



# 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 Pastor Mech



Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,



It is summer in Wisconsin. What a beautiful time of year! With these days of summer, the schedule becomes a little more relaxed as things are fairly quiet, especially with school being out. At Trinity summer provides us with a season not only to rest from the rigors of school and the busier time of the Church Year, but also to plan for September and beyond. As we look forward to the fall with

all the challenges and opportunities it brings, we have confidence in our Lord's promise to be with us, sustaining and strengthening us by His Word and Sacrament.

As I think of the dedicated faculty and staff of Trinity, the devoted men and women who serve on our congregation's Church Council, Board of Elders, Board of Christian Day School, the many more who serve our congregation and school in the areas of missions, human care, youth, stewardship, evangelism, finances, education, and properties, and those who faithfully gather around God's Word and Sacrament, the words of the Apostle Paul come to mind:

"I am always thanking God for you because of His grace which was given to you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been made rich in every way, in all speech and all knowledge, just as our testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you. And so you do not lack any gift as you eagerly look for our Lord Jesus Christ to appear again. He will strengthen you to the end so that no one can accuse you of anything on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can depend on God, who called you to the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:4-9).

On **Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** we will gather together for **one Divine Service at 10 am at Kiwanis Park**. The Church Band will be leading the Divine Service under the Pavilion. Please plan on joining us for the Divine Service and the Church Picnic that will follow. We will be serving hamburgers and brats for lunch along with other goodies. A free-will offering will be received for lunch. Items for purchase to support youth include popcorn, Root Beer floats, baked goods, etc. This will be a wonderful time for us to get together as the family of



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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'



God of Trinity and to rejoice in the many blessings our gracious Lord has bestowed on us. It will also be a great opportunity to get to know each other better or to catch up on what's happening in our busy lives. The **Beef Tea Blue Grass & Irish String Band** will be providing entertainment after church and there will be a friendly kick-ball game between Team Mech and Team Berg in the afternoon and other fun activities including card games, baseball, football, volleyball, etc. Sign up sheets for games and helpers will be up in the lounge throughout the month of August. If you play an instrument, the church band practice for the Picnic is August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in the Music Room. Also, please bring lawn chairs and dress for a picnic.

What a great way to wrap up the summer! Mark August 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendar today and let's enjoy a great day of fellowship!

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech

Senior Pastor



**New Monday Night  
Divine Service Time  
Starting  
September 14th  
6:30 pm**

### Nave and Beyond

- Thank-you to all who have worked concessions at Brewer games, those who helped with the Trinity Brat Fry at the Harbor Centre Family Day and Bike Race, and those who handed out Trinity brochures during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade (over 1,000). It has been fun working with fellow members and getting to know each other better all the while supporting Trinity!
- Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall during the month of August as you hear from members who made known the love of Christ out in the mission field. The schedule is as follows:
  - + August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff Kelm discusses the mission to Latvia
  - + August 9<sup>th</sup>: Kelly Boehlke and Naomi Wells discuss the mission to Costa Rica
  - + August 16<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Youth discuss the mission to Cloquet, Minnesota
  - + August 23<sup>rd</sup>: Trinity Youth discuss the mission to Red Lake, Ontario, Canada
- Vacations: Pastor Mech and family will be on vacation July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Pastor Berg and family will be on vacation August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Howard will handle any pastoral care needs August 3-5. His phone number is 1-815-347-5833)
- A Blood Drive for the Blood Center of Wisconsin is set for Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> at Trinity. A donation of blood may save 3 lives. Don't miss your opportunity to be a lifesaver! To schedule a time to give blood call Ron Mueller at (920) 452-9434. Thanks!

## From the Principal



### Trinity Lutheran School – Making Known the Love of Christ Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit



"I'm a tomato plant in Farmer Becker's garden. Someone planted the seed that grew to be me. Someone else watered and nourished me and caused me to mature. Now it's time to bear fruit – a ripe, juicy tomato. But, I'm not going to do that. I don't want to bear the fruit I was created to produce!"

How ridiculous would that be?! A tomato plant can't help but bear a tomato. The tomato plant was created to bear fruit. That's exactly what Christians who have been born of water and the Spirit are created to do. They will bear fruit. The fruit that they bear gives witness to the loving work of God within them. What fruit can be seen in the lives of Christians? Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Take a moment to read Galatians, particularly chapter 5, verses 16-25.) During the coming school year, we at Trinity Lutheran School will be focusing on the fruit that is borne in the lives of those who are led by the Spirit.

