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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AND SCHOOL  
CROWN POINT, INDIANA

# NEWSLETTER

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## **Graduation Recognition**

Congratulations to all graduates! We will celebrate High School graduates in a special way in all services June 5 –7. Pray for all our graduates!

## ***From Your Pastor***

Dear friends in Christ,

When I think about ministry, I appreciate the description the Apostle Paul provided for the church. He describes it as a body.

**For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free- and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many.** (I Corinthians 12:12-14)

Paul speaks of the various parts of the body as a unit working together. He also speaks of those times when parts of the body are hurting, with the implication that the whole body suffers. I like to describe it this way. Your big toe is seemingly insignificant until it starts to hurt. When it does, you begin to limp and now your hip and back begin to hurt, too.

This is how it is in the church. In particular, with team ministry, when staff members need help, the others step forward to help out. There is also some shared suffering. All of this is a preface for me to extend a big "Thank you!" to the ministry team and the congregation during the times I have been away for classes. This has been hard work for me personally, but has also put added work on the schedule for the ministry team. I have thanked them personally for this, but now publicly thank them and the congregation as we have worked through this time. The classes are important for the congregation as we address mission. So although I have been the one in class, all have suffered in various ways for the sake of the Gospel. Thanks for doing what God has called us to do!

The good news is that the intensive classes are finished with the exception of one independent study class. Now the work really begins. This work still involves the body. Right now, the body is still incomplete, for there are lost people in the world around us. Now the body is called to action. I appreciated Pastor Going's sermon several weeks ago as he emphasized that we do this because we love the shepherd, not because we love the sheep. This is an important understanding of the call to mission. It is a

call to seek those who are lost, those who are not yet part of the body, because the Shepherd yearns for them to be included. It doesn't mean we disregard the other parts of the body. It means simply that we work toward a healthy balance between ministry (work among the members of the church) and mission (work among those who are not believers in Jesus Christ). It is a wonderful calling from God to serve him.

This past weekend was confirmation, and we were reminded of this calling. The first reading was Acts 1:1-11, which includes my confirmation verse,

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**  
(Acts 1:8)

To paraphrase this for us at Trinity, we could say, "You will be my witnesses in Crown Point, and in all Lake County, and in Northwest Indiana, and to the ends of the earth."

This truly is a great calling of God. Together, as the body of believers, we step out in faith, trusting that God will work in us and through us for the sake of the body. May we be His witnesses as we work together as the body of Christ. And thanks again to the ministry team and congregation during my time away for mission study.

*Pastor Easterday*

## **The Principal Connection ...**

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

### **Top 10 Reasons to Enroll in a Lutheran School**

Last month I wrote about five of the Top Ten Reasons for Enrolling in a Lutheran School. Academic Results, Our Kids Love our School, Parents Appreciate Trinity and Choose to Be Involved, Excellent Pre-School, and Tuition Assistance are the first five. This month we will look at five more reasons to enroll.

**5. We are Affordable.** – Visitors are surprised at how reasonably priced our quality education program is compared to other high quality Christian schools in our area. To choose a different Christian school in the Crown Point area that comes anywhere close to a similar combination of program, staffing, and facility found at Trinity Lutheran, families have to pay \$1000 or more per child over our school tuition. Families are able to spread payments out over various monthly plans. Families who pay in full up front even receive a discount off of that rate. We are positive we offer the absolute best value in Christian education in Crown Point!

**4. Outstanding Teachers** – Our professional educators are fully qualified and thoroughly educated, with many already holding Indiana State Teaching licenses and pursuing Master's degrees. They have years of experience in Christian education, and have demonstrated their commitment and passion to sharing Christian faith and values with children and families while passing on their lifelong love for learning.

