



# NEWSLETTER



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*A special thank you to our Trinity family for all your kindness, caring support, and prayers for Darrell Klockenga and his family during this past year. God's blessings to our Pastors Easterday and