



TRINITY EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AND SCHOOL  
CROWN POINT, INDIANA

# NEWSLETTER

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**Thank You:** We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Lake County Fair booth this year. All who helped made it a great success.  
*Margaret Stanley & Pastor Kipp*

## *From Your Pastor*

Dear friends in Christ,

When I was growing up, I periodically got a different bicycle because I was bigger and didn't fit my old bike. Many times the new bike was too big for me, but I would soon grow up to fit on the bike. I can remember times when I couldn't sit on the seat while pedaling, so would have to ride standing up until I got big enough to fit the bicycle.

As I was thinking about the mission statement of our congregation, I wonder if we have been doing the same thing. It has been a number of years back when the congregation adopted the mission statement with its abbreviated form,

### **Servants of Jesus: Learning, Caring and Sharing God's Word.**

When I first arrived here four years ago, it became very evident to me that the congregation was doing a great job with the learning element of the statement. There were many Bible classes and small groups were being formed to grow in faith in Christ. This part of the mission statement was already a good fit.

The Caring part of the statement was also a good fit. I saw and still see many good things happening with Trinity Cares, Blessing Tree, Handyman Ministry, Thanksgiving Day Dinner, Stephen Ministry, and the work some of our members are doing at Wittenberg each weekend. There is always more that can be done, but once again this part of the mission statement is a good fit.

The area of growth that I see happening today is the Sharing part of the mission statement. We have been sharing through meaningful worship services and Day School Ministry for over 143 years. Now, we continue to grow into that element of the mission statement by way of outreach to various foreign ministries and missionaries as well as through local missions like Bakery House and Hispanic Ministry.

Our sharing growth has also been evident in the addition of weekly Saturday services nearly four years ago. We also added a contemporary worship service 3 ½ years ago, and will be adding another one in September. Worship attendance has increased with the addition of each of the new services and there is growth in the mission element.

Another key area where our growth is beginning to show is in kingdom growth by way of a church plant. We have worked on this for more than 20 months. It may seem as if little has happened. Much of what has happened has been in the hearts of the faithful people working on this mission work. We now are taking some visible steps. On July 23, seventeen people gathered for a time of prayer in anticipation of the work to be done at Cedar Lake. This past Sunday, August 21, thirteen of us walked certain areas of Cedar Lake on a prayer walk, putting feet to the street. On Monday, August 28, a second prayer walk will begin.

Why do we do this? God has called us to go and make disciples. As we do the work toward making disciples of those in Cedar Lake, we are growing into the sharing portion of our mission statement. I have been amazed to see how God has continued to change us in learning and caring, but especially in the sharing portion of the mission statement.

As we consider this call of God, we then consider the fourth Biblical Principle of Church Planting.

### **The Barnabas Principle: Every church planter needs a mentor or coach.**

A coach or mentor is someone who has been where you want to go and can help you get there. For me personally, I have benefited from some of the coaching of Rev. Mike Ruhl, who has led two of the seminars that I have recently attended with Kathy O'Day and Paul Wendt. Coaching is based upon how Barnabas and Saul helped encourage and coach each other during the days of the early church.

**Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. (Acts 11:25-26)**

Few of us have taken the journey of kingdom growth by way of a church plant. I give thanks for Rev. Ruhl and his experience in church planting and his help for us so we can get there, too.

I am thankful for the growth we are experiencing in learning, caring, and sharing. I am thankful that God led us to a mission statement that has challenged us to grow in these areas, just like I was challenged to grow into my bigger bicycles. Thank you for your work, your support, and your faithfulness in this mission of learning, caring and sharing God's Word.

In His service,  
Pastor Easterday

## **Worship Services- September**

### Sept. 3-5 12<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Pentecost

God calls faithful Pastors to at times proclaim hard words of the law that souls might be saved by the great news of the Gospel. (Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:1-10, Matthew 18:1-20)

### Sept 10-12 13<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Pentecost

This weekend is the beginning of a five week series of messages on **Catch the Vision of His Mission**. This week we are reminded that God has "sent us on a mission." This is rally day weekend that includes installation of Sunday School teachers. We will also be dedicating the day school covenants and will have the presentation of the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation certificate. This weekend will also be the first **\$5 for 83** door offering for the mission work at Cedar Lake. (Isaiah 6:1-8, Galatians 4:1-7, John 20:19-23)

### Sept. 17-19 14<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Pentecost

This week the **Catch the Vision of His Mission** focus is on "going." Acolytes will be installed at the weekend services. (Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30, Mark 16:9-16)

### Sept. 24-26 15<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Pentecost

The third **Catch the Vision of His Mission** focus is on "discipling." Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations..." The Saturday service will be held outside (weather permitting) as a conclusion to the tailgate party. (Psalm 119:126-136, Acts 17:10-15, Matthew 28:18-20)

### Oct. 1-3 16<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Pentecost

The fourth **Catch the Vision of His Mission** focus is on "preaching."