**3. Our student-teacher ratio is kept low.** – Small class sizes at all grade levels allow students to receive excellent attention, with teachers able to appropriately address learning hurdles and intellectually challenge students. The children stay interested and motivated all day long. We maintain a 6-1 student-teacher ratio for our youngest children, the Junior Preschoolers and the Pre-Kindergarteners as well. At the K-8 level, the average class size is 12-15 students, and a maximum of 24 is set for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Kindergarten has a full time aide when they have 20 or more students.

**2. Core Knowledge Sequence Curriculum** – In pursuit of academic excellence, greater achievement, and higher literacy, our school has joined with schools and districts across Indiana in implementing the Academic Standards. This is a solid, specific, shared, and sequenced curriculum, establishing strong foundations of knowledge, grade by grade. The Academic Standards provide a clear outline of content to be covered at each grade level, PS-8, ensuring our students enter each new grade ready to learn. Our curriculum also provides the children with the shared cultural knowledge they need. We fill out our curriculum with other instructional components vital to a well-rounded education: physical education, computers, music (general, vocal, and instrumental), and art. At the center of all we teach is our Faith Instruction.

**The Top Reason for Enrolling in a Lutheran School:**

**1. We are Christ-centered.** – We believe the Bible is the completely accurate and true Word of God. We believe we have salvation and eternal life through faith alone, by the Trinity of God and not by anything we have earned or accomplished for ourselves. We believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, the Lord of our lives. These core beliefs impact and influence **every aspect** of our school. Our School Mission Statement says it clearly: Servants of Jesus...Learning, Caring, and Sharing God's Word. Trinity Lutheran School exists to provide a Christ-centered education in a loving Christian atmosphere, partnering with parents to instruct and train children in spiritual, academic, physical, social, and emotional areas of development while developing and strengthening relationships with God and each other.

We are very excited that our Day School Board passed to allow us to open a second Kindergarten class. While this may mean a little shuffling of rooms we know we are going to be able to positively affect more children with the Gospel.

Our school year begins with Registration Day on August 5 from 9-11 AM and 3-7 PM. We will have a way people can register prior to this day so watch your mail box for information. Home visits will be done before our first day of school August 16. We will celebrate our Back to School BBQ August 12 at 5:30 PM. We look forward to partnering with you again to raise your children up in the Lord. Thank you for the joy of working together this year!

May the warm love of our heavenly Father flow over your heart as you reach out in love to our families knowing that with God all things are possible!

*John E. Schultz*

## **From the Executive Director ...**

As part of Trinity's 2010 focus on strengthening loving relationships within our congregation, we are planning to rekindle the "Stephen Ministry" program once used here about 20 years ago. You will be hearing much more about Stephen Ministry in coming months, but below is some introductory information pulled directly from the website [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org).

### **Introduction to Stephen Ministry**

The Stephen Series is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around your congregation. In Stephen Ministry congregations, lay caregivers (called Stephen Ministers) provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministry helps pastors and congregations provide quality caring ministry for as long as people need it.

### **Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry?**

People Who Need Care . . .

- Receive quality, Christ-centered, confidential care for their hurts and needs
- Receive ongoing care for continuing needs long after the onset of a crisis, when many others have forgotten about them
- Grow in a deeper relationship with their Lord as they experience God's unconditional love for them through their Stephen Minister

Your Pastors . . .

- No longer shoulder the entire burden of caring in the congregation, as if the pastor were the only one able, willing, or called to do this ministry
- Experience renewed joy and satisfaction as they equip others and so extend the reach of their own ministries
- Have more time to focus on the ministries that only the pastor can do

Your Lay People . . .

- See themselves as active partners in the mission and ministry of the church
- Experience great joy as they see God working through them to bring hope and healing to a hurting person
- Grow spiritually as they experience the Lord's loving presence in community with other Christian caregivers

Your Entire Congregation . . .

