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Scrip News

Beginning in August, Scrip cards for our most popular vendors will be available for immediate purchase in the Atrium between services every Sunday.

From your Pastor ...

Dear friends in Christ,

One of the joys in the life of married couples is the birth of children. For a significant number of years the children are under our protection and guidance. Then they move out and begin their independent life. As a parent, I mistakenly thought that when that happened, my work as a parent would be finished. I now know that parenting doesn't end when our children move out to live on their own. I now know that parenting is an ongoing activity. I still pray for my adult children, and one day will continue to have love and concern for grandchildren. Parenting is a lifetime event. It is an ongoing activity.

As a congregation, we are "**Commissioned for Mission.**" We may have the same misperception about missions that I had about parenting. God has created us to be missional focused. This isn't just for a period of time. It is an ongoing activity. All that we do in our personal life is to be focused on sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. All that we do as a congregation is to focus on sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. In essence, God has created us with missional DNA and we live out our mission focuses life as an ongoing activity.

Throughout the years, my role as a parent has changed. Throughout the years, our role as a missional congregation has changed. But in all of the changes, our DNA still remains the same. We are called by God to be a missional congregation and it is to be an ongoing activity. The classes I am taking and the work I am doing are focused on helping us continue the work God has called us to do. In upcoming months, I will be sharing more about this as we do God's work, the ongoing activity of declaring the message of Jesus Christ.

The month of August will be a busy month for us. This weekend we will give thanks for the many years of faithful teaching ministry that Kathy Ickstadt has provided for the families at Trinity. I believe that she has been here 17 years. That means that she has

blessed over 200 children and their parents with her love for Jesus and her love for teaching children. Thank you, Kathy, for your faithful service to God!

We also will be welcoming Brandon Grelle as our new Director of Contemporary Worship and Youth Ministry on August 9. Brandon has been working at Camp Lakeview this summer, and will be a welcome addition to the ministry team.

We praise God that the teaching positions have now been filled. On August 16, we will be installing our two new teachers (Jene Lintz and Anne Marie Bissell) as well as a returning teacher (Brenda Dean) during the morning worship services. I praise God for the work that Principal John Schultz and the Day School Board have done in getting ready for the 142nd year of Christian education at Trinity. School ministry is an ongoing activity has great mission opportunities.

Rally Day will be August 23 as we begin a new year of Sunday School and Bible classes. Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved in these ongoing activities. Confirmation Ministry will once again start on August 23 with a parent and confirmand meeting. We will be mailing information to parents about the specifics.

We are also in the middle of a Natural Church Development study. The ministry team compiled a list of congregational members who are active in worship and Bible study, as well as who are significantly involved in ministry at Trinity. From this list, I randomly selected 29 participants to complete the survey. The results of this survey will show us areas that we should focus on to remain healthy and missional. I appreciate those who took the time to take the survey and ask that all would pray for God's guidance in this ongoing activity of working toward improvement in ministry. There is one final thanks in store for the congregation. The first week in July I talked about the financial situation and our needs in the month of July. You responded generously with tithes and offerings, and I thank God for your generosity. As I mentioned, the congregation is known to respond when a need is known. Thanks be to God for this amazing miracle!

Pastor Easterday

The Principal Connection ...

"Everything is possible for him who believes." Mark 9:23

March rolled around, Mrs. Lintz had just accepted her call to teach and we thought we had all our teaching positions filled for 2009-10. I even got a comment, "How does it feel to be all set for next school year with your teaching staff?" My reaction was "let's not count our chickens before they have hatched." As sure as shooting, Mrs. Ickstadt was called and accepted her call.

Our God is good! In a short period of time we not only had a list of names but I can say with confidence, Mrs. Ann Marie Bissell has accepted our Divine Call to teach at Trinity! We praise the Lord! We give Him thanks, and honor His name for the miracle He has shown to us.

We say "Good bye," to Mrs. Nemeth, Mrs. Masengarb, and Mrs. Ickstadt. We thank God for their tremendous service to our church and school. We say "Hello," to Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Lintz, and Mrs. Bissell, as we eagerly look forward to their contributions to our church and school this next year.

The Bible passage above is our theme for Trinity Lutheran School this year 2009-10. Our 8th grade class this year was instrumental in selecting the theme for this year.

God has richly blessed our church and school. As we look at the new school year we do so with trepidation wondering what will happen and what will change. We are always concerned about our enrollment and whether or not we will have more children in the school. We worry about our personal finances and whether or not we will be able to afford sending our children or whether or not we can support a school as a congregation. Let's face it, these are legitimate concerns.