### Oct. 8-10 17<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Pentecost

The final **Catch the Vision of His Mission** focus is on "witness" and "spirit."

## **New Worship Opportunity**

One of the goals of ministry is kingdom growth. One of the ways that has happened at Trinity is through the addition of new worship services. For the past number of months plans and preparations have been made for a different form of contemporary worship at an additional time setting. This service will begin **September 11** at **11:00 a.m.** in the gymnasium. This is an additional service and is called **Trinity 11-Engage**. The service includes all of the regular components of worship such as confession and absolution, prayers, readings, children's message, sermon, and the Lord's Supper. There will be opportunities to reflect with others on scripture readings and prayer concerns as we engage each other in meaningful discussions. Our goal is to reach those who are unchurched and who may not have saving faith in Jesus Christ.

As we add this service, we will begin some gradual adjustments to the preaching schedule. There will be some weeks when both Pastors will prepare messages so that the Pastor can start and finish the particular service where he is preaching. We have resisted doing this in the past so we would not add additional work to the Pastors workload, but both Pastors feel that this change is now necessary to improve the worship experiences.

Please spread the word that we have another worship opportunity for those who may desire contemporary worship but find early mornings difficult. We would be delighted to welcome them to this new service beginning **September 11** at **11:00 a.m.** in the gymnasium. We want all to engage with each other and with Jesus Christ at the **Trinity 11- Engage** service. Please contact Pastor Easterday if you have any questions!

## **Churches Planting Churches Workshop**

Trinity will be hosting a conference entitled "Churches Planting Churches," presented by Rev. Mike Ruhl of Center For U.S. Missions (C4USM). Rev. Ruhl previously served as the Michigan District Evangelism Executive and has been the Executive Director of C4USM since 2004. Pastor Easterday, Paul Wendt, and Kathy O'Day attended this conference in June and have been working to bring this conference here. The majority of the cost is being underwritten by the Mission Planting Advocates of Indiana.

The workshop will be held **Friday, October 14** from **8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**, and on **Saturday, October 15** from **8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**. The plan for the workshop is as follows:

Friday: Why plant churches? What are some of the principles of church planting?

Saturday: What do we need to do to plant a church?

Because much of the cost has been underwritten by Mission Planting Advocates, we are offering this workshop to congregational members at a nominal cost of \$10.00. This will cover the cost of the workbook. The workshop includes lunch as well as morning and afternoon snacks.

Please watch the bulletin for registration materials. If you cannot attend both days, we would encourage you to at least attend the Friday session to better understand why we as a congregation should be involved in church planting. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Easterday or Paul Wendt.

## **Fan Into Flame- \$5 for 83**

We will once again begin the \$5 for 83 quarterly door offerings. The basis for this offering is that every minute, 83 people die without knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The offerings will specifically be used for some of the expenses of our work in Cedar Lake. We have begun some activities and did not include this in the ministry spending plan for this year. This work is crucial as we move ahead with kingdom growth through church planting in Cedar Lake. This community has 11,000 residents and only 10-11 churches. In comparison to Crown Point, there simply aren't sufficient churches to provide the outreach needed in this community. The first door offering will be **September 10-12** at each of the services. Please prayerfully consider a gift of \$5 or more for outreach to the 83 people who die each minute without knowing Jesus. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Easterday.

*Pastor Easterday*

## **The Principal Connection ...** **"Both Great and Small Praise our God!"**

"Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!" **Revelation 19:5**

The other day I was looking around the rooms in our school. We use power in the rooms for so many things they could never have imagined when this building was first built. SMART boards, DVR's, televisions, VCR's, pencil sharpeners, etc. All of them need a chord to connect them to the power source at the electrical outlet.