- Becomes a more loving community that is more sensitive and responsive to people's needs for care
- Is able to reach out to the unchurched who are hurting and introduce them to the healing love of Jesus in their time of need

Sees itself as not only being served by the pastor, but as a caring body of believers actively involved in serving one another in love. Pastor Kipp and Susan Magruder are trained Stephen leaders. For more information on this ministry please call Susan Magruder, Stephen Ministry Leader at 308-0326.

*Greg Forsythe*

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## Board of Church Properties

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We have gotten a good response on our request for names of people interested in our new custodial jobs. We will be reviewing these and interviewing. We plan to have all of this in place by July 1, 2010.

We have been reviewing our budget line items for presentation. As always we look for places to trim. There is always the desire to do more. As a minor example, we plan to reduce our waste management fees but we also plan to begin using an on-line building maintenance software package that will cost us a few dollars a month. Of course, there are always the larger ticket items that do not fit into the budget dollars. These will be covered by special funds or donations.

We stand ready to assist the school or church ministries in response to their needs as they develop.

*Gary Diekelmann*

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## Congratulations 2010 Graduates!!

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**Crown Point High School:** *Salutatorian* - Ryan Farrell, Aaron Hensley, Katrina Klingberg, Bethany Komasiński, Hanna Tokoly, Kevin Topp, Chelsea Viers

**Lowell High School:** Stephanie Korte, Jacquelyn Smith,

**Hanover High School:** Daniel Stinson

**Boone Grove High School:** Michael Erickson

**Trinity Lutheran School:** Chiamara Anokwute, Jason Best, Morgan Boyd, Allison Cizmar, Alexis Fitzsimons, Amy Fraikin, Hailey Franklin, Erik Gardin, Glenn Hecht, Seth Heidler, Alec Kalember, Zachary Lambert, Amanda Manley, LeAnn Powell, Sophie Reiners, Ashlyn Stienner, Amanda Stieve, Hope Stinson

**Taft Middle School:** Chloe Anderson, Holly Schuster

**Wheeler Middle School:** Amanda Curley, Amber Nowakowski

**Clark Middle School:** Rachel McCord

**Pierce Middle School:** Amanda Jackson

**Lowell Middle School:** Justin Smith

**Indiana University:**  
Drew Gardiner, Bachelors - Economics

**Purdue University:**  
Katlyn Rather, Bachelors – Hospitality/Tourism Management

**University of Southern Indiana:**  
Amy Kozlowski, Bachelors – Dental Hygiene

**Valparaiso University**  
David Esala, Bachelors – Music Performance

## Trinity 8:15's i'll raise the banner Banner Creation Contest

The Contemporary Worship Task Force is designing a banner for 231 and also a logo for the worship service! We would love your input...actually more than that...we would love your whole entire idea! Enter our 8:15 I'll Raise The Banner! Banner Creation Contest! To enter, simply design a banner using the paper located on the table in the back of Sunday Worship at the 8:15 AM Service.

**MUSTS:**

Your design must contain the name of the church (Trinity), the time of the service (8:15am), the day of the service (Sunday), and the website ([www.trinitycp.org](http://www.trinitycp.org))

**MUST NOT:**

Must not have more than 3 colors.

**YOUR CREATIVITY CAN PRODUCE BUT DOES NOT NEED TO PRODUCE:**

- A name for the service.
- A logo for the service.
- A bible verse

**THINGS TO CONSIDER:**

- Must be readable
- Must be readable for someone going 35 mph while other cars of zipping by less than a meter away from that driver.

Designs are due **June 11th**, Brandon's Birthday (just a due date, no need to go buy Brandon the following gifts: a regulation weighted frisbee, Nintedo Wii, tickets to a U2 show).

The Prize: Dinner for three at reasonable restaurant of your choice!

## **Child Protection Training**

All those working with children under the age of 18, need to be certified under our Child Protection Policy. This includes filling out a Volunteer Application, a Limited Criminal Background check (for those 18 and older), and attending a 1 hour training event. A series of training events have been scheduled for May and June. All training events are held in Cafeteria A. Training dates and times:

**Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:45 p.m.**

Childcare will be available at all training sessions.

