportunities with family and friends this summer please do not give up meeting together as the body of Christ in church. We pray that your view on this would be the same as that of Jesus who said, "Do you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The Lord's Service to us at Trinity takes place at 8 am and 10:45 am every Sunday. If you cannot make it on Sunday, the Lord's Service is also offered on Mondays at 6 pm all summer so that you get together with Jesus who is always here to bring you His blessings of forgiveness, life, and peace. The Monday night service time and all evening services thereafter will change to 6:30 pm starting in September.

It is also important that we get together as brothers and sisters in Christ in other ways. In the pictures throughout this newsletter you will see snapshots of Trinity members who have enjoyed fellowship with one another in many and various ways. We also want to make you aware of opportunities that you will have in the coming months to get together with fellow members of Trinity for service, outreach, growth in faith, and to simply have good time.



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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'



Opportunities for Service, Outreach, Growth in Faith, and Fellowship at Trinity

- **The Harbor Centre Family Day and Bike Race**
When: Thursday June 25th from Noon—7:30 pm
Where: Downtown Sheboygan (at Trinity—Streets will be closed for the bike race)
Trinity's Role: Sell Brats and Soda to benefit Trinity
Monitor Sidewalk and Street at 9th and Wisconsin from Noon—7:30 pm
Needed: Volunteers for Brat Fry, Sidewalk Safety Patrol



- **Bible Studies**



Sundays for the Whole Family:

- June 7: Seminarian Joe Hoem, on becoming a pastor
- June 14: Seth and Shannon Hoepfner, Mission in Cambodia
- June 21: Lord, Have Mercy: How to Put Faith in Action
- June 28: Lord, Have Mercy: How to Put Faith in Action
- July 5, 12, 19, 26: Bible Study on "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis
- Men's Bible Study on Luke: Fridays 7 am at TLMC all Summer

- **Other Activities throughout the Summer**

- + Youth Servant Events: Cloquet, Minnesota and Red Lake, Ontario, Canada (47 youth participating)
- + Church Softball Team: To join call at Mr. Stenklyft 451-7794
- + Higher Things Youth Gathering Grand Rapids, Michigan (9 Youth)
- + Mission Trip to Costa Rica (Kelly Boehlke and Naomi Wells)
- + Mission Trip to Latvia (Jeff Kelm)
- + On-going Mission to Cambodia (Seth and Shannon Hoepfner)
- + Vacation Bible School at LHS June 16th-19th
- + Youth Trip to Noah's Ark Friday, June 26th
- + Brewer Game Concessions Assistance throughout the Summer (Call the Church Office for Details)
- + Wings and Wheels at the Airport (Youth Service Event) - June 21st at Noon
- + Neat Repeats LHS Thrift Store—Assistance Needed (Call Church Office for Details on How to Help)
- + Bethesda Thrift Store—Assistance Needed (Call Church Office for Details on How to Help)
- + The LHS Annual Golf Tournament June 13th at Town and Country (Call 452-3323 to Sign Up)
- + Prison Ministry Assistance August 23rd (Contact Roger Buck for Details)
- + Trinity Lutheran Church Picnic August 30th at Kiwanis Park (Church and Picnic at the Park)
- + Move classroom furniture before and after Trinity School floors are waxed (Call 458-8248 to help)



As you can see there are lots of opportunities to get together throughout the summer. This fellowship that we share flows from the Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed in the Lord's church. Let's make sure to get together with Him and each other all summer long!

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

The Lost are Found

Have you ever been lost? You may have panicked. You may have been confident in your own ability to become “un-lost.” You may have asked someone for help. You just needed someone to find you!