How do God's people get the power to keep on believing, serving and striving in a hostile world? They have an invisible extension cord that keeps them "plugged in" to their real power source. God the Holy Spirit empowers us, dwells within us, and enables us to keep going because He feeds the power to us through His Word and sacraments. As we continue to live for Him, remember that we too have strength from our unseen extension cord.

## **Trinity Lutheran School Granted Accreditation**

I have great news to share! The National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) National Commission met in St. Louis, MO on August 5-6, 2011 to review the reports of the Lutheran schools that were candidates for accreditation. Trinity Lutheran School was among the candidate schools. Mr. John E. Schultz, principal of Trinity Lutheran School was notified by Dr. Clifford Dietrich, the Indiana District NLSA Commissioner, that Trinity's accreditation was unanimously approved by the commission.

Accreditation is granted for a period of five years. It is achieved upon the completion of an extensive self-study and an evaluation by a visitation team made of educators from Lutheran, public, and other non-public schools. National Lutheran School Accreditation serves the schools operated by congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Trinity is also accredited with the State of Indiana, which uses the NLSA School Improvement Plan as a key component for state accreditation.

## **Our Teachers and Staff are a Blessing!**

**We have so many things to praise our God for this year!** We continue to give God all the glory and praise for our fabulous faculty and staff. They are a real blessing to

our school! We will continue to have **Mrs. Laura Sauerman** teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade, **Mrs. Christine Miller** will teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade, **Mr. Arron Lehman** will teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and **Brenda Dean** will teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade. **Mrs. Casey Pflughoeft** will teach our Art and be our Resource Room teacher, which will help students with special needs and gifted talents. **Mrs. Melanie Johnson** will teach 4<sup>th</sup> grade and **Mrs. Ruth Schultz** will teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. **Mrs. Karol Ketcher** will teach 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. **Mrs. Jene Lintz** will teach our first grade and **Mrs. Karen Knapp** will be assisting as a Teacher's Aide. Our Early Childhood classes will have **Mrs. Terry Chelap** teaching Kindergarten, with **Mrs. Carole Esala** assisting. **Mrs. Sandy Rosenwinkel** and **Mrs. Laurie Pavlovick** will teach the Pre-school children. We will have **Mrs. Cindy McGraw** assisting as part-time aides. **Mrs. Lisa Cizmar** will once again be the **Administrative Assistant** in our School Office. **Mrs. Joyce Easterday** is volunteering as the lead person in our **Library**. **Mr. Marv Hecht** is our fabulous **Athletic Director**. **What a blessing all these fabulous teachers and staff people are to our children.**

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to **Allanna Tillery** Trinity class of 2007. She graduated from Crown Point High School with High Academic Honors and a GPA of 4.285. She is now attending the International Academy of Design and Technology in Chicago. She was one of 5 freshmen to receive a scholarship for her outstanding portfolio, which she developed in high school. She studied Japanese for 4 years with straight A's and played in the band for 4 years as 1<sup>st</sup> chair. She played flute at Trinity. **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 (TWA)!

Thank you for all your prayers which help to make for a wonderful new school year. We pray you have had a great summer and remembered the Lord in your attendance in His house of worship. God's blessings.

*John E. Schultz*

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

With summer nearly over (boo!), Trinity is ramping up to full speed again in many ministry areas. A few highlights:

1. Day School – school is back in session. Enrollment is similar to last year, but the mix is different with more children in grades K-8, but less in pre-school. Though we have room for more, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to provide Christian education to over 180 children once again this year. In addition to our excellent educational program, new lockers are coming, the computer lab looks awesome, and our new Athletic Director, Marv Hecht, has some great plans.
2. New Church in Cedar Lake – the Mission Outreach Task team continues to work toward the eventual start-up of a church in Cedar Lake. We've completed a few Prayer Walks as a first step in getting to know and establishing a presence in the local neighborhoods. Later this fall, Trinity will be hosting a workshop on the topic of "church planting", which should be a great opportunity for you to learn more about why this is such an effective way to introduce more people to Christ.
3. Bible Study and Small Groups – the new Growth in Faith booklet is out (at the front desk or narthex) and lists dozens of bible study and small group opportunities here at Trinity. Whether your interest is learning, serving, socializing, or simply having fun, we've got it covered. And if we don't, just see Paul Wendt about possibly starting something new.
4. Church Finances – the budget we passed for the 7/1/11 – 6/30/12 fiscal year requires Trinity's total income to increase by about 14% to avoid running a deficit (for which we have no reserves). That's a very ambitious plan given recent trends, but we've done it before. We're planning a stewardship emphasis in November, we continue to aggressively work on increasing Day School enrollment, and we continue to look for grants and fund raising opportunities to offset expenses.
5. Stephen Ministry – our Stephen Ministry team is trained and active. If you are struggling with most any type of personal issue and would just like to have someone to talk to, consider this human care ministry. Call Pastor Kipp for more information.

