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Trinity Family,
Mark your calendars, **The Big Jungle Adventure June 13-17**. Soon the halls of Trinity will be filled with the sounds of eager children excited to hear and share God's word.

We are still looking for volunteers. We are seeking teachers, aides, nursery staff, snack and craft helpers, outdoor activities, story teller and much more. The snack list is available in the atrium and during the 8:15 service on Sundays, if you can't volunteer during the week sign up and donate snack items. Any questions contact Kerri Wilkes at 690-1415 or bwilkes98@sbcglobal.net. Parents, register your children today, registration forms are available in the atrium. Children, **"Come and Go Wild on a Faith Journey with Jesus."**

Blessings,
Kerri Wilkes, Vacation Bible School Director

From Your Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

We have been talking about kingdom growth by means of a church plant for nearly 18 months. Those of us involved have not done this kind of work before, so we are traveling through some uncharted waters. It may seem as if more should be happening, but I am convinced that God is still at work preparing us in anticipation of what we will do for the kingdom, especially with work in Cedar Lake.

Three of us (Paul Wendt, Kathy O'Day, and I) attended a two-day workshop in Belleville, Michigan. At that workshop, we encountered a room full of people on fire with the message of God and with plans for church planting. We learned some things that have helped put things into better perspective.

The first understanding about church planting is "The Boss Principle." It is important to understand whose plan it is. The Boss Principle declares that Christ is the Lord of the Church and that He has a vision for each new church that will be planted. The Apostle Paul wrote,

And God placed all things under His (Christ's) feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

One of the most basic misunderstandings about the church is that "It's my church." In reality, it is the Lord's church and He invites us to participate in His plan for the church. His plan is that we would go and make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them (Matthew 28:18-20). The means for this work is through the Lord's Church.

The biggest challenge that we face right now is staffing for the work of the mission plant. We have reached the point where we need a mission planter dedicated to kingdom growth in Cedar Lake. Please begin to offer this up in your prayers, that the Lord will provide the worker for His harvest field! As you pray, let the Lord guide your own personal reflection about what you might be able to do, or how you might be able to support this work toward kingdom growth by means of a church plant. And as you do this, give thanks to God that he allows us to work on His behalf in His church for the sake of His people and His kingdom!!!

Pastor Easterday

From Your Pastor- Part 2

One of the joys I have had in ministry is that of growth and maturity in leading the Lord's church. I have been blessed with what I call increasing responsibilities as I gained experience as a pastor. Without that growth in experience, I would not have been able to come to a congregation like Trinity with its added responsibilities and blessings.

We have a great opportunity to help one of our own church workers grow in that increasing responsibility. Paul Wendt has been a faithful servant here for over 14 years. In that time, he has grown and matured in his work as a Director of Christian Education (DCE). He has continued his personal educational studies while here, and both Paul and the congregation have been blessed.

For the past few years, Paul and I have had ongoing discussions about what the next step is for him in ministry. He has felt a need for added growth and responsibility in his ministry here. We have recently had some serious discussions about something called SMP (Specific Ministry Program).

SMP is a plan whereby men who are potential Pastors can make ministry preparations without having to quit jobs and move to Fort Wayne or St. Louis to attend a seminary. The men take a one-week intensive class at one of the seminaries each September. Then, during the next nine months, the men take three more classes by way of on-line instruction (classes on the internet). This is a four year program and is called "Specific" because it prepares the man for the specific ministry that he will be doing at the particular congregation where he will be working (Trinity).

Paul is excited about the possibilities that this will bring both to him and to the congregation. He sees it as a means for personal growth, but even more so as an enhancement to the work toward kingdom growth in our community. It means for Trinity to support the growth and maturity of workers for the sake of the kingdom.