## **Planet Zoom VBS is full of fun!**

Come explore **June 14-18**. Bible stories, Bible challenges, crafts, yummy snacks, fun games, awesome songs, and more! Registration forms are located at the atrium desk.

All volunteers must complete the Child Protection Course offered by Paul Wendt, prior to the start of VBS.

VBS is seeking donations for snacks. See the snack donation wish list located at the desk in the atrium.

Any Questions, please call Kerri Wilkes 690-1415 or [bwilkes98@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bwilkes98@sbcglobal.net)

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## **Youth News**

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### **Parking Lot Sale**

Trinity Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a parking lot sale on **Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**, the first day of the City-wide garage sale in Crown Point. We will list in the Shopper. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Can pack up & leave @ 2:00 if you want to.) There are 3 ways to participate!

#1 – Rent a stall and sell your stuff. Parking spaces rent for \$20 ea.

#2 – Give stuff to the youth to sell. (We can usually arrange pick-up, too.)

#3 – Come and shop on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Rain date: Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Registration forms are in the bulletin news and at the Reception Desk.

### **30 Hour Famine**

We will take part in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine **August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**. Any youth or adult who would like to begin recruiting sponsors now, see DCE Wendt for materials.

## **National Youth Gathering news...**

22 people from Trinity are attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA as participants. 3 others are attending as Youth Gathering staff. Please pray for us as we enter the final stages of preparation.

### **Youth Stock Sale**

Buying stock in a company is investing in the success of that company. Buying stock in our youth...invests in their growth in faith by providing part of the means to participate in a gathering of tens of thousands of fellow Lutheran youth and adults. On sale now!

### **Pre-Gathering Bible studies**

The first has occurred May 16<sup>th</sup>. Next study is **June 6<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Final study is scheduled for **July 11<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:30 p.m. (Also is our covenant meeting.)

As a congregation member, you can help in the following ways...

- 1) Pray for our minds and hearts to be open to the truths God has for us.
- 2) Look over the studies yourself (a way for you to grow too). They are available online @ <http://www.lcmsgathering.com/Index.asp?PageID=11092>. Unable to get it that way? Talk to DCE Brandon Grelle or DCE Paul Wendt for a printed copy.
- 3) Pray for all who will staff or attend the Gathering July 17-21, 2010.

Youth or their families do pay the \$275 registration fee and all food costs. Thanks for helping to offset the remainder of the costs (hotel & transportation).

### **Meet Your Busmates!**

What's a 'busmate'? Others riding the same bus to the LCMS National Youth Gathering. We will gather @ Trinity **June 13<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:30 p.m. to hang out with our busmates from Valpo.

### **Prayer Send-Off!**

Plan to attend worship on **July 11<sup>th</sup>** for a prayer send off in public worship in all 3 Sunday services for all attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**



### **Rebuilding the Breach/Bakery House Garage Sale**

Rebuilding the Breach/Bakery House will hold their annual sale on **July 15, 16, and 17** in Trinity's gymnasium. Due to storage limitations you may bring in donations of clean, useable items beginning Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to help us in any way you can by donating items, helping to sort or working a few hours during the sale. For questions please call Sandra Wilson 662-9133 or Elaine Edwards 374-7382.