As always, your participation and prayers are needed to help Trinity fulfill its purpose in God's plans.

*Greg Forsythe*

## **From the Treasurer. . .**

I have often been asked why Trinity does not put the current state of offerings and the budget in the church bulletin every week. I will attempt to answer that here and let you know that on the first Sunday of every quarter (January, April, July and October) we will try a brief report this year. Also, there are complete reports for the fiscal year we just completed available at the Atrium desk.

There are several problems I see with publishing information weekly. Our General Fund Offering Budget this year is \$1,124,000 or \$21,615 per week. Let us look at 3 numbers from July where we had \$22,500, \$21,800 and \$13,000 as our weekend offerings. It would be easy to say after the first two that we are on track, but then begin worrying when we see the third number. We could get as many opinions as Congress if we wanted to discuss finances every week.

Our offerings tend to be highest on the first Sunday and then decline over following Sundays in a month. We also know that Advent and Christmas and Lent, Holy Week and Easter have a big influence on offerings. Church attendance is another factor in determining the size of weekly offerings. Our message remains one of weekly giving based on what God has given to you. We encourage the use of Simply Giving – a way to give electronically that is still connected to your envelope number.

A second perspective to consider is how are the numbers viewed by guests and new members. For instance, after 8 Sundays this year we are about \$6,000 behind the budget that is adjusted for Advent and Lenten seasons. If the straight line number of \$21,615 were applied we would say we are \$14,000 behind budget from July 1 – August 22. How does one react to these numbers? Is the church in trouble? I cannot give that much! Fill in your own thoughts. The income alone does not tell the whole story. The quarterly updates will also feature comments about expenses so you will be able to get snapshot of where we are at.

On a related note, our school enrollment as of this writing is at 179 and rising. Our plan was based on 185 students. We are below average in numbers for Pre-K classes and KG overall, but we have added 20 to 30 students in Grades 1-8 this year. If we add four more students we will be at the budgeted registration and tuition dollar amounts even though the mix of students is different than we planned.

We continue to thank God for his blessings and your response.

*Jim Hensley*

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## Board of Church Properties

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Now that schools are back in session and most of us are back on a normal schedule, let's look back and see what happened over the summer.

The largest change was the replacement of the school lockers. This was identified as one of the items on the Abundant Blessing wish list. In the middle of June we began the removal of the old lockers. Once that was done, the walls were repainted. A big thanks goes out to Jim Cizmar for taking that project as his own and coordinating the other volunteers. The help he had consisted of Phil Kaemerer, Chuck Thompson, Andrew Magruder, Tom Thirion, Richard Knight, Aaron Hensley, Paige Fitzsimons, Alexis Fitzsimons, Megan Dean, Brenda Dean, Laura Sauerman, Jennifer McCord, Nikkol McCord, Kim Smith, Rita Smith, Clay Myers, Chiamara Anokwute, Kim Merrill, Sue Board and Matt Board.

The replacement lockers had already been ordered. Of course, before the order was placed the delivery estimate was 8 weeks, approximately a mid-July delivery. Once the order was placed the interval grew to 10-12 weeks. So, as of August 22<sup>nd</sup> we are still waiting for a few missing parts to arrive at the installation contractor. Once they get the last of the parts they can finish the assembly and schedule the installation. All installation work will be done, by them, in the evenings or Saturdays now that school has started.

I'm sure you have seen the new striping in the parking lot. We had that done to freshen up the existing lines and handicap parking signs.

We are still working on minor details with the proposed exterior door replacements. This work will replace the wooden doors on the carport and chapel entrances. These doors are originals from 1956. We have resurfaced the chapel doors at least twice and the carport doors once in the last 25 years. The proposed doors with aluminum frames will be almost maintenance free. We do plan to install the same stained glass windows in the carport doors. We expect this work to be done this fall. The cost of these doors is being covered by the Building Fund. We thank you for your continued contributions to this fund. There are future projects planned for this fund.

