



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



The Lord's Labor Day

"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:57-58).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,



Labor Day, celebrated this year on Monday September 7th, is a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. The apostle Paul, in the passage above, speaks to the fact that "in the Lord your labor is not in vain." For the National celebration of Labor Day, workers are given a day off. It is a day of rest. Likewise, every Sunday Christians celebrate a "Labor Day" by taking a day off. While it is a day of rest for us, it is a working day for our Lord. In fact, one might even call it the "Lord's Labor Day" since He is working at every Divine Service forgiving our sins, strengthening our faith, and equipping us for works of service.

In and through the Gospel our Lord not only delivers the benefits of His suffering, death, and resurrection to us, namely, His victory over sin and death, but He connects us to His work that benefits others. In other words, He makes us instruments of His love and care. Your "labor in the Lord" is actually His work done through you. Your work "in the Lord" is a labor of love done for spouse, child, even people you have never met, including your enemies. It is done through your vocation whether you work, for example, in a factory, hospital, courthouse, or in the home. It is not in vain because the work of our Lord always bears fruit that benefits others. Have a blessed Labor Day!

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

Rev. John M. Berg
Associate Pastor



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Divine Services:

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Monday at 6:30 pm
Family Education Hour 9:30 am

Bible Classes
(throughout the week)

Trinity Lutheran School
3-K thru 8th grade

From the Pastors, cont'



The Nave and Beyond



- School starts Tuesday September 1st with an Opening Service at 9 am
- Board of Elders meets Wednesday September 2nd at 7 pm at the TLMC
- Emmaus Meal is Saturday September 5th at the Salvation Army beginning at 9 am with set-up
- Church Council Dinner, Orientation, and Meeting Wednesday September 9th at 5:30 pm at the TLMC
- Sunday School, Bible Class Rally Day and Breakfast Sunday September 13th at 9:30 am in the Gym (Free-will offering will benefit 8th Grade Class Trip)
- Trinity Voters' Meeting Wednesday September 16th at 7 pm at the TLMC
- Trinity Golf Outing September 19th—Shot-gun Start at 8 am at Town & Country (Entry Fee: \$70.00 for Adults, \$55 for Students [under 18] - includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and lunch, prizes will be awarded!)
- Monday Night Service time changes to 6:30 pm beginning Monday September 14th (no Monday service September 7th).
- Thank-you to all our volunteers who have worked at the Milwaukee Brewer Games to benefit Trinity!

New Service Time:

Beginning September 14th,
Monday night service will
begin at 6:30 pm.

FALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

9:30 am Sunday Morning - Adult Bible Class (Gym) "**Heaven & Hell**"

9:30 am Sunday Morning - **Adult New Member Class** (Computer Room)

9:30 am Youth Bible Class - **Topical Studies determined by Class** (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 am Sunday School for ages 3K-8th grade (various classrooms, all children 4K-grade 8 begin each week with an opening devotion in Church, **3K & 4K begin in their Classroom**) - "**Growing in Christ**"

8:15 am Wednesdays - Adult Bible Class (Ministry Center) "**The Book of Acts**"

9:00 am Wednesdays - Adult Bible Class (Ministry Center) (**Topic to be determined**)

8:45 am Thursday - Ladies Bible Study (Ministry Center) "**Grace Upon Grace**"

7:00 am Friday - Men's Bible Study (Ministry Center) "**The Book of Luke**"

9:00 am Friday - Ladies Bible Study (Ministry Center) "**The Heart of Jesus: Women in the Gospel of Luke**"



From the Principal**Trinity Lutheran School – Making Known the Love of Christ
Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit**

The fruit of the Spirit is love. (Galatians 5:22,23)

I love pizza. I love kittens. I love yellow. I love mommy and daddy. I love swimming. I love Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. I love the USA. I love the Beatles ("All you need is love."). I love school. (Go ahead. Continue the list!)

These are wonderful statements of things that people love. What would the world be like without love? I would hate to imagine the joyless place this world would be. Our good God gave us so many things that bring us enjoyment in this life. But He didn't stop at the wonderful things listed above. He gave us His one and only Son, Jesus. "God is love." (1 John 4:8) That is the perfect love that is ours in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. (1 John 4:9)

That is the love that Trinity Lutheran School is making known as we proclaim the precious word of God. The Holy Spirit has begun true faith in us, and as He works in us, we can not help but bear fruit, which includes loving others as Jesus has loved us. "If we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us." (1 John 4:12) We know that we, the staff and students of Trinity, will not perfectly love God and our neighbor. On our own, it's impossible for us to love someone else, especially when someone has hurt us or taken our pencils. But when we do, under the Spirit's direction, we will be making known the perfect love of Jesus to the world. "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

We, the staff at Trinity Lutheran School, have been preparing to teach the children of our school in many academic areas and in spiritual matters during the 2009-2010 school year. We eagerly await the opportunities we will have to share the love of Jesus with these students. Pray that the Spirit will cause the fruit of love to be seen and experienced in our students' lives throughout this year. To God be the glory!

"Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, may we ripen and increase, fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace." LSB 691

Greg Becker

Mr. Becker
Principal



Music Notes



Thank you to everyone who shared their time and talents this summer by playing instruments in the church band or singing solos for Divine Services at Trinity. We hope you will continue to share your talents throughout the coming year.

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.

Here is the upcoming music schedule at Trinity:

Sept. 13	8:00 a.m.	Mixed Choir
Sept. 20	10:45 a.m.	Joy Choir
Sept. 27	8:00 a.m.	Trinity Singers
Sept. 27	10:45 a.m.	Handbells

The complete choir schedule for the entire year can be downloaded on our website at:
www.trinitysheboygan.org/pdf/choirschedule.pdf.

Thrivent Builds



Calling all Lutherans and Thrivent Financial for Lutheran members and others! Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is under way at 239 Bishop Avenue, Plymouth WI. Volunteers are needed to help build Wednesdays and Saturdays 8:00AM - 3:00PM starting August 26th thru December 5th. Volunteers are also needed to provide lunch for the volunteer crews each Wednesday and Saturday. Please consider joining our team and helping the Brandon and Jodi Welsch family build their new home. For more information or to reserve your volunteer spot contact Sharon Thompson at (920)892-6226, (920)917-9285, or mrsrwy@wi.rr.com.



Summer



The 2009 Trinity co-ed adult/high school softball team had a great time playing this summer. Our combinations of husband/wife, father/son, father/daughter, new members/old members and great high school youth made our season a fun and memorable one. Trinity should be proud of the character and good sportsmanship showed by our softball team. The team finished with a winning record and ended the season with an 8-1 win to preserve the winning season. Team members included: Emily Mech, Jessica Christian, Ryan Hauch, Todd Fors, Katrina and Jim Linse, Tony and Christi Smith, Jeff and Kim Roethel, Greg and Jamie Olsen, Tyler and Dave Jablonski, Chelsea and Phil Sagissor and Joshua and Terry Stenklyft. We will start organizing the 2010 team in April of 2010. See you then.

Trinity 3K, 4K,



5K, Childcare

Our Early Childhood Center is bursting with energy and anticipation as we begin the 2009-2010 school year. Forty-one children are eagerly coming each week to learn and grow intellectually, spiritually and physically.

There are 20 students in 3K, 13 students in 4K, and eight students in 5K. In addition to these students, there are several more children spending time in the childcare center with Mrs. Janke.

Mrs. Gruben, Mrs. Menzer, Mrs. Roethel, Mrs. Gabrielse and Mrs. Janke are looking forward to a fantastic year as they "make known the love of Christ" to our young students.



Library



Stewardship



School is beginning,
fall is coming
and so is another season of Bible
Studies.

Please keep in mind the Theology section of our library as a resource to enhance your study. There are atlases, bible dictionaries, concordances, topical bibles, handbooks and commentaries on each book of the bible. Come check it out!



Library Tip:

Treatment for musty books: Place musty books in a paper bag filled with cat litter. Close the band and ignore it for a week. Open your bag, and the order should be gone! (from Ash Tree Echo, Vol. XXXII)

Gifts From the Heart



"2009 GIFTS FROM THE HEART"

ATTENTION moms, dads, grandparents, friends and relatives of Trinity school and church. The Board of Christian Day School is seeking your help in the support of this gift-giving program. This program was very successful in 2007 and the Board of Christian Day School decided to support it again for the 2009-10 school year. This is a program where you will have an opportunity to buy specifically requested items for our various school and church ministries. Beginning Sunday, September 13, a list of "wish list" items from Trinity's faculty and staff will be available for you to review. A display with a listing of requested items and matching gift tags will be set up in the church office through the weeks in September, in the lounge on Sunday mornings, as well as posted on Trinity's website. We plan to order the materials by mid-October so the staff will have the majority of the school year to use them. Please plan to stop by and consider shopping for something to supplement our many important ministries here at Trinity. Thank you!

Who Am I?



By now you've had an opportunity to see me over the past several weeks. As you know, I have been appearing in the Sunday bulletins and the Trinity Messenger. Most recently, I've been on poster boards displayed in the Church Narthex. In fact, my picture even appears in this article. The question is this – who am I?

Might I be that Fisher of Men who we sang about during our Sunday School days? Remember the first verse of the Sunday School song, "Fishers of Men"? In that verse we sang – I will make you Fishers of Men if you follow Me. Am I that fisherman you sang about?

Or, might I be a saint? We think of all the saints who have gone before us, yet, are we not saints here on earth? Remember, we are part of God's Family, therefore, you might decide that I am a saint.

Or, might I be Christ himself? Has not Christ promised that He will be with us always until the end of the age? Does not Christ reach out to one and all with His grace and love?

No matter what you decide, I, like you, am part of God's Family; therefore, I must be someone special. I will continue to speak with you in the days and weeks ahead.