The children of Trinity Lutheran School are lost, just as you and I are lost in our sin. Each child daily turns away from God to follow his own way. So do you and I. That’s our sinful condition. We won’t be free from this condition until we are in heaven. Daily we need someone to find us. That person is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His love “searches” for us even if we do not want to be found. (Think of Adam and Eve hiding in the Garden of Eden after their fall into sin. Genesis 3) At times, the guilt of our sin causes us to doubt the Father’s love for us in Jesus. (Think of the guilt of the prodigal son as he returned to his father to ask to be the father’s servant rather than a son. Luke 15) In both of the above stories, which I encourage you to read again, the humans felt that there was no amount of love that would allow them to be accepted. They felt that their sin was so large that they could not receive and did not deserve love and forgiveness. But God’s love broke through those feelings, tore down those barriers, led them to repentance, and graciously gave them His comforting love. God’s love was made known to them! That same, amazing love is made known to us as well. Praise God!

In another story from Luke 15, Jesus tells of a shepherd that lovingly searches for a lost sheep until he finds it. When the children of Trinity Lutheran School are “lost” in sin, Jesus finds them, just as the shepherd does in this story. And, just as the shepherd rejoices in finding the lost sheep, Jesus and all of heaven rejoice in the finding of sinners and in their repentance. Isn’t that amazing! The Pharisees of Luke 15 grumbled and said of Jesus, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” We can be truly thankful that He receives us sinners. He rejoices when we are “found.”

The children at Trinity Lutheran School regularly hear these precious stories of God’s love. In this way the children are assured that Jesus truly loves them, wipes away their sins, and rejoices that they will be with Him forever in heaven.

Thank you for **Making Known the Love of Christ** to the children of Trinity Lutheran School this past year.

Greg Becker

Mr. Becker



Scenes from the Trinity Lutheran School Musical: “Rogue of the Railway”

Music Notes



Thank you to everyone who helped out with and attended the spring musical on May 12. It is truly a team effort and would not be successful without the help of everyone involved. Thank you especially to Trinity teachers Karen Howard, Kathy Gruben, Terry Stenklyft, and Chelsea Sagissor for all their behind-the-scenes work.

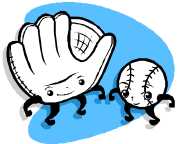
Trinity choirs have been busy "Making Known the Love of Christ" in our community this past month. Trinity Singers (grades six to eight) sang at Harbor Heights on May 11 and will sing at Terrace Estates on June 1. Mixed Choir sang at Sunny Ridge on May 14. Students in grades four to six also sang for the Ascension Service at St. John, New Fane on May 21.

Trinity Singers will sing one more time this year for the 8 a.m. service on June 7. Mixed Choir will sing at the 10:45 a.m. service that day as well. This day (Trinity Sunday) is also the 156th anniversary of our church.



"Making Known the Love of Christ" for 156 years.

Thrivent Night at the A's



The East Sheboygan County Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans is sponsoring Food Pantry Night at the A's on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The evening will feature a "Make Your Own Sundae" bar from 6:00 to 7:00 in the tailgate area. Those attending are asked to bring a donation for the food pantry at St Mark's. Cash donations will be accepted in the tailgate/sundae area. Tickets are available in the Lounge. Members will be getting a postcard in late June reminding them of this chapter activity.



3-Day Cancer Walk Garage Sale



The team of 6 women ("Sixty 4 Bust") walking 60 miles for breast cancer, is looking for donations for a garage sale to be held at the Mech's (4589 Hunters Glen Drive) on June 26-27. If you are cleaning out your basement, garage or closets, please think of donating your items to our sale. We'll take almost anything (**no adult clothing or TV's please**) but are particularly looking for larger items like furniture, bikes, used golf clubs, etc...Please call Chris at the church office (458-8246) or Darlene (467-1724) to arrange for pick up the week of the garage sale. Anything not sold at the sale will be donated to Lutheran High's new thrift store. Alice Herbst, Stephanie Jablonski, Patti Freymuth, Darlene Mech, Chris Melcher, and AnnMarie Voss would like to thank you for your support. They will be walking in Philadelphia October 16-18.

BLOOD DRIVE



BLOOD – THE GIFT OF LIFE

Trinity has been requested by the Blood Center of Wisconsin, which supplies blood to local hospitals, to host a blood drive on Monday, August 17, 2009 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. here at Trinity.