Whatever the concern, we many times lean on our understanding instead of the grace, mercy, and wisdom of our Lord. When we acknowledge our Lord and seek His direction for our lives we will find that He will make our path straight. He will take care of the worries we have. He will supply **all** our needs. Everything is possible for Him!

We will celebrate Mrs. Kathy Ickstadt's years of service on Sunday August 2 at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. There will be a reception between services to greet Kathy and wish her God's blessings!

Registration Day – Opening Day

Trinity Lutheran School **Registration Day** will be held **Friday, August 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Please come prepared to pay various registration fees and tuition. We will have tuition plans and forms available at the Finance table. Many have already contacted Lisa this summer and have registered for the school year in advance. We thank them for that process. This is the final registration day for the 2009-10 school year.

Home Visits will begin August 4 and run until August 15. We continue this time-honored tradition for our school. The teachers will be calling and setting up appointments with school families about their personal home visit, where their child can get to know the teacher in the comfortable and convenient environment of your home.

We will have our **Back to School Barbeque** on Thursday **August 13 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m.** We will meet in the west parking lot and our PTL will provide the meat. School families are encouraged to bring a dish or dessert to share. We hope to see you all there! What a great time to come and meet our new teachers!

We will celebrate our three new teaching blessings on Sunday August 16 with a service of commissioning, installation and re-dedication for Mrs. Lintz, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Dean, and all the teachers.

Finally, the **school year begins Monday, August 17, for a full day. We will begin at 7:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3:00 p.m.** We know the Lord will bless our school year! We know that everything is possible for Him. We will lean on Him and His wisdom this year. We will acknowledge Him in all our ways. We invite you to join us as we share the Gospel message with our children through a quality academic education at Trinity Lutheran School. God bless!

John E. Schultz

From the Executive Director ...

New beginnings and new routines

The start of the school year, like the beginning of the New Year, is a time of new commitments and renewed focus on what benefits us. Consider that as our summer ends and school begins- is this the time to volunteer more, budget better, study God's word or share your faith more freely and effectively?

Trinity wants to help begin new and God pleasing routines. Whether you are restarting, rejoining or joining for the first time, there is much to do and we want you to freely participate.

As we consider new beginnings, let us also welcome warmly Brandon Grelle, Jene (Bertels) Lintz and Anne Marie Bessel. We Praise God as they join our ministry and look forward to working together to further God's Kingdom on Earth.

Rob Gardiner

Board of Mission & Outreach

Trinity Hispanic Mission

The proposed plan for this coming year is as follows:

A.) Adult Bible studies will begin in late August, with the sessions on Monday night following the church service, which the adults are attending.

B.) A Nursery school (ages three – five) two days a week for two hours in the morning. The basic format of the class will be the following:

- English
- Bible studies
- Introduction to American culture

C.) Offer to the mothers of the students, during the same days and times of the Nursery school, an adult class with the same format as above, with emphasis on English and our culture.

D.) (Future) Tutoring for Hispanic students in the public school system. The translation of Math and Science from English to Spanish can be difficult.

Our Mrs. Laura Magaldi will be facilitating Item “A”. Volunteer instructors and helpers are available from the Northwest Indiana Hispanic Ministry, Gloria Dei Immanuel – Valparaiso & Valparaiso University. I would welcome any other volunteers that would like to be involved. Comments, questions and ideas are welcome. Notify Laura Magaldi at 736-0541, or Jim Radford at 663 – 7509.

Umbrella of Hope – Gary churches:

Two thousand nine (2009) has been an exciting year for Umbrella of Hope. Recently we have been able to secure a stand-alone office facility at 5401 Broadway, Suite D. In addition, we have been blessed with an opportunity to partner with the Lutheran World Mission to bring a Vicar to Our Savior Church and serve in the ministry of Umbrella of Hope. Vicar Josh Gale & his wife Amanda, daughter Katie, and new baby boy Zachariah are now in the service of Our Savior. God has truly expanded our ability to serve the Gary Lutheran Churches and our surrounding communities.

We have recently been able to pull together a planning committee which consists of two (2) appointed members from each of the congregations in Gary so that we can collectively discuss and plan future events to partner as one church body. We held our first meeting in June and have suggested a host of events that will be forth coming.

Currently, with respect to projects and community events, we will have a Youth Empowerment Conference at Ivy Tech on Saturday, August 15th from 9:00am – 1:00pm with breakfast, a guest presentation and drill team scheduled. A partnership has been made with Ivy Tech and from this partnership Umbrella of Hope is in line to receive a gift donation of sixteen (16) computers. This equipment will assist to provide computer training to the community.

