



# 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 Means of Grace

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,



This month we celebrate the Reformation. The Reformation was about the fact that we are saved by grace through faith by means of the Gospel. The following article, written by Rev. Paul Raabe, a professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, focuses on the means by which God conveys His grace to people.

"Linda was depressed. The previous day she did some things which she knew were wrong and sinful. She felt very guilty. Her conscience bothered her. In church she had often heard about Judgment Day. Now she was afraid that God might condemn her for her sins. What should Linda do?

Richard visited his grandfather in the hospital who was dying of cancer. His grandfather kept wondering why God let this happen. He concluded that God must hate him and was punishing him for his sins. As he spoke, Richard could tell that his grandfather was very fearful of death and the prospect of facing God. What should Richard say? What advice would you give Linda and Richard?

Different people would offer all kinds of advice. Some would say that despairing persons should look deep inside themselves and feel God's love. But feelings are fickle; sometimes you feel good and sometimes you don't. Others might advise the despairing to pray earnestly and surrender themselves totally to God. But you never know if you have prayed earnestly enough or completely surrendered yourself to God.

Some advise that one should simply think positively and get rid of all negative feelings. But that is pretty hard to do when you are afraid of God and what He might do to you. Still others advise communing with God in nature. But the god found in nature is ambiguous, too. On a nice day the god in nature appears kind and loving. But when the weather is stormy and threatening, nature's god may appear to be mean, angry, and hateful.

People who are hurting need a gracious and kind God, a God who loves them and cares about them. The hurting person needs Jesus Christ. At the cross of Christ one finds the gracious God. But where does one find Christ and His cross?



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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'



This is where the Biblical teaching of the "Means of Grace" comes in. A Lutheran who believes, teaches, and confesses what the Scriptures teach would direct Linda and the dying grandfather and any hurting friend not to themselves but outside of themselves, to the Means of Grace through which they would receive the forgiveness of sins and God's favor on account of Christ.

The "Means of Grace" is a technical phrase which refers to the vehicles, the channels, the instruments, the "means" through which God offers and conveys His mercy to people. In the Means of Grace, God's people receive forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation which Christ earned by His life, death, and resurrection. The Means of Grace are the vehicles through which the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith.



The Means of Grace are the places where Christ is graciously present for you. Christ is everywhere. But we are not. We live in a certain place at a certain time. So Christ graciously relates to sinful people by making His merciful presence and gifts available to them in certain external places. He has located them in the Means of Grace which are the Gospel, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.



Dispensing the Means of Grace is the way in which the church "makes disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19-20), since the Holy Spirit is at work through them. God wants us to proclaim and console despairing sinners with the Gospel. We are called to encourage them to be baptized if they are not (Acts 2:38), or, if they have been baptized, to remind them what God did through it (Romans 6). We are to encourage our fellow church members to receive the Lord's Supper often and to remind each other of what Christ gives through it. The Means of Grace are the marks of the Church and the Church's greatest treasures."

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy J. Mech  
Senior Pastor

Rev. John M. Berg  
Associate Pastor



### Nave & Beyond

- Join us for Grandparents Day, Wednesday October 7th
- Shoo the Flu is October 7th, 10 am-2 pm in the Luther Room
- Don't miss the PTL "That's Amore" luncheon at Fellowship Park (Trinity Gym) Sunday October 25th beginning at noon. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is cosponsoring this event
- After luncheon October 25th, we move to the Weill Center for the annual Reformation Celebration beginning at 3:30 pm

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## From the Principal



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

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

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” (Philippians 4:4)

What reason do we have to be joyful? There is hurt, disease, poverty, accidents, and disaster all around us. True joy will not come from ourselves or this world. We are sinful, and the world is corrupt. Joy comes from Jesus. “Joy to the world, the Lord is come!” He has come to us through His Word and sacraments. As He comes to us, He fills us with love and joy.

What a pleasure it is to see joy in the lives of children. Their joy is displayed as they play with friends or when they share a birthday treat with their classmates. More importantly, their joy is exhibited when they sing “Jesus loves me, this I know” and when they confidently say, “I am going to heaven.”