## Happy Anniversary!

6/1	Ted & Janet Ellis, Marvin & Phyllis Hecht, Cory & Kristin Wielert
6/2	Gary & Sandra Birmingham, Steven & Cathy Morrow
6/3	Todd & Jacci Carey
6/4	Richard & Paula Stiener, Todd & Rosemarie Taylor
6/5	Don & Joyce Carnahan, Ken & Marianne Manning, Doug & Karen Cozart
6/7	Chuck & Kimberly O'Connor, Jim & Aubrey Nelson
6/8	James & Dawn Dubbert
6/11	Jim & Mary Ann Greiner, David & Joyce Easterday, Arnold & Lorraine Steuer, James & Anova Frasure, Jason & Jennifer Zona
6/13	Pat & Tricia Schuster
6/14	Noel & Arlene Cross, Paul & Wanda Feder
6/15	Don & Laura Stieve
6/16	James & Claire Gagan, Tom & Sandra Rosenwinkel
6/17	Christopher & Emily Damjanovic
6/18	Jeffery & Eileen Riggs, Matthew & Deidra Felder, Brian & Laura Newhouser
6/19	Tim & Tina Stiener, Daniel & Gretchen Pace
6/20	Bob & Judy Duffala, Thomas & Gail McPheron, Rich & Deb Komasiński, Ryan & Heidi Dulla
6/23	Elden & Stephanie Hildebrandt, Mark & Sharon Tillery, Jeff & Michelle Robinson
6/24	Phillip & Charlotte Morrow, Gerald & Kathleen Petrick, Grant & Lori Hult, Joshua & Nicole Hrapek
6/25	Raymond & Diana Dyba, Phillip & Karen Kaemerer, Steven & Beth Dallman, Sam & Lynn Kirby
6/27	Gregory & Kay Moor, Cole & Linda Viers, Eric & Wendy Erickson
6/28	Darrell & Florence Sergent, Tom & Laura Pavlovick
6/30	David & Julie Burkhardt

6/10	Cathy Morrow, Gerald Hoefling, Zachary Bodamer
6/11	Brandon Grelle, Amber Nowakowski, Andy Dyba
6/12	Karen Blocker, Douglas Dix, Brenda Ebert, Kris Keller, Laura Bridges
6/13	Gina Kingston, Nikki Merrell, Elaina Genovese
6/14	Barb Atkinson, Stoe Duffala
6/15	Arnie Patz, Sherry Carter, Austin Cunningham, Alyssa Brown
6/16	Bob Michalak, Leslie Gardiner
6/17	Lucille Vieweg, Helen Melcher, Melissa Sapper, Ruth Luebcke, Michael Stephen, Pacey Nack
6/18	June Woodke, Suzette Pryde, Robert Pavot, Dan O'Day, Alex Schwimmer, Kai Stash
6/19	Janet Rosenwinkel
6/20	Carley Smith, Alexis Salazar
6/21	Timothy Stump, Sarah Cavan, Melissa Knipper, Angie Carlin, Quentin Klingberg, Charles Knipper, Andrew Bodamer
6/22	Dawn Gora, David Best, Erik Watland
6/23	Angie Jensen, Scott Kalember, Ann McCromick, Christine Parry, Aubreigh Haas
6/24	Richard Angerman, Judy Alliss
6/26	Crissy Alliss, Tiffany O'Day, Michael Pavlovick, Dylan Mowery
6/27	Steve Foulds
6/28	Phil Kaemerer
6/29	Delores Bremer, Logan DeHaan
6/30	Lois Turczi, Tabitha Hoefling

## Confirmation

On Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>, we joined with 22 of our young people as they shared their faith and received the rite of confirmation. We pray the Lord's continued blessings on our 2010 confirmands: Chloe Anderson, Chiamara Anokwute, Jason Best, Allison Cizmar, Amanda Curley, Alexis Fitzsimons, Amy Fraikin, Hailey Franklin, Erik Gardin, Glenn Hecht, Amanda Jackson, Alec Kalember, Zachary Lambert, Amanda Manley, Rachel McCord, Amber Nowakowski, Sophie Reiners, Holly Schuster, Justin Smith, Ashlyn Stiener, Amanda Stieve, Hope Stinson.