Our current needs are volunteers to help with tutoring and math homework. Umbrella of Hope has been approached to assist with a group of twenty-five (25) youth grades fourth thru sixth who need help with homework. These classes would be Monday – Thursday, for about forty-five (45) minutes to an hour. Planning is ongoing for this fall semester when students return to school.

The following is a listing of our ongoing events and planned projects:

- Youth College Tour
- Lay Leadership Conference
- Lutheran Churches Outreach Commissions
- Community Clothing Barn & Food Pantry
- Angel Food Ministry
- Lutheran Black History Events
- Gary Community Schools Graduate Outing
- Transitional & Rehab Housing
- Youth Programs
- Employment Training & Preparation

Interested volunteers, and/or comments or suggestions call Pastor Reeves, or Mrs. Rebecca Smith at the Umbrella of Hope office at 980 -3924, or Jim Radford at 663 – 7509.

God’s blessings and thank you for all your prayers and support in this ministry.

Handyman Ministry: Trinity’s Handyman Ministry mission is to provide home repair and maintenance services to members of Trinity as well as friends of Trinity members. This mission is focusing on:

- Widows/widowers
- Single Mom’s
- Disabled
- Military families who have the head of the household member serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

There are currently twelve (12) members of Trinity and they perform small repairs around the house. These individuals will provide the labor with the homeowner covering the cost of materials. To request help, call the contact person Dennis Mills at 661 – 8656.

Jim Radford

Service Day in the Community

The Handyman Ministry working with Lakeshore Area Recovery of Indiana, LARRI, is looking for volunteers to work on **Saturday, August 22**, helping with the clean up and repairs of homes that were flooded during last fall’s storms. The nature of our work has not yet been determined. LARRI, using other volunteer groups, are in the various stages of clean up and reconstruction. If you are interested in donating your time for this effort, contact Dennis Mills at 661-8565 no later than August 16. No skills are required. You must be at least high school age. We will be working in one of the following communities; Munster, Griffith, Hammond, or Lake Station.

LOOKING AHEAD:



Triangle Dinners

Trinity Triangle Dinners is a ministry at our church that involves people who get together for a meal and fellowship. It rotates, changes and evolves with each session. There are two sessions: Fall during September, October, and November, and Winter during January, February, and March.

Food and fellowship of the Fall and Winter sessions are the key ingredients. It is our hope that the sharing of these meals will be in an enjoyable setting with warm, friendly people getting to know each other, and sharing a Christ-centered devotion. It is also a great avenue for fellowship with other congregational members, friends, and neighbors. These meals are a great way for new members to meet other members of our congregation and community. The meals are designed to help us build stronger relationships with our fellow Christian brothers and sisters.

A triangle consists of three sides. The hosts or host determines and prepares the meat or main dish, sets the date and time and location. Also the host leads a short devotion before the meal. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the host to contact the other diners for the purpose of scheduling the time and menu items. The other parts (members) of the triangle are to bring salad or dessert as per the host's request. These meals can be breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner. Also meeting at a restaurant is allowed if it is acceptable to all participants of the triangle.

Besides sharing good food and conversation, triangle participants may play cards or board games, share music or watch a movie. Just good old-fashion conversation after the meal is great too.

A sign-up sheet will be posted at the atrium desk for our triangle participants this August for our fall session. Participants will then be contacted by the coordinator as to their personal triangles each month of the fall session. Please consider signing up for food and fun! Bon appetite!

WATCH Groups Ministry Team

Trinity League's Holiday Market Place & Café

We're back! Saturday, November 7th
Vendors needed. We have booth space available. Mary Kay Cosmetics, Avon, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, & Lia Sophia are just a few of the companies we would like to see at the Holiday Market Place & Café. Booth reservation deadline is August 15th. Please contact Sandy Henderlong at slhenderlong@comcast.net or call (219) 663-0562 after 6pm, or Kim Dahlman at kim@dahlmanworld.org.

Happy Anniversary!