I've also had the pleasure of seeing joy in the lives of the adults of Trinity. The love of Christ has brought joy to these adults. His love has lead these people to give joyfully out of their love for Jesus and their love for the children of our school. Here is a list of some recent gifts from joyful givers:

- School supplies
- McDonald's receipts, milk caps, and boxtops which Trinity trades in for needed school items
- Handcrafted coat rack and bookshelf
- Sponsorship of holes for Trinity's Golf Outing
- Donation of an interactive whiteboard
- Providing funds to purchase the hamburgers and hot dogs for Grandparents' Day
- Paying for Trinity's internet access for one year
- Gifts to help families with their tuition payments
- Regular, faithful Sunday offerings

We at Trinity Lutheran School are so very thankful for these and the other gifts you have given to our children. You have brought joy to their lives and enriched their learning. We look forward to your continued joyful giving so that the love of Christ will continue to be made known to the children of our school.

*Greg Becker*

Mr. Becker

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising Thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, fountain-head of love divine: joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine! LSB #803, vv. 1, 3

## Music Notes



This year's Reformation Rally will be held on October 25 at the Weill Center beginning at 3:30 p.m. A combined children's choir from Trinity, St. John's, Plymouth, and St. John's, Sherman Center will participate in the service. A mass choir comprised of members of area LCMS churches and the LHS choir will be directed by Dr. Ken Kosche, who recently retired as professor of music at Concordia University WI. Craig Meissler will be at the organ, and a brass ensemble will round out the music. The Rev. Dr. Timothy Maschke, Professor of Theology at Concordia University WI will be the guest preacher. If you would like to sing in the mass choir, plan to attend a rehearsal at Trinity on Saturday, October 17 at 10 a.m. or Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. in the music room.

The Mixed Choir and Handbells both welcomed new members so far this year but we have room for more. Contact Brian Heinlein today to sign up.

Craig Meissler (former Trinity organist) will be in Sheboygan the weekend of October 25/26 and will play the organ at Trinity for Reformation Services.

Here is the upcoming music schedule at Trinity:

Oct. 4	10:45 a.m.	5K – Grade 2
Oct. 11	8:00 a.m.	Joy Choir
Oct. 11	10:45 a.m.	Mixed Choir
Oct. 18	8:00 a.m.	Handbells
Oct. 18	10:45 a.m.	Trinity Singers
Oct. 25	3:30 p.m.	Grades 6-8
Nov. 1	8:00 a.m.	Mixed Choir
Nov. 1	10:45 a.m.	Joy Choir

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



First Graders learn about fire safety

## Trinity First Grade



First Grade is a great place to be. There are so many new and exciting things to learn about God's wonderful world. We have been studying God's Word and learning about His creation, love, and forgiveness. The fruit of the Spirit is love. We are showing love to one another in many ways in the classroom, on the playground, and at home.

Our friend Clifford, the big, red dog, is an important part of our classroom. Through stories about him, activities, and projects we are learning to share, be a good friend, and have good manners.

This month we had special visitors from the fire department. They taught us how to prevent fires and be safe. We had fun sitting in their fire truck.

Mrs. Hering



Hi! I'm Mrs. Kirst, and I want to share with you what the Trinity first graders are doing in the afternoon. There's a lot going on in grade one each afternoon; every day follows a schedule, each day is different!

These are some of the activities we do: Learn By Heart (review our bible verses and memory), journal writing, Science – we are studying plants & animals and in October we are taking a field trip to Woodland Dunes Park to observe various plant & animal habitats, Social studies - we are studying the importance of families and working together, Language – we are earning correct sentence writing, we also go to the Computer Lab and AR library.

In Art we are doing straight lines and in Spelling we are reviewing the letters of the alphabet. We get to spend time with Frau Miske for German and Mr. Heinlein for Music. And, of course, there is recess!

Come visit our classroom any time. Good things are happening! Mrs. Kirst

## Library



## October is National Book Month!

- Stop by the church library and check out what we have to offer.
- Items on Martin Luther and the Reformation will be on display throughout the month of October. Those appropriate for young readers can be found by the children's books.
- It won't be long and the end of the year will be here. Library builder cards must be turned in and used by January 31. Only those with '10 are valid.
- Fiction lovers, check out our growing collection of the Love Inspired series. These smaller paperbacks with larger print are easy to read. They will take you to all parts of the country. Each story shows the importance of God in the lives of the characters. You will find them grouped together by the adult fiction.