Another thank you for another great job by our mowing crew. Our volunteers, Bob Kerr, Jim Warner and Paul Watland have continued the history of excellence when it comes to mowing, mulching and general care of the property.

Trinity League has asked for our help in getting the Church Kitchen repainted. The hold up is the damaged plaster on the south wall and by the exterior door. We want to investigate that area before we start painting in there.

*Gary Diekelmann*

## Stephen Ministry

**Is This Article About You?** Have you recently lost someone near and dear? Are you struggling with a diagnosis that brings fear and opens a door to the unknown? Is life bringing you down-down-down because of this and that? It can be tough to share struggles with those who may be struggling themselves. No one wants to be a burden so perhaps you're keeping your pain inside. Perhaps sharing your burdens with those who don't share your Christian values seems pointless. Stephen Ministers have been trained to listen to you; Stephen Ministers are there when everyone else goes home; Stephen Ministers are Christian caregivers who listen, pray and encourage and Trinity has male and female Stephen Ministers waiting to care for you. You truly don't have to do it alone any longer. Please call Pastor Kipp in the church office to request a Stephen Minister.

### **Prayer Walks in Cedar Lake** **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

#### **Prayer Walk Goals:**

- To prepare Hearts and Minds in Cedar Lake to receive the Gospel, according to Father's design.
- To align our wills at Trinity to Father's desire for Kingdom Growth in Cedar Lake.

The Prayer Walks will include:

- 30 minutes of training
- 15 minutes to travel to Cedar Lake to the assigned route for the team [2-3 people to stroll through a section of Cedar Lake to pray.]
- 45 minutes to stroll...and perhaps even speak with people.
- 15 minutes to travel back to Trinity Lutheran
- 45 minutes to share what was seen, heard, perceived from the Spirit.

We are praying for 50 teams...that's 100-150 members of Trinity who are willing to stroll through an assigned section of Cedar Lake and pray for the salvation of people living in that area and keep their eyes open to what the Holy Spirit desires to show us. Watch for ways to sign up.

**Golden Group:** We will be meeting at the Lighthouse Restaurant overlooking beautiful Cedar Lake at **1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25**. The Lighthouse is located on Constitution St. off Morse St. (sign on the corner of Morse and Constitution) All seniors or "wanna be's" are invited. Please contact Chuck & Helen Sauerman by Wednesday, September 21 at 663-0249.

Trinity League Presents

A Mystery Tea

“Gone with the Breeze”

Sunday, October 2, 2:30pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Ladies over 25 only

Please bring your favorite tea cup and saucer

Seating limited to the first 100 members

RSVP by Sept 22

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your RSVP to the receptionist at the atrium desk.

*Happy Birthday!*

9/1	Cliff Esboldt, Wendy Hoefling, Scott Eberly, Talor Smith
9/2	Sandy Reynolds, Rebecca DeHaan, Cameron Zimmerman, Emma DeHaan, Grant Wilkes
9/3	Marie Segert, Sandra Birmingham, Jennifer Pollitt, Laura Stieve, Emily Damjanovic, Collin Shea, Cameron Alliss, Emily Kerkhof
9/4	Max Korte, Cathy Stinson
9/5	Kathleen Regelin, Tina Stiener, Noah Oosterhoff
9/6	Anthony Spelde, Sandy Smith, Daniel Matuska, Kyle Rainey, Angela Ballou
9/7	Nancy Schmidt, Brooke Nack, Allison Gardin
9/8	Ruth Gale, Kim McGraw, Michael Luebcke
9/9	Guy Ramey, Dawn Beamer, Vicky Fanno, Kyle Nasrallah
9/12	Stuart Snow, Phyllis Hecht, Brittney Johnstone, Ellery Shea
9/13	Noretta Emerson, Greg Madouros Jr, Wil Knapp, Ava Stojkovich, Vince Sirico
9/14	Beckie Heineman, Guadalupe DeChene, Jennifer Haberling
9/15	Lisa Cizmar
9/17	Gary Rowland, Dave Zimmerman, Dayna Martin, Sarah Board, Mirissa Haberling
9/18	Linda Angerman, Jack Ritsema, Rich Wolter, Christina Thomas, Brandon Gurtatowski, Andrew Schwimmer, Aaron Sirico, Liam Wielert
9/20	Diane Horst, Kim Merrell, Dena McCormick, Leslee Wiater, Ka'tlyn Jensen, Anita Mendoza
9/21	Margaret Stanley
9/22	Hazel Gardin, Joel Havard II, Matthew Reynolds, Bruno Hnatusko III
9/23	Thomas Mauman, Aaron Hensley,
9/24	Terry Ippolito, Todd Sapper, Kirk Kremiski, Sam Fies, Ariana Klingberg, Marilyn Kozlowski
9/25	John Camp, Apryl Bielawski, Adam Madouros
9/26	Roy Garrett, Michael Griffin, Mark Rosenwinkel
9/27	Jeannine Furukawa, Richard Knight, John Swanson, Michael Dean, Dan Ivanyo, Sandra Johnson, Jocelyn Eberly, Abby Pillar, Abigail Goeringer, Rachel Torkelson, Tyler Thurn, Emma Riffle, Molly Brzinski
9/28	Lynette Moon, Gretchen Hensley, Quinn Rosenthal
9/29	Katherine Albach, Florence Spelde, Rachel Peyovich, Blake Klingberg, Lucas Johnson, Charles Reinholtz IV
9/30	Bob Kerr, Linda Salmon