## Happy Birthday!

6/1	Sue Neitzel, Beth Dallman, Becky Hiestand, Karen Warner, Dawn Dubbert, Erik Gardin, Daisey Smith, Kayla Egnatz
6/2	Sandra Wilson, Steve Morrow, Colin Hecht
6/3	Jackie Korte, Rich Komasiński
6/4	Cole Viers, Linda Viers, John Lynk Sr, Rich Rainey, Chloe Anderson, Amanda Jackson, Morgan Matalin, Lily Reiners
6/5	Pat Warner, Dennis Hodges, Tom Rosenwinkel, Darlene Stauner, Phil Gardin, AJ Stieve, Katie Hult, Anna McCormick
6/6	June Luebcke, Shirley Patterson, Thomas Tokoly
6/7	Valerie Ventura, David Guritz
6/8	Brandon Stieve, Alexis Fitzsimons
6/9	Gail McPheron, Sandy Peyovich, Melanie Sapper

## Funerals

Lester Lange was called home to be with the Lord on April 24<sup>th</sup>. His funeral was April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Susan Sonnenberg went to her eternal rest on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral was April 30<sup>th</sup>.

John McConnell was called to his heavenly home on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. His funeral was May 8<sup>th</sup>.



**Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** for article submission to the July newsletter. Articles may be dropped off at church or sent to [newsletter@trinitycp.org](mailto:newsletter@trinitycp.org).

## Crown Point "CAN" 4<sup>th</sup> of July Food Drive

The Crown Point Community Foundation is again working with several community organizations in an effort to increase the amount of non-perishable goods available to community families in need. Bring your non-perishable items to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade for collection. Volunteers will be walking the parade route to gather your donated items while you enjoy the parade. Suggested items include: Laundry and cleaning supplies, toiletries, paper items, peanut butter and jelly, condiments, baby formula and canned items such as vegetables, fruit, soup, tuna, chicken, turkey, and pasta. **Items that have exceeded the expiration date cannot be used.** Monetary donations can be mailed to the Foundation office. Please make checks payable to the Crown Point Community Foundation Food Drive Campaign. Call the Foundation office at **219-662-7252** for additional information.

## Bible Study



Our study continues...

New Class began **May 30<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. – not too late to join!

**Christian Essentials** (Adult membership class) Library  
Led by Pastor Easterday

A look at the essence of the Christian faith with special emphasis on what we believe as Lutherans and why we believe it. This course is the initial course which leads to membership. 12 weeks.

New Adult Classes beginning **June 6<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30 a.m.

**Acts 2:12b – What does this mean?** Room 101

Led by Pastor Kipp  
Explore a wide variety of topics as the Bible presents them. A great place to come with questions, wonderings and other things you 'always have wanted to know'. No theological question is out of place. Most topics discussed only for a week or two.

**Love Languages** Room 102

Led by Jeanne Strunk  
Learn your primary love language. Learn skills to understand other's love languages. Start showing love in a way the other person can best receive love! A great way to grow in loving relationships! Great for marriages, significant relationships or life in general!

**Formula of Concord** Conference Room

Led by Jeannine Furukawa  
This doctrinal statement from the 1500's is a formal confession of the Lutheran church that still speaks to us today about the heart of the Christian faith.

## Outreach Promises & What Do Americans Really Believe? Fellowship Hall

Led by DCE Paul Wendt  
God has not left us helpless, but has told us He will work in and through us. Discover and explore these precious promises of God! A second aspect of this study will examine what Americans believe (gleaned current research) and begin to see how God's promises speak to reaching people in our culture at this time.

Beginning **June 13<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.:

**In the Dust of the Rabbi & Walk as Jesus Walked** Room 103

Led by Paulette Urbanchock  
It's like a tour of the Holy Land without having to leave Indiana. Ray Vander Laan unfolds the culture of Jesus' day on site in Israel and in so doing, opens our eyes and hearts and deeper understanding of the Scriptures. Designed to help us grow closer to Jesus! 6 week video-based courses.

**Youth Bible Study** Youth Room

Led by Les & Brooke Nack  
All youth *currently* in grades 8 — 12 are invited to work through topics of interest as they apply to the living a Christian life!