## Steeple Chase



Please join members of our congregation for a "Steeple Chase" in Milwaukee on November 7th. No, we're not going to climb steeples and we're not in a race... but we will be learning about the history of some beautiful church buildings in the Milwaukee area. Find out what a basilica is... see the oldest Lutheran church in Milwaukee, a congregation founded in 1847 by German immigrants and now on the National Register of Historic Places... and more. The sites are: 1) St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 2) Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, downtown Milwaukee, 3) The Basilica of St. Josaphat, and 4) The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.



Depending on how many people sign up, we'll be getting a bus or vans to go. This event is open to all adults and high schoolers. Please contact Leila Wells (449-1115 or lywells@earthlink.net) or Paul Kasten (psk909161@att.net) so that they may begin to make transportation plans. We expect to leave Trinity at 11:30 a.m. and return by 6:30 p.m. on November 7, 2009.

## Stewardship



## Stewardship for Reel: All Things Are Possible

"If you have faith...nothing shall be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20).



Have you ever thought of the scope, width, and breath of God's presence in your life? Jesus tells us that if we have faith in God, nothing shall be impossible. In other words, God's presence among us makes all things possible for us. We are given access to His gracious presence

through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Just for a moment, imagine what it was like for the wise men that traveled to Bethlehem to present to Jesus their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Envision the time they spent traveling to this distant place in order to visit the Christ child; think about how they located this little town called Bethlehem (through the Word of God and the star); visualize the treasure they laid at the manger of this child called Jesus. Even though these gifts were fit for a king, the greatest gifts they presented to Jesus were the gifts of themselves. They were truly wise men.

We are like the wise men when we take God at His word. God wants us in His presence and desires the gift of our presence with Him. It is really about His love for us and our love for Him. Such love has no limits. God grant us to be like the wise men of old so that we see the very countenance of Jesus Christ lifted up toward us with His blessing.

**SHOO THE FLU**

Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
10 am– 2 pm.

Luther Room

## Stephen Ministry



An exciting adventure in learning and doing ministry began for six people this past Sept. 14. Our new class members are BRUCE BEYER, KIM BUCK, DEB DAVIS, ELLE KONETZKI, JUDY MAYER, AND BECKY POST. These Stephen Ministry trainees have begun the task of studying, discussing, experiencing, and trying out the skills involved in sharing God's love and compassion with those who especially in need of these gifts. We thank God for these special people and ask all of you to join us in praying with them for a meaningful 50 hours of learning.

## Golf Outing 2009

Trinity  
Golf Outing

Thank you everyone who helped with our golf outing last month. We want to especially thank our hole sponsors and people/businesses who supplied us with gifts and prizes:

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**First Place:** Steve Cupp, Glen Naumann, Cory Hauck, Tony W.

**Second Place:** Gary & Mary Yurk, Tom & Janel Yurk

**Third Place:** Jim Heling, Scott Ehlert, Al Roerdink, Dick VerStraade

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**Official Acts**



**Baptisms:**

Erika Joan Heyman, daughter of Ben & Jamie (Russo) Heyman was baptized on September 6, 2009

**Transfer out:**

Lorraine Hermann	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Amanda (Buck) Fritsch	First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Odenton, MD
Jessica Becker	Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, IL

**Funerals:**

Ruth Travis died on August 21 and a funeral was held on August 26

**SENIOR BREAKFAST**



October 19, 2009  
 8:30 am

Fountain Park Family  
 Restaurant

YTD (August 31, 2009) RECEIPTS: \$715,658  
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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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**October 25, 2009**  
**Trinity Gym**

Please join us for church at 10:45 am, a delicious meal between 12:15 and 2:00 pm and then the Reformation Celebration at the Weill Center at 3:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to support our church and school and to enjoy Christian Fellowship. Free will donation will be taken. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is co-sponsoring this event.

**REFORMATION CELEBRATION**

**October 25, 2008**  
**3:30 pm**  
**The Stefanie H. Weill Center**



The guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Timothy H. Maschke, Professor of Theology, Concordia University, Wisconsin. Guest organist is Craig Meissler and guest choir directors are Dr. Ken Kosche and Tim Huebschman.

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