8/1	Steve & Melanie Foulds
8/2	Gary & Marie Dienes, Kenneth & Jayne Murdoch, Thomas & Jennifer Haberling, William & Lisa Hoffman
8/5	Bill & Amy Coy
8/6	Dennis & Cindy Schulte, Michael & Laura Gella
8/7	Ed & Karen Topp, Mike & Cindy David, Chris & Paula Ronning, Scott & Robin Leslie
8/9	Dave & Kim Hart, Ed & Jean Fraikin, Coby & Lindsay Botha
8/10	Chuck & Carol Hubacek, Brian & Nikki Cebra
8/11	Nathan & Natalie Press
8/14	John & Ruth Schultz
8/15	Mike & Cindy McGraw, David & Lori Guritz
8/16	Emery & Karen Manley
8/17	Bob & Sue Neitzel, James & Kendra Tustison
8/18	Stevan & Julie Savich
8/19	Roger & Sherry Malone
8/20	Jim & Karen Radford, Jim & Lisa Cizmar, Tom & Carol Witten
8/21	Gray & Julie McClintic
8/22	Stuart & Connie Snow, Ray & Darlene Finley
8/23	Chuck & Helen Sauerman, Chad & Melissa Borner
8/24	Bill & Linda Borsits, Monty & Judy McNab, Jim & Lorraine Keilman, John & Michelle Sangkaratana
8/25	Andrew & Julie Farrell, David & Dayna Foster
8/26	James & Lorene Fuehrmeyer, Tim & Sherri Holzauer, Kurt & Kim Reagan, Daniel & Tina Matuska, Michael & Kristen Koszyk
8/28	David & Michelle Best, Mark & Robin Biggs
8/29	John & Arlene Knox, Bud & Lydia Hughes, Billy & Elaine Edwards
8/30	William & Lois Kiel, Martin & Jennifer Knopp

Happy Birthday!

8/1	Connie Kingsbury, Elden Hildebrandt, Sean McNab
8/2	Leona Stark, Lois Kiel, Chuck Grelecki, Jim Merrell, James Mueller
8/3	Virginia Saager, Judy Duffala, Sandy Heiser, Kim Reagan, Logan Borner
8/4	Dale Trump, Rhonda Pape, Don Tokoly, Jacci Carey, Megan Duffala
8/5	Betty Johnstone, Stephanie DenHartog
8/6	Cathie Morris, Gary Birmingham, Kristen Szaller
8/7	Bonnie Hamilton, Nina Underwood, Brandon Leslie

8/8	Danielle LaDuke
8/9	Craigory Wise
8/10	Paula Ronning, Daniel Pace, Paige Fitzsimons, Alyssa Vajda
8/11	Jud Salmon, Brian Dennis, Nicole Johnson, Hannah Schuster, Robert Dunlap, Bodie Buse, Sydney Dixon
8/12	Nancy Mauman
8/13	Jean Fraikin, Tammy Gardin, Nikki Cebra, Sam Rashin, Ethan Smith, Julia Campbell
8/14	Karen Gurtatowski, Gregory Puent Jr.
8/15	Wilma Schuricht, Daralyn Melcher, Sharon Voyak, Mike McGraw, Rosemarie Taylor, Mark Rayonec, Connie Rainey, Landon Whitlock
8/16	Lou Walsh, Russ Boettger, Marilyn Bowman, Diana Dyba, Lisa Anderson, Russ Bunde, Joe Ellis
8/17	Eileen Maxwell, Kevin Crum, William Good, Bailey Kasch, Ryan Farrell, Patrick O'Connor, Quinn Shea
8/18	Marilyn Einspahr, Woody Kasch, Sandra Rosenwinkel, Kelsey Rather, Brett Miller, Sebastian Knopp
8/20	Arlene Cross, Sheri Deedrick, Sarah Gardiner, Silas Wielert
8/21	Mark Magruder, Katlyn Rather, Leah Rashin
8/22	Rich Mueller, Tom Johnstone, Andrew Kvachkoff, Grayson Lynk, Grace Koelikamp, Noah Matuska
8/23	Ron Yakimow, JoDee DeArmond, Andrew Weglewski
8/24	Darlene Marvel, Bonnie Nottingham, Karen Bartholomew, Kay Rasmussen, Lisa Hoffman, Katrina Klingberg, Samantha Herkey
8/25	Kristy Kalember, Katie Topp, Michael Erickson, Sarah Fraikin
8/26	Adah Mueller, Dwight Bedgood, Chip Thompson
8/27	Arnie Steuer, Elvin Herre, Kathryn Hensley
8/28	Karol Ketcher, John Schultz, Jason Zona
8/29	Traude Thoeleke, Carole Esala, Ruth Schultz, Laurie Pavlovick, Ed Topp
8/30	Andrew Farrell, Cheryl Claus



Friday, August 21st for article submission to the September newsletter. Articles may be dropped off at church or sent to newsletter@trinitycp.org.