The love of Christ has been made known to the students of Trinity Lutheran School. The old, sinful nature has been crucified. The love of Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit, has created a new, spiritual nature. These children, as they are walking in the Spirit, can't help but bear the fruit of the Spirit. The devil, the world, and their sinful nature will constantly be opposed to walking in the Spirit. How blessed these children are to be surrounded by the love of Christ which is proclaimed in His Word in their homes and at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. As this Word works in these children, the fruit that they bear will show forth the love of Christ throughout their lives.

Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran School in many and various ways. Please continue to pray for the parents and teachers who share God's precious Word with these children. Please continue to pray that the children will walk by the Spirit all the days of their lives and thereby proclaim the love of Christ through the fruit that is borne in their lives.

"I'm back. And you know what? A juicy, ripe tomato has grown on me. I guess I'm bearing fruit as the Creator wanted! Praise God!"

Mr. Becker

*Greg Becker*

Principal



## Music Notes



The church band will play for the outdoor service at Kiwanis Park on Sunday, August 30. Everyone who plays an instrument is invited to join us. **We will practice on Sunday, August 23 at 7 p.m. in the music room.** Please see Brian Heinlein to pick up your music.

This fall, Trinity's Mixed Choir continues a 147-year tradition of singing for Divine Services at Trinity. Help keep this tradition alive by joining the choir. The first rehearsal of the season is Thursday, September 3 at 7:35 p.m. We hope to see you there. Trinity's Handbell Choir begins its eighth consecutive season of ringing on Thursday, September 3 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.



## 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.



## Trinity Scouts



## 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](http://www.bcw.edu).

## Library



**"Awake north wind, and come, south wind!  
Blow on my garden, that it's fragrance may spread  
abroad."** (Song of Songs 4:16)

Though the end of summer is fast approaching, there are still many days to enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of a summer garden with a good book or a soothing CD. New CD's have been donated recently to our library for your enjoyment.

"Welcome Home" by Brian Littrell  
"Broken & Beautiful" by Mark Shultz  
"Stand" by Avalon  
"17 Christian Rock Hit! 2007"

Also, new in adult fiction:

"Cape Refuge", "Southern Storm", and "Rivers Edge" - a three book series by Terri Blackstock  
"The Brothers Keeper" by Tracy Groot  
"Clear Blue Sky" by F. p. Lione

**(Overdue notices were sent out earlier this summer. If you have not returned your items, please do promptly. Thank You!)**

## Stephen Ministry



## STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE



By the time you read this, we hope to have our new class of Stephen Ministry trainees filled. The class will begin in September and finish in December. If you have put the thought aside and still wish to join our class, PLEASE contact Roger Buck right away. We will be happy to process the required materials and interviews. We are excited to train another group of caregivers to begin this meaningful work of providing one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties. Any questions??? Call or speak to Roger Buck, Lois Heronemus, Dennis or Marlene Fors. These are our Stephen Leaders. You may speak to any of our Stephen Caregivers also at any time.

**WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU!!**

YOUR STEPHEN LEADERS

## Stewardship



## Stewardship for Reel

We often refer to stewardship as time, talent and treasure. What does the term "treasure" mean? If your answer is money, you're correct, go to the head of the class! However, before you go, could you answer one more question for me? Can the word "treasure" be expanded or used to include other thoughts and meanings, other than money? If your answer is yes, forgive me, could I impose one more time on you by asking you one more question? Have you ever heard the word "treasure" used to describe a personal keepsake, such as grandmother's wedding ring or great-grandfather's German Bible? If your answer is yes, please, please, just one more question? Since you have heard of a keepsake, then you surely must have heard of a person speaking about their "treasure chest" for safe-keeping of their "treasure"? Since you answered the question yes, I take from your answer that God has a "treasure" and a "treasure chest" as well.



Thanks for telling me that God's Treasure Chest is heaven. Thank you also for telling me that we are God's Treasure" and that He claimed us as His own in our baptism. Thank you thank you, for re-enforcing for me that God has a stake in us as His treasure by sending His Son to suffer and die for us on the tree of the cross. And if that's not enough, thanks a bunch for sharing the good news with me that He has promised to be with us to the end of the age. Wow! No doubt about it, you truly are a "Treasure of God." - Charles Hess

August Sunday  
Education Hour

Join us at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for the following presentations as our members discuss and share information about their mission experiences.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jeff Kelm - mission to Latvia

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Kelly Boehlke and Naomi Wells - mission to Costa Rica

**August 16<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity Youth - mission to Cloquet, MN

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## Confirmation Prayer Pal



We are beginning our third year of the Confirmation Secret Prayer Pal Program this September for the 2009-2010 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).