There are a number of ways that you can help make the drive a success.

1. Plan to donate. Regular donors should not donate after June 22 to be eligible. New donors are welcome and students as young as 16 can donate with parent's consent.
2. Spread the word that our blood drive is taking place on August 17 and all are welcome to assist in maintaining our county's blood supply.
3. Put up a poster about the drive at your place of work.
4. Volunteer your time as able to greet and talk to donors before and after they donate in the canteen area.
5. Bake and donate a pan of bars or cookies for the canteen. Those who donated at the Sheboygan Armory have great memories of the delicious treats served after donating blood. The great bakers of Trinity will also make the day memorable for those attending.

Please call Ron Mueller at (920) 452-9434 to be a part of this life saving project. For information about donating blood call 1-877-BE A HERO or contact www.bcw.edu.

Summer



Childcare



Summer Childcare is available at the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center for ages 3-6 Weekdays 7 am—5:30 pm at \$4.00 per hour. For details call Amy Janke at 208-7955.

Voters' Meeting



Highlights

The Voters' of Trinity met on May 17th at 12:30 pm in the Gym. Highlights from that meeting are:

- Monday night, Advent, Lent, Ascension Day Evening Service time changed to 6:30 pm beginning September 7th.
- Endowment requests in the amount of \$28,353 were granted for Continuing Education for Staff, Grant-in-aid for Trinity Lutheran School, Grant-in-aid for church work students in College, Grant-in-aid for LHS Students, and Worship Enrichment.
- Trinity By-Laws were revised—Church Council Meetings are now September, November, January, March and May and Voters' Meetings take place September, November, and May.

Red Lake



Our youth and adults chaperones will again this year be going to Red Lake to provide Vacation Bible School for the area children. Help is needed with the following: **DONATIONS** of the any of the following items by Friday, July 17. Please place the items in the barrel by the kitchen window.

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| Boxes of Mac and Cheese | Large Bags of Chips |
| Spaghetti | Individual Bags of Chip |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Peanut Butter |
| Parmesan Cheese | Jelly |
| Cereal | Bottle Water |
| Salad Dressing | Canned Soda |
| Canned Fruit | Powdered Drink Mix |
| Canned Peas/Corn/Carrots | |
| Instant Potatoes | |
| Pancake Mix | |
| Syrup | |
| Mayonnaise/Miracle Whip | |
| Mustard | |
| Ketchup | |
| Onions | |
| Pickle slices | |
| Pickle spears | |
| Individually Pkg Instant Oatmeal | |
| Bottled fruit juices not requiring refrigeration | |

Stephen Ministry



START OF TRAINING CLASS FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY CAREGIVERS SEPTEMBER 2009

Have you been looking for a meaningful way to serve our Lord by caring for others within a Christian environment? Join others in our church family for the 50 hour training class which begins in September. The skills which you will learn will enable you to be a most helpful caregiver as well as assist you in your everyday life relationships. It is a two year commitment. **IT IS WORTH IT!**



In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job --- it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus love and care to those who need it most.

Please speak to a pastor, Roger Buck, Dennis or Marlene Fors, or Lois Heronemus very soon. We look forward to adding you to our team of Stephen Ministry here at Trinity!!!

Track & Field



Thrivent Giving Plus



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

If you are a Thrivent member and would like to participate in GivingPlus and need information about this matching program, please contact the church or school office (458-8246 or 458-8248). Thank you to:

John Ballhorn	Alice Buck	Dennis Christian
Linda Christian	Julia Ehlert	Aaryn Feile
Kurt Gruben	Georgie Hoem	Tom Hoem
Shirley Honold	Bill Jens	Allan Jurss
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Gerda Schellpfeffer	Jane Schmelter	Sue Slimmer
Emma Thieme	Cathy Timm	Gary Yurk
Mary Vincevineus		

So far in 2009, Trinity has received **\$19,200** in matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Thank You!