College Students



If there is a student in your family headed for college this fall, please notify the church office (melcher@trinitysheboygan.org or 458-8246) with his/her current school address, including e-mail. This information will help us minister to them while they are away at school. **Upcoming college freshman please remember to return the post card sent to you earlier this summer or email your information.**

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).

Trinity Golf Outing



Town and Country Golf Course September 19, 2009

Shot-gun Start @ 8:00 am

Four-player shotgun start scramble

Sign-up Deadline: Tuesday,
September 8th, 2009

Entry Fee: \$70.00 adults
\$55.00 students (under 18)
includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and lunch

Prizes will be awarded!

Call the church or school office to sign up!!!!

News & Notes



EMMAUS MEAL: Trinity will be hosting the Emmaus Meal on Saturday, September 5. Because of the Labor Day Weekend, we are in need of more helpers than usual. We will need bakery for desserts as well as people to set up (9 am), others to serve (11 am) and finally, still others to clean up (12:30 until finish). Please call Roger Buck at church or Donna Petzold (458-5747) or Allen Van de Loo (457-9113) if you can help out.

MIDWEEK CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: will begin Wednesday, September 2, at 2:30 pm for seventh and eighth graders and 3:30 pm for 6th graders.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES for the new fall caregivers' class at Trinity will begin Monday, September 14, at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Peer Support will meet August 31 and September 21 at 6:30 pm also in the Ministry Center.

SCHOOL STARTS September 1st at 9 am with the Opening Chapel Service in Church.

BOARD OF ELDERS meets September 2nd at 7 pm at the Ministry Center.

CHURCH COUNCIL DINNER, ORIENTATION AND MEETING is September 9th, beginning at 5:30 pm at the Ministry Center.

MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE time changes to 6:30 pm starting September 14th (no service September 7th)

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING is Wednesday, September 16th, 7 pm at the Ministry Center.

WHAT IS NEAT REPEATS? Neat Repeats is a thrift store supporting Sheboygan Lutheran High School. Neat Repeats opened June 12th, and it has been a great success already. We have received donations of lots of wonderful items. We get new things every day! Neat Repeats has gently used clothes, toys, books, decorations and household items - lots of good deals, too. Weekly bargains coming up are: Aug.31-Sept.5: all shoes are \$2.00, belts 50¢, and **clothing is \$5.00 for a bag full of clothes.** Sept.7-12: t-shirts and polo shirts are \$1.00 and baskets are 50¢. Sept. 14-19: **FURNITURE CLEARANCE** - furniture and lamps are 75% off, and pictures and frames are \$1.00. Stop in and see us. Neat Repeats is located at W5140 County Rd. O in Plymouth. We are open 10:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday, and 9:00am-3:00pm Saturdays. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in volunteering during the day or evening, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Laura Herrmann at 208-0341 or laura.herrmann@charter.net.

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
 Kim Roethel, 3k Aid
 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
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 Charles Hess, Stewardship
 Mary Dittmar, Youth
 Bradd Stucky, At Large
 Andy Rindt, At Large

Official Acts



Baptisms:

Augustin Timothy Williamson, son of David & Danika (Froemming) Williamson was baptized on July 26th

Transfer in:

Kevin, Gretchen & Josiah Greatens	St. Paul Lutheran, Sheboygan Falls
Ben Szymanski	St. John Lutheran, Merrill WI
Viktoriya Pankratz,	
Joshua & Michael Dornfeldt	Redeemer Lutheran Church, Manitowoc

Profession of Faith:

Troy Fors
 Denise Dreifuerst

Adult Confirmation:

John Eberhardy
 Bella, Emma, Jacob Eberhardy
 Andy Bagley
 Brittany Wierzbach
 Anna Ponmarenko
 Jennifer Leavitt
 Deanna Seehaver

Transfer out:

Mary Lau	Christ Lutheran Church, Sheboygan
Frieda Larson	Christ Lutheran Church, Sheboygan
Allan Schimberg	Faith Lutheran Church, Green Bay
Leona Milbrath	Trinity Lutheran Church, Howards Grove
Scott, Sheri, Brianna,	
and Austin Griesbach	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Chad, Suzanne, Hailey and	
Brandon Bauer	Bethlehem Lutheran Church

SENIOR BREAKFAST

September 21, 2009
 8:30 am

Fountain Park Family Restaurant

YTD (July 31, 2009) RECEIPTS: \$617,623
 YTD (July 31, 2009) EXPENDITURES: \$770,577
 Deficit (July 31, 2009): \$152,954

Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church
 is also a member of:

“Preparing
 Christian Leaders - One
 Student At A Time”

**THE SHEBOYGAN AREA LUTHERAN
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But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9

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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www.trinitysheboygan.org

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Trinity Golf Outing
Town & Country
September 19th—8 am
Sign up Today!



Sunday School & Bible
Class Rally Day Breakfast
September 13th at
9:30 am in the Gym

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