**Confirmation in the Summer** Cafeteria

Led by DCE Brandon Grelle & others  
**All youth currently in grades 5-7** are expected to be present as we work through practical ways to live out our faith. These sessions are much more relaxed and relational. No memory work. No worship notes. A time to relax in Jesus' love with one another. **Parents please join an adult Bible study.**

**Friends & Communities**

- 6/6 Why Friends & Family?
- 6/13 What does a healthy relationship look like?
- 6/20 Jesus is my Friend
- 6/27 How might we spread/build community?

**Independence!**

- 7/4 Revolution – If we need one, what kind do we need?
- 7/11 The stuff built into me – a path to true freedom
- 7/18 The Truth will set your Free

**To Tell the Truth**

- 7/25 Being Honest in an Age of Cheating and Lying
- 8/1 Can I Trust Jesus to Take Care of Me?

**Jesus at the Center of Life**

- 8/8 Jesus in my life – faith stories
- 8/15 Jesus in my life – faith stories
- 8/22 Confirmation Orientation for 2010-2011
- 8/29 Confirmation Orientation reprise  
Acolyte Training, part 1
- 9/5 Acolyte Training, part 2

Questions? Please speak to Pastor Easterday or DCE Paul Wendt.

**Summer Sunday School** Preschool Room

Team Taught! (Team members needed!)  
All children age 3 to grade 4 are invited to take part in Summer Sunday School. Learn of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

## Quarterly Report for Trinity Cares Jan-March 2010

8 families were helped in the first three months of 2010. 2 of these families were TLC&S members. A total of \$3,051.80 was issued (average \$382 per family).

25 calls requesting assistance were received, including 2 families who walked in off the street asking for food. 10 of these calls were out of our area of ministry service (CP, CL, Winfield township, LOFS).

With each meeting our teams opened and closed with prayer for each of the participants as well as for our Lord Jesus Christ to enter the situation and meet the real needs made known.

We continue to have team members who are able to work with families who need to develop a financial plan and budget, and when possible or necessary, we offer spiritual counseling through our pastors.

*Judy Duffala*  
Trinity Cares Clerk

## 2010 Focus on WATCH Groups

### Elders

Perhaps the most important group in any congregation is the elders. These are the men charged with the responsibility of the spiritual oversight of the congregation, its people and its pastors. To be asked to serve is both a great responsibility and a great privilege. Trinity has twelve such men at present, a good Biblical number but not quite adequate for the job that needs to be done in a large parish like Trinity. It is perhaps a little humbling to note that our Lord got by with so few, even though they fell short in so many ways. The same is really true of pastors and elders, and each one of us.

Once a month the elders meet with the pastor to discuss the work of the congregation, its direction and the health of its members. They spend time in study and prayer and seek to support the pastors as best they can. Each elder is assigned a geographical district. Over the years the elder attempts to visit each member living in that area. As members of a family each one of us needs to know that we are not alone. Elders can gather families' needs and opinions to help in planning for new services or outreach Trinity may provide.

You will notice the elders as they help the pastors in the worship, in leading the prayers and the confession of the creed (to enable our pastors to preach in both the regular and the contemporary services) and in assisting with the distribution of holy communion. At baptisms the elder responsible for the family of the new child will usually assist by lighting and presenting the baptismal candle. David Maxwell, our head elder, told me that the elder will also try to visit in the home and present a baptismal medallion.

High on the agenda at present are the Stephen Ministry (Pastor Kipp and Susan Magruder were recently in training in St. Louis) and the Outreach Task Force, chaired by one of the elders, Paul Feder. Another elder, Marvin Hecht, also serves with him. As you know, this group is looking for ways to plant a new church in our area.

In these, and many other ways, the elders seek to serve their Lord by supporting their pastors and helping us. Keep them in your prayers.

*Pastor T.*

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### “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)**.

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### IN GOD'S SERVICE:

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