The four year plan begins with a two-year vicarage. Paul would be installed as a Vicar, while doing much of the same work he currently does as a DCE. He would also do some of the things pastors do as part of his training. In addition to the teaching and counseling that he currently does, he would preach periodically, and would be involved some in hospital and shut-in visits. Because this is a specific ministry program, he wouldn't necessarily be trained to be a "jack of all trades" pastor, but would be more specific in his work and training. At the end of the first two years, he would be eligible for ordination. This would allow him to consecrate the elements at Holy Communion, conduct weddings and funerals, and to offer the absolution in the worship service. He could at that point do virtually all that a pastor does, but still would need to complete the final two years of training before being officially recognized on the roster of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

The Elders have discussed this the past few months and are recommending that the congregation approve Paul's participation in SMP. New groups of men (cohorts) start each September. Time is short to accomplish this but it can still be accomplished at the June Congregational Meeting so we don't lose a year in the process. The Elders have recommended that the congregation vote to approve Paul's participation and to receive him first as a Vicar, and then as a pastor at Trinity.

The schooling cost is approximately \$7000 per year. This would come from the Trinity continuing education fund. There would be no change to his salary the first two years. After that, there would be some adjustment to his salary based on the guidelines for a certified pastor, which is a little less than that of an ordained pastor.

There are some wonderful benefits to the congregation. Many congregations our size have three pastors on staff. Several Indiana congregations have added to

their ministry staff through the SMP route. This would help us in our worship services, and would enable Paul to serve with the authority of the pastoral office for the glory of God and for the good of his kingdom.

It is difficult to anticipate and answer all the questions you may have at this time, but Paul and I would be willing to talk with you one-on-one as we work to help Paul grow in increasing responsibilities for the Lord's work and His kingdom.

Pastor Easterday

The Principal Connection ... **"More Love to Thee, O Christ!"**

Looking for a Market Day Coordinator

We would like to thank Keri Wilkes for her tireless efforts to promote and administer our Market Day program. Keri is ready to step aside after this year. We are looking for a parent to step forward and take the lead on our Market Day program. Parents and congregation members can get order forms in the Atrium or order online. We receive deliveries once a month at 1 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. The 8th grade class helps to unload the truck and set up the items in the Cafeteria. Pick-up has been scheduled from 2-3 PM. This is a function of our Parent Teacher League (PTL) and has been a reliable third source funding program. If you are interested or if you have questions please contact Mr. John Schultz @ 663-1586 or our new PTL President Joy Smith @ 219/384-6892. We would hate to drop this program for lack of leadership!

Pennies For Patients Update

For the first time in the Indiana Chapter's history, Pennies for Patients and HOP for Leukemia & Lymphoma have raised more than **\$500,000** to support blood cancer research and local patient services. They have reached this monumental half-million-dollar mark due to the dedication, efforts and support of you and our school. **Trinity raised \$1014.78! That's an average of \$7.92 per student. Way to go Trinity!** Your contributions will bring them one step closer to finding a cure for blood cancers. From the bottom of the penny jar, we thank you!

Athletic Task Force

Mr. Marv Hecht as our new Athletic Director (AD) for 2011-12 is putting together an Athletic Task Force. He wants to bring together faculty, staff, administration, church and school families, community and the student body of Trinity to implement new ideas pertaining to different sporting events. He would like to see this group organize volunteers to enhance the overall experience for athletes and spectators at Trinity. If you are interested please call him at 219-218-6960 or email him at marvhecht@yahoo.com.

Harmony Coming!

Trinity Lutheran School is proud to announce a new communications system called **Harmony**, which will replace our current system of **Fast Direct**. This system will improve our communications with our families. Each parent will have a separate account and a password to access all kinds of information. It will enable us to allow access to financial accounts so parents can view tuition, registration, Extended Care, and extra fees. It will enable us to move to an online registration process. It will allow us to correspond to current email accounts without having to login to a different sight as with **Fast Direct**. This system will have a **Gradebook** feature which we want to have operational and open to parents by the end of the 1st semester. It also has a lesson plan feature for the teachers to use online. We will enable parents to have access to the lunch accounts with the Cafeteria program that tracks student's accounts and enables food meal entry. Accounts will be able to be paid online as parents can daily access student accounts. An additional unique feature of this **Harmony** system will be that multitude of State of Indiana reports, standardized test results, health reports, discipline reports, and School Reach all interact with it, which will allow for more efficiency. We are thankful to our anonymous donor who provided the money for the startup costs. We are thankful to the Lord for this terrific blessing. We will be sharing more information before next year begins as we begin our training process.

Trinity Recognition

We have had 129 children sent to the Principal's office for being good this year! What a joy to see the smiling faces as they leave my office.

Students of the Month for **May 2011** are **Kristen Szaller and Emma Pflughoeft**. Congratulations go out to **these two students who have been selected by their teachers to receive this award!** They get a certificate, a letter, and their picture posted outside the Principal's Office. Stop by and see their smiling faces!

Congratulations!

If you know of anyone who has attended and graduated and is an alumni who is doing well and is successful at their school, **please let Mr. Schultz know**. We want to recognize them in the Principal's Pad of our Trinity Weekly Announcements and in the Monthly Newsletter!

The following former Trinity students qualify for the **Honor Role at their schools:**

Andrean - Alex Long
Lowell - Sarah Fraikin, Allison Cizmar, Amy Fraikin
Boone Grove - Alexia Weglewski
Lutheran East - Chiamara Anokwute
Merrillville - Morgan Boyd
Covenant Christian - LeAnn Powell
Hanover - Hope Stinson

Crown Point

Seniors – ***Nina Albin, Erik Dahlman, Paige Fitzsimons, Elizabeth Gardiner, Evan Henderlong, Anita Mendoza, Allanna Tillery***

Juniors – ***Megan Dean, Rachel Torkelson, Rebecca Vajda, Carl Wendt***

Sophomores – ***Courtney Recker, Brittany Ronning, Andrea Tillery***

Freshman – ***Jason Best, Alexis Fitzsimons, Hailey Franklin, Erik Gardin, Glenn Hecht, Sophie Reiners, Ashlyn Stiener, Amanda Stieve***

What a joy to see so many! Of the 46 graduates from Trinity 8th grade **since 2006 a total of 62% have made the honor role at their high schools**. Way to go graduates!

A very special congratulation goes to senior **Paige Fitzsimons** who has received a total of 11 "C" notes at Crown Point High School. Congratulations also to **Evan Henderlong and Erik Dahlman** who were actors in the Senior-produced **One-Act** plays at Crown Point High School. In addition to that Erik was co-captain of the Academic Quiz Bowl Team that was featured on **"Making the Grade"** (Channel 11 -PBS series) and took the team to state competition. Evan traveled to Japan with a student group from Crown Point High School. Way to go guys!

Congratulations go out to **Derek Vajda** who **graduated from Indiana University** this May and has been **accepted into Indiana University Dental School** in Indianapolis.

Congratulations to **all** our former students for their academic and extracurricular achievements. ***A former parent said, "Our students are always prepared and excel when they leave Trinity!"***
Thanks for those nice words!

Thank you for a wonderful school year. We pray you will have a great summer and remember the Lord in your attendance in His house of worship. God's blessings and we will see you next school year.

John E. Schultz

From the Executive Director ...

Last fall, I explained how we faced a \$90,000 income shortfall for the current fiscal year due to an unexpected large drop in our Day School enrollment this school year. Here are some of the key actions we've taken since then and where we stand today.

1. Our Finance Board carefully reviewed our budget and developed a list of about \$40,000 of possible spending cuts and deferrals. About \$25,000 worth have been enacted.
2. We shared our financial situation with the congregation and proposed the "Lead by Example" program that asked for one-time gifts from Trinity's leadership and the congregation to help with this fiscal year's budget deficit. Including a matching gift of \$25,000, a total of \$87,000 was raised through your generosity.

3. Led by Principal Schultz and the Day School Board, numerous task teams moved us through the process of getting our Day School accreditation renewed for the next five years. One outcome of the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) process was a School Improvement Plan that included goals of increasing Day School enrollment and solidifying financial sources to keep our Day School healthy.
4. We formed a Day School Enrollment Task Force that has focused on ways to increase our enrollment, primarily through promotional activities such as a billboard on U.S. 231, mailings to local families with school-aged children, making local churches aware of space availability in our school, and so on.
5. We hired Susan Magruder for the new full-time position of Business Manager and Development Director. In this dual role, Susan is helping make sure our daily operations are efficient and is coordinating efforts such as fundraisers, grant writing, and endowment fund promotion.
6. The Day School Board has been gaining a better understanding of parent likes and dislikes about the school and working aggressively on retention of current enrollees.

Given the spending cuts and Lead by Example gifts mentioned above, you would think that we'd be in good shape financially as we head into the last month of our fiscal year. Unfortunately, offering income has tailed off in recent months and is now about 4% below our forecast. As this is written, we are projecting a shortfall of about \$45K for this fiscal year. Since we have no cash reserves, we have covered this shortfall by increasing our accounts payable – not a sustainable situation. Preliminary budget projections for next year look no better, so we're going to have to make some painful choices when we present the budget to the congregation on June 20.

We have so many good things going on at Trinity – church attendance on the rise, a growing Youth Group, a high rate of Day School graduates making high school honor rolls, rekindled Stephen Ministry, a possible church plant in Cedar Lake – it's frustrating to be limited by our finances. But we also know God provides the resources needed to get His work done. If you have possibly fallen behind in your offerings this year or have the heart to increase your giving, please don't hesitate to act. Just a 10% increase in offering income would wipe out our deficits with no increase in Day School enrollment or any further expense cuts. *"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).*

Greg Forsythe

From the Contemporary Worship and Youth Director. . .

God says that it pleases Him if we are to honor our bodies. Not a bad idea at all. It's what He has given us. It's usually one of the last things we keep in mind when it comes to everything that encircles our faith. I want to give a special shout out in this month's episode of "From the Director of Contemporary Worship and Youth Ministry", or whatever Marilyn calls my article, to those who ran in the 5K. This was my first go at it and I must say, well done to all finishers in the rain. The ones I am aware of are Amy Dyba, Kate Gardiner, Drew Gardiner, Les Nack, Brooke Nack, Don Stieve, Amy Fraiken (Way to represent the youth, Amy!), Greg Forsythe, and Andy Manning. **A reminder to support Trinity and also your God-given bodies by joining the list of those on the Trinity Fun Run, September 10th, 2011!**

The best part about the race was that I, for the first time, had the opportunity to chase down a water cup. It's more difficult than it first seems. While running in stride, you have to methodically grab a paper cup of water from a passerby without spilling. At Trinity, we hope to be just one more source of water, one more source of refresh. The apostle Paul invites us to run the race marked out for us; God informs the Church to provide the means to run with perseverance. That's why we have many events during the summer time to keep you fresh and focused.

For all people, we have our 8:15 AM service as well as an up-and-coming 11:00 AM projected to begin September 11, 2011. We invite people to focus as they submit themselves to serving as ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians during either service. I am sure the same is true for our other services as well.

For youth, we now are inviting our 5th graders to Six:Ten. Check out the youth board during the summer for addresses to our Six:Ten Summer Tour locations! They are sure to include lots of pools, lots of yard, lots of food, and all Jesus. 8th graders are now invited to Sunday Night SCRAP, which is our Senior High Bible Study and Hang Out Nights. Check the youth board for more information.

We also ask that you begin or continue your prayers for those heading out on mission trips this summer. God will use these people to impact communities, but will also impact the hearts inside His people as we all grow, run, and burn with the Spirit's fire!

Running in the cold builds your desire to either quit or run faster. The same is true about our faith, I believe. Life gets tough. Life gets cold. We could either cease living, or burn those calf muscles! When in doubt, trouble, sadness or sorrow, run the race ... there is much rejoicing at the finish line. So calves, burn, baby, burn!

Brandon Grelle

Child Protection Training

All volunteers and staff **working with children** must be Child Protection Policy certified.

Certification for those over 18 includes: 1) filling out a Volunteer Application, 2) permitting a Limited Criminal History background check, and 3) attending a 1 hour training session. [**Note: sensitive issues concerning child abuse and it's prevention are presented in this training session.**] Youth, age 16-17 may attend this training. Not recommended for younger youth.

Certification is normally good for 3 years. **Adult training session Sunday, June 5, 2:45 p.m.** – Cafeteria A

Certification for those under 18 includes; 1) filling out a Teen Volunteer Application, and 2) attending a 45 min. training session. [**Note: this session is different from the adult version. It does not include the same explicit information about child abuse prevention.**]

Youth training sessions Sunday, June 5 – 4:15 p.m. – Cafeteria A [Parents are encouraged to attend.]
If needed, training sessions will be held the Sunday or Monday of VBS week.



Congratulations Class of 2011

8th grade graduates of Trinity Lutheran School:

Vince Bova, Owen Crum, Carlie Hult, Trevor Ivanyo, Brian Kish, Karlee Reagan, and Alyssa Vajda.

Our High school graduates:

Crown Point High School:

Bailey Whitehead will study Communications at Purdue University, Calumet.

Paul Rowland will attend Lincoln Technical Institute to study auto mechanics.

Elizabeth Gardiner will attend Purdue University to study Fashion Apparel.

Anita Mendoza will study pre-law at Loyola University.

Evan Henderlong will study Japanese at Ball State.

Paige Fitzsimons will attend Concordia University to study Lutheran Elementary Education.

Nina Albin will be pursuing a degree in elementary education.

Lowell High School:

Megan Magruder has completed a Certified Nursing Assistant certification class and is working at Wittenberg. She will continue her education and is undecided on an area of study.

Andrean High School:

Alex Long will attend St. Xavier College on a partial Presidential academic scholarship. He major is undecided.

Home School: Adam Stephen will continue his education and is undecided on an area of study.

Our college graduates:

Indiana University:

Derek Vajda has received a bachelors degree in Science with a minor in Chemistry and Psychology. He has been accepted into Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis.

Indiana University Northwest:

Mark Rosenwinkel has received an associates degree from the school of Public & Environmental Affairs.

Purdue University:

Alyssa Kregel has graduated with a bachelors degree in Youth, Adult and Family Services from the College of Health and Human Services.

Katlyn Jensen graduated this past December. She received a Veterinary Tech bachelors degree.

Ball State:

Sarah Luebcke has received a bachelors degree in Speech Pathology and will be pursuing her masters degree at Ball State.

Notre Dame:

Thomas Tokoly has graduated with a bachelors degree in Economics.

Confirmation Service Opportunities

at Trinity in the next few weeks...

#1 – VBS – June 13 to 17 – many helpers needed for many different roles – mornings that week....

#2 – 1st Step Saturday – June 11th @ Trinity 9:00 a.m. to noon

People not in the Confirmation process are invited to serve too.

Annual Parking Lot 'Garage' Sale

Thursday, June 23rd, 2011 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Rain Date – Friday, June 24th, 2011)

This year, rental proceeds will benefit the youth attending the Awestruck Youth Festival and Servant Event.

3 Ways to Help!

1 – Rent a stall & sell your stuff!

\$20 rents a parking stall!

We will be listed in the Crown Point City-Wide listings in the Shopper!

2 – Donate Stuff to sell to the Youth!

Call DCE Wendt or DCE Grelle to arrange pick-up or drop off at church.

3 – Come & Shop the 23rd of June!

First Steps Saturday

June 11, from 9-noon. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall to stick address labels on 8,000 postcards. We really need your help. Bring a finger food to share and we'll provide punch & coffee

Operation Fun-Raiser: The Follow-Up

World Vision-30 Hour Famine: \$706.00 was raised and sent to World Vision. As a result, two children, somewhere in the world will have their needs provided for one year.

Easter Breakfast: The free-will offering brought in \$405.00. The Easter Breakfast proceeds benefited the youth group.

Chili Cook Off is always a great time! 109 people attended and brought in \$1,526 to benefit the youth.

Lenten Soup Suppers continue to be an awesome time of fellowship. The free-will offering brought in \$628 to the youth fund.

A Night of Abundant Blessings: \$62,789.61 was raised after expenses on this amazing night on March 4th. 15% of that went towards the 8th grade class trip to DC; 15% is going towards the Scholarship Fund and 70% is going towards capital improvements that will be a blessing for both church & school. A special thank you to Thrivent for \$19,170 in matching funds that have been included in the total noted above.

"Fun" raisers would be nothing without support. THANK YOU in a big way to all who attend and support these wonderful community building events. Your support helps Trinity to make a difference in the Crown Point community and beyond!

Susan Magruder
Development Director/Business Manager

Happy Anniversary!

6/1	Ted & Janet Ellis, Marvin & Phyllis Hecht, Cory & Kristin Wielert
6/2	Gary & Sandra Birmingham
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	Jim & Aubrey Nelson
6/8	James & Dawn Dubbert
6/11	Jim & Mary Ann Greiner, David & Joyce Easterday, Arnold & Lorraine Steuer, Jason & Jennifer Zona
6/12	Jared & Emily Snyder
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, Brian & Christina Thomas

6/20	Bob & Judy Duffala, Thomas & Gail McPheron, Rich & Deb Komaminski
6/23	Elden & Stephanie Hildebrandt, Mark & Sharon Tillery, Jeff & Michelle Robinson
6/24	Phillip & Charlotte Morrow, Gerald & Kathleen Petrick, Grant & Lori Hult
6/25	Raymond & Diana Dyba, Phillip & Karen Kaemerer, Steven & Beth Dallman, Sam & Lynn Kirby
6/27	Gregory & Kay Moor, Cole & Linda Viers
6/28	Darrell & Florence Sergent, Tom & Laura Pavlovick
6/30	David & Julie Burkhardt

Happy Birthday!

6/1	Sue Neitzel, Beth Dallman, Karen Warner, Dawn Dubbert, Erik Gardin, Daisey Smith, Kayla Egnatz
6/2	Sandra Wilson, Colin Hecht
6/3	Jackie Korte, Rich Komaminski
6/4	Cole Viers, Linda Viers, Rich Rainey, Chloe Anderson, Amanda Jackson, Morgan Matalin
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
6/10	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, 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
6/21	Timothy Stump, Sarah Cavan, Melissa Knipper, Angie Carlin, Quentin Klingberg, Charles Knipper, Andrew Bodamer
6/22	David Best, Erik Watland, Stephanie Fies, Riley Johnson
6/23	Angie Jensen, Scott Kalember, Ann McCromick, Christine Parry, Aubreigh Haas
6/24	Richard Angerman, Judy Alliss, A.J. Jabarin
6/26	Crissy Alliss, Tiffany O'Day, Michael Pavlovick, Dylan Mowery
6/27	Steve Foulds, Marshall Sirico
6/28	Phil Kaemerer
6/29	Delores Bremer, Logan DeHaan
6/30	Lois Turczi, Tabitha Hoefling

Confirmation

On Sunday May 15th, we joined with 16 of our young people as they shared their faith and received the rite of confirmation. We pray the Lord's continued blessings on our 2011 confirmands: Kaitlyn Berkshire, Owen Crum, Rebekah DeHaan, Loretta Garrett, Araeh Green, Brooke Hoefling, Carlie Hult, Trevor Ivanyo, Brian Kish, Adam Madouros, Olivia Pillar, Karlee Reagan, Megan Rydberg, Melissa Sapper, Tyler Thurn, Alyssa Vajda

Weddings

Samantha DeHaan and Ben Hickel who were united in marriage on May 21st. May the Lord richly bless this union.

Baptisms

Taylor Rose & Hayden Anthony Tedhams, children of Cole & Kristen Tedhams were received into the family of God through holy baptism on May 15th.

Adam Joseph Koszyk, son of Michael & Kristen Koszyk, and Laila Kate Eberly, daughter of Scott & Jocelyn Eberly received the sacrament of holy baptism on May 22nd. Sponsors for Adam are Gregori & Karyn Licina. Sponsor for Laila is Helen Colby.

The baptism of Chase Michael & Chance Thomas Bielawski, sons of Jeff & Apryl Bielawski were acknowledged during worship on May 22nd. Chase and Chance were baptized on May 26th, 2010 at Methodist Hospital. Sponsors for Chase & Chance are Jessica Bielawski and Brian Bogard.

Come Dancing with the Stars Trinity Style

The Trinity gym is reserved for Ball Room Dancing Tuesday evenings through the summer **beginning June 7th through August 30th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** There will be a short lesson from 7:00-7:30 followed by open dancing from 7:30-8:30. Dances will include the basics in waltz, foxtrot, rumba, swing, hustle, mambo and tango. For more information contact Sandy Rosenwinkel at the school 663-1578 or Ken and Marianne Manning.



Wednesday, June 22nd
for article submission to the July newsletter. Articles may be dropped off at church or sent to newsletter@trinitycp.org.



Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, June 5th

Christian Essentials – explore the basic beliefs of Christianity ~ what we believe and why we believe it! Led by Pastor Easterday. Will meet in the Library.

Path to the Cross – the next study in the Faith Lessons series with Ray Vander Laan. This piece focuses on the strict Jewish holiness movement that may have nurtured John the Baptist, the fore-runner of Christ. Led by Paulette Urbanchock. Will meet in room 103.

Lutheranism 101 A summer class is being offered on Sunday morning during the education hour titled Lutheranism 101. The class will give a quick, useable, and comprehensive overview of Lutheran faith and practice. Subjects such as, "Who is God?", "What is Sin?", "What About Women?", and "It's the End of the World as We Know It" will be discussed. It's a good place to start or review Lutheran beliefs and practices. Led by Karol Ketcher. Will meet in room 104.

Acts 2:12b – What does this mean? – Explore a wide variety of topics and questions. Search out what God's Word says. Led by Pastor Kipp. Meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Jr. High Bible Study for those currently in grades 5, 6, 7 will be team led by DCE Paul Wendt and DCE Brandon Grelle. Will meet in room 101.

Mission Connections ...

On the Bakery House "wish list" for June donations would be fly paper strips & ant control poison. Also some miscellaneous items include drain cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner & spray-on fabric deodorizer. If anyone has storage bins, new or used with lids, especially clear see-through type, they could be put to very good use in any number ways at the Bakery House. Any donations can be left in the closet off the atrium where you'll find a large box marked for Bakery House donations. Thank you for all the support you continue to provide through your donations.

The Bakery House Garage Sale

July 14, 15, from 8am-4pm

July 16th: 8-noon

Location: Gymnasium

Donations for the Bakery House Sale are welcome beginning July 11th.

Help will be needed for sorting, selling, baking & of course shopping!! Look in the July newsletter for additional info.

Faith and Creative Writing workshop

Concordia Seminary is pleased to offer Faith and Creative Writing, a workshop that will explore various kinds of creative writing-storytelling (for "page" and "stage"), creative nonfiction, and poetry-and what it means to write in these genres as a person of faith. What role does faith play in the creative process? How is religion expressed through creativity? What makes for effective communication of faith? Questions like these will be explored through presentations, discussion, and creative exercises. Although not required, participants are encouraged to bring their own work, as well as favorite works by others. This workshop is open to all pastors, church workers and lay persons.

Presented by Rev. Travis Scholl, Editor of the Concordia Journal, and Peter Mead, Senior Editor at Creative Communications, this course will take place on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, July 25-27, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost per person is \$130. For registration information, visit the Continuing Education link at www.csl.edu. Registration deadline is July 11.

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