## 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:

Mary Beinemann	Greg Boehlke	Esther Divine
Brian Feile	Nancy Fischer	Charles Gerber
Margaret Goldmann	Jack Henning	Jake Hermann
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So far in 2009, Trinity has received **\$31,500** in matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

## News & Notes



### Important Dates:

- August 17th: Blood Drive at Trinity 2:30-7 pm
- August 25th: Back to School Night at Trinity (Also Confirmation, Early Communion Information Meeting)
- August 30th: Church Picnic at Kiwanis Park at 10 am
- September 1st: First Day of School (Day Starts with Chapel, 9 am)
- September 2nd: Midweek Catechesis begins at 2:30 pm/Board of Elders Meeting at 7 pm
- September 6th: Placement of 2009-2010 Church Council—8 am Service
- September 9th: Church Council Orientation at TLMC—5:30 pm (with dinner)
- September 13th: Sunday School Rally Day/ Placement of Sunday School Teachers—8 am Service/ Breakfast in the Gym for all
- September 14th: Monday Night Divine Service time changes to 6:30 pm
- September 16th: Voters' Assembly Meeting at TLMC at 7 pm

**PRISON MINISTRY:** Trinity men will lead services at Kettle Moraine Correctional Institute on August 30. We will meet at the church at noon and return by 5 pm.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS SUMMER SOCIAL:** All Thrivent members are encouraged to attend a summer potluck at Kiwanis shelter at 5:30 pm Wednesday, August 19. Please bring a personal favorite dish to pass and beverages will be provided.



Habor Centre Bike Race in June

Official Acts



2009-2010 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.
Jill Meador, 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
Lisa Menzer, Teacher Kindergarten
Kathy Gruben, Teacher 3K & 4K
Amy Janke, Early Childhood Care Director
Christel Miske, German Teacher
Carri Gabrielse, Spanish Teacher
Christine Melcher, Church Office Manager
Colleen Rindt, School Secretary
Bruce Beyer, Part-time Custodian
Billy Free, Part-time Custodian
Sue Leibham, Hot Lunch Coordinator
Mary Niesing, Before & After School Care

2009-2010 Trinity Church Council

Jeff Kelm, President
Jon Dolson, Vice-President
Mike Mallow, Treasurer
Becky Dunton, Secretary
Joel Pape, Christian Day School
Karen Rach, Christian Education
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Erin Mueller, Evangelism
Ken Leibham, Finance
Al Pentek, Properties
Donna Petzold, Human Care
Charles Hess, Stewardship
Mary Dittmar, Youth
Bradd Stucky, At Large
Andy Rindt, At Large

Public Recognition of a Baptism:

Micah Schultz, son of Casey & Melissa Schultz

Baptisms:

Annika Rachel Spaeth, daughter of Jonah & Amy (Schaefer) Spaeth
Madeline Elise Thomas, daughter of Tyler & Erica (Langenhorst) Thomas
Courtney Carolyn Kaiser, daughter of David & Michele (Suckow) Kaiser
Sophie Corinne Adams, daughter of Lawrence Adams & Lisa Thompson

Transfer in:

Derrick Rupp St. Mark Lutheran Church, Sheboygan
Amber Laurich Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sheboygan
Aiden, Demetri

Adult Confirmation:

Charles & Wendy Rodgers
David Kaiser

Profession of Faith:

Robert Vincevineus

Transfer out:

Zach Greatens Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, MO
Jeff & Jennifer Madson & family St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls

Senior Breakfast Fountain Park Family Restaurant 8:30 am August 17, 2009

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 (June 30, 2009) RECEIPTS: \$545,578
YTD (June 30, 2009) EXPENDITURES: \$649,193
Deficit (June 30, 2009): \$103,615

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

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**Trinity Church Picnic**  
**Sunday August 30th at 10 am**  
**Kiwanis Park**

- One Divine Service at 10 am at Kiwanis
- Picnic Following the Divine Service
- Trinity Band Leading the Service
- Beef Tea Blue Grass & Irish String Band entertainment
- Kick-ball Team Mech vs. Team Berg, Card games, baseball, football, etc.
- Mark this date and let's enjoy a great day of Fellowship!

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at 458-8246 for details.