News & Notes



Stephen Ministry Peer Support Dates: Stephen Ministry Peer Support will meet on June 1st and 15th, July 6th, with a call in on July 20th, and August 3rd with a call in on August 17th at 6:30 at the Ministry Center.

2009 Cloquet, MN Servant Event: The June meeting of youth and adult leaders attending the 2009 Cloquet, MN Servant Event will be Sunday, June 28 at 4:00 pm at the Ministry Center (TLMC). Commissioning for the Cloquet trip will be Sunday morning, July 12th At the 8 am service. We will load the vehicles immediately afterward in the Ministry Center parking lot.

2009 Red Lake, Ontario Servant Event: The June meeting for the 2009 Red Lake, Ontario Servant Event will be Tuesday evening, June 16th, at 7 pm in the Ministry Center (TLMC). Pastor Brian Falkenholt from Red Lake will be here to share with us personally as he helps with the Sheboygan Area Lutheran Vacation Bible School at Lutheran High School. Commissioning for the Red Lake Trip will be in both services on Sunday morning, July 19. Please plan to attend one of those services.

Seminarian Joe Hoem will lead our education Hour on June 7. Please join us in the gym.

Missionaries to speak: Seth and Shannon (Buck) Hoepfner, missionaries to Cambodia, will speak to the Adult Bible Class on Sunday June 14, 2009 at 9:30 am. Please plan to come to the gym and experience their first year in Battambang, Cambodia.

Saturday Service for Seniors: Trinity will host a second spring Saturday Service for Seniors on June 6 at 10 am. Refreshments will be served in the Lounge immediately after the service. Anyone needing a ride is encouraged to call Roger Buck (458-8246). This is a great opportunity for Trinity's seniors to enjoy time of worship and fellowship together.

Trinity's LWML was truly blessed this year with the donations through the Large and Small Mite Boxes. We utilized the many generous donations of toiletries throughout the year to assemble 70 Health Kits for LWR. Your mites supported Joe Hoem and his family with close to \$100, Jeff Kelm with \$100 for his mission trip to Latvia, \$50 each to Trinity's food pantry and Sheboygan's Chaplaincy program, \$100 to Shannon and Seth Hoepfner, and almost \$50 to the food pantry as a designated Large Mite Box offering. Your mites in the small boxes support numerous projects you can track in the South Wisconsin News. The next Large Mite Box will be set out in late September. Help make a difference with your mighty mites!

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
Sue Leibham, Hot Lunch Coordinator
Mary Niesing, Before & After School Care

2009 Trinity Church Council

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Donna Petzold, Human Care
Allan Voss, Stewardship
Mary Dittmar, Youth
Barb Dodge, At Large
Andy Rindt, At Large

Baptism:

Alanah Rose Wiedmeyer, daughter of Ashley Wiedmeyer was baptized on April 26, 2009

Transfer In:

Danielle, Annaliese, Abram Welcher St. Paul, Sheboygan Falls
Richard Welcher

Profession of Faith:

Allan & Brenda Steffen

Transfer Out:

Vicki Wojtowicz St. Paul, Sheboygan

Star border containing: SENIOR BREAKFAST Fountain Park Family Restaurant 8:30 am June 15, 2009 Senator Joe Leibham will be the speaker in June. July 20, 2009 Program to be announced. Watch your weekly bulletin.

Preparing Christian Leaders - One Student At A Time

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is also a member of:

THE SHEBOYGAN AREA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Lutheran High School
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452-3323

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 (April 30, 2009) RECEIPTS: \$331,311
YTD (April 30, 2009) EXPENDITURES: \$434,152
Deficit (April 30, 2009): \$102,841

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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A photograph showing several people gathered around a long wooden table under a white tent. There are large red coolers, water bottles, and plates of food on the table. A man in a yellow shirt and a woman in a maroon shirt are visible. The background shows a building and other people.

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Church Picnic
Sunday August 30th

- Church at Kiwanis Park
- Food, Fun, and Games
- Entertainment

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