Rebuilding the Breach Ministries, Inc. News

A big THANK YOU to Trinity members for all the donations, help and support we received during our sale in the gym. It was a huge success and we look forward to it growing every year. We took in over \$5,000 which will be matched 1 - 4 by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. A special thanks to the Contemporary Worship staff, janitorial staff and Jeff's Movers.

We are planning an OPEN HOUSE at the Bakery House on Sunday, September 27 from 1 – 4. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We will have transportation running from Trinity to Gary and a pig roast is in the planning stages!

Mission Connections ...

News from the Groths

Excerpts from the July newsletter from the Groths. (Please check out the newsletter in it's entirety on the Missions board in the Atrium.)

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel...Phillipians 1:3"

This month we had some wonderful events with which to fill our memories of God's work in Cambodia – class with our students focused on the New Testament - a comment at the close of my devotion writing workshop- a family retreat for two American and seven Cambodian families - the graduation of our hotel English class of 39 people.

Chuck and I are leaving with fond memories of our Cambodian friends and with great thoughts of you, our supporters. We'd love to hear a word of encouragement from you, and we treasure your prayers for us as we transition to US living.

"Worship for Shut-Ins"

This 30-minute Lutheran television program provides shut-ins and short-term hospitalized children, adults, and seniors, a weekly worship service that includes Hymns, Scripture, Creed, Sermon, Lord's Prayer, and Benediction, with opening and closing comments from our host, Don Luepke. "Worship for Shut-Ins" can be seen on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on **Cable TV TLN (Total Living Network)**.

Baptisms

Abigail Cara Morantz was received into the family of God through Holy Baptism on July 5th. She is the daughter of Jordan and Mary Morantz. Sponsors for Abigail are Joseph Hadley and Elizabeth Morantz.

Funerals

Lawrence Gault was called to his eternal rest on July 6th. His memorial service was held on July 11th.

Eileen Zacher was called to be with the Lord on July 19th. Her funeral was July 24th.

August 2, 2009 – Psalm 145: 13-14

“Does God Love Me?”

By Rev. Richard M. Koehneke, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN
The Lord is faithful to His promises. His love in Christ is unconditional and absolute, for Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promises.

August 9, 2009 – John 6:35-51

“Jesus: Life-giving Bread”

By Rev. David C. Fleming, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MI
Jesus is the Bread of Life. He came down from heaven to accomplish the Father’s will of reuniting you to Him. So the Father seeks to draw you to Jesus, fill you with Jesus, that your whole being---soul and body---may finally be made whole and raised to life everlasting. In Jesus, even now, you have this eternal life.

August 16, 2009 – John 6:60-61

“Powerless”

By Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, IN
When confronted with challenging teachings the disciples "grumbled about this". Many "no longer walked with Him". They were offended by the Gospel. They were powerless to save themselves.

August 23, 2009 – Ephesians 5:21

“Who’s in Charge Here?”

By Rev. Richard M. Koehneke, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN
Authority is a critical issue in all human relationships. In Christian relationships, Christ is in charge, and we honor Him by serving each other in love.

August 30, 2009 – Mark 7:14-23

“More than Doing Good”

By Rev. James Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hudson, IN
Have you been good lately? We try to do good and not the bad. But righteousness before God comes by more than doing good. It comes by faith in Jesus Christ!

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Making the most of your volunteer efforts

Want to make more of a difference in our congregation? Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can help. Thrivent Financial is a Fortune 500 financial services organization that has been serving Lutherans and their families for more than a century. It’s also a not-for-profit organization that supports Lutheran congregations and the efforts of its members to help their communities and congregations.

One of Thrivent Financial’s programs is Care in Congregations®, which provides funding support for volunteer and fundraising activities that benefit Lutheran congregations. To receive funding:

Form a congregational service team in response to an identified need in our congregation.

Determine a volunteer or fundraising activity to meet the need.

Work with one of our Thrivent Financial congregational coordinators: Connie Rainey, Carl Sapper or Mark Reiners to secure Thrivent Financial support for the project.

Carry out the activity and report back to the Thrivent Financial congregational coordinator.

Thrivent Financial also offers other volunteer opportunities. For instance, you can volunteer as a chapter leader or congregational coordinator, or lend a hand by participating in a chapter service team, supporting a food pantry, or helping build a Thrivent Builds home with a family in need. When you volunteer, you’re working side-by-side with members of our congregation and reap the rewards that come from knowing you’re making a difference. To learn more about how Thrivent Financial can help our congregation, contact Carsten Falkenberg, Senior Financial Consultant at 219-663-8699 or carsten.falkenberg@thrivent.com today, or visit thrivent.com.

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