*Happy Anniversary!*

9/1	David & Betty Jane Spanier
9/2	Gary & Debbie Hammond,
9/3	Brian & Melissa Knipper
9/4	Fritz & Joyce Rather
9/5	William & Jean Banta, Matthew & Pamela Shea, Matt & Andrea Brauer
9/6	Harold & Hertha Chubbs
9/7	Jeff & Amanda Alliss
9/8	Dick & Linda Angerman, Kent & Hazel Gardin, Don & Sheri Tokoly
9/9	Klaus & Karin Becker, Kevin & Jennifer McCord, Jason & Christine Genovese
9/10	James & Bonnie Surma, Steve & Rebecca DeHaan
9/11	Bob & Toni Michalak
9/12	Wally & Jennifer Suslowicz
9/13	David & Misty Knestrict
9/15	Helmut & Ruth Baum
9/16	Allen & Ruth Champion, Tom & Kara Whitaker
9/17	Michael & Dena McCormick
9/18	Robert & Angie Jensen, Mike & Jessica Snyder
9/20	Dick & Lois Uhter, Kirk & Kristi Kremiski
9/21	Don & Janice Fronek
9/22	Gerald & Noretta Emerson, Perry & Michelle Sheetz
9/24	Tim & Sherry Doyle, Kevin & Andrea Cole
9/26	Dennis & Joyce Mills, Bart & Jenny Rashin
9/27	Mike & Suzanne Murphy, Derrill & Roberta Kregel
9/28	Brad & Kristin Campbell, Jason & Jennifer Green, Adam & Laura Eich

## Weddings

Congratulations and the Lord's blessings on the marriage of Alex Maxwell & Jennifer Adank on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Baptisms

Several children were received into the family of God through holy baptism during the month of August. They are:

Stella Rose and Lily Grace, daughters of Dan & Sarah Grelecki, and granddaughters of Chuck & Sharon Grelecki.

Charles Thomas Mangrum, son of James & Melissa Mangrum. Sponsors for Charles are Mandy & Kristopher Buckman and Tina Garcia.

Angelica Jocelyn Voyles, daughter of Richard Voyles & Gloria Guel. Sponsors for Angelica are Kevin & Carla Guel.

Mason Edward Cruz and Julian Jesus Cruz, sons of Jesse & Gwen Cruz.

## Funerals

Dorothy Manning was called home to be with the Lord on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral was August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

David Wilson went to his eternal rest on July 30<sup>th</sup>. His funeral was August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Florence Bow was called to her eternal rest on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral was August 29<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Memorial.

## New Members

We received several new members into our Trinity family on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Received by confirmation are Dave Mays, Casidy Zastrow, Jesse & Gwen Cruz, and Jackie Jones.

Received by profession/reaffirmation of faith are Linda Stanford, Christine Bryant and children Danica & A.J., Paul Blanchard, Vince Bova, Susan Bova, Nancy Anglis, Barbara Berkshire and children Kaitlyn & Kyle, Jennifer Morawska, Rory Regelin, Elissa Roop, Wil & Donna Steuer, and Nicole Willman.

Received by transfer are Joseph Willman and Lenny & Dana Zastrow.

We pray that the Lord will richly bless our ministry and all of our new members in the work that He has called us all to do.



**Wednesday, September 21,** for article submission to the October newsletter. Articles may be dropped off at church

or sent to [newsletter@trinitycp.org](mailto:newsletter@trinitycp.org).

## TLS School News

**Car Wash:** TLS 5th grade class will be having a car wash on **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Proceeds will go to the Camp Lutherhaven Outdoor Education Trip.

### TLS Library Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help in the library on Wednesdays. The main task is to help students find and check out their books. No special skills are needed, but you would have to complete the child protection training if you have not already done so. We start at 9:45 and finish at 3:00, but if you are available for just the morning or just the afternoon we can work around that. Most volunteers work one or two Wednesdays a month, but that is flexible also. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Easterday. Phone: 219-662-8638 or 219-798-9599, email [tchrje@att.net](mailto:tchrje@att.net), or just leave a note at the reception desk. Thank you!



### Bible Study

**September 11<sup>th</sup> – On Sunday Morning -- @ 9:30 a.m.**

- Eight (8) different Bible Study opportunities begin....

Christian Essentials in the Library

Revelation – special focus on the Gospels in Room 104

The Power of WE in the gym

Faith Lessons – The Promised Land in Room 207

Law & Gospel in the Teacher's Lounge

Faith Stepping Stones Entering School in Room 102

Faith Stepping Stones The Bible in Room 101

Faith Stepping Stones Surviving Adolescence in Room 103

- Youth Bible Study resumes with new energy in the Youth Room
- Confirmation Begins....

Our Journey of Faith Together (gr. 7-8) in Cafeteria B

Worship (gr. 6) in Cafeteria A [ADULTS WELCOME]

The Big Bible Picture (gr. 5) in the Fellowship Hall

[ADULTS WELCOME]

- Sunday School for age 3 to grade 4 begins with Rally Day

**Full Details on these opportunities and over 40 watch Groups (small groups) can be found in the Growth in Faith booklet...get yours at one of the weekend services, then find a way to be involved.**

## **Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

Imagine what your life would be like without worry. Women worry a lot, we worry about our children, our friends, our careers, our families, our spouses, the list could go on and on. Yes we want to be content and trust God with our worries, but it's a struggle to let go and free ourselves from the burden of anxiety. If you're tired of worrying about all the what ifs in your life and want to experience the calm and contentment promised in scripture. Calm my anxious heart is what you're looking for. Filled with encouragement and practical help for overcoming anxiety, we will have a 12 week study to help us discover what the Bible says about contentment and ways to apply it to your daily life. We will begin studying this book on September 6th, the Tuesday after Labor day. We meet in the library every Tuesday at 9:00 until 10:30. There are women of all ages. Child care will be provided in the nursery off of the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please contact Leslie Gardiner at 662-9487. With Calm My Anxious Heart you can let go of your anxiety and experience the contentment that comes from trusting God. We look forward to you joining us!

## **THRIVENT FINANCIAL FIGHTS HUNGER**

We invite you to join with us and other area Lutheran churches in our third annual event to help feed undernourished families in Northwest Indiana. 18 percent of Lake County and 14 percent of Porter County people are "food insecure" according to a USDA report. 600,000 Hoosiers, one-third of them children, go to bed hungry every night. In collaboration with the charitable food aid organization Kids Against Hunger, we will package 111,000 scientifically formulated, fully nutritious, tasty meals in a one day blitz on September 17 at the Valparaiso University ARC (Athletic Recreation Center). The food will be distributed to area food pantries by the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana.

Kids Against Hunger/ Greenwood IN affiliate provides the packaging protocol, equipment, and dry food ingredients. Valparaiso University donates the facility and services. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives Carsten Falkenberg and Mark Baker are responsible for raising hundreds of volunteers and thousands of dollars to purchase the food ingredients and package the meals. Each meal costs only 25 cents, but that means we must raise \$27,750 before the event so we can pay for the food to be purchased.

If you would like to help us achieve this worthwhile goal, you may send contributions to Carsten Falkenberg, 6811 East 125<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Crown Point, IN 46307; checks should be made out to Kids Against Hunger with Northwest Indiana Event in the memo. To volunteer, go online to [www.kah-greenwood.org](http://www.kah-greenwood.org) and sign up for one of three shifts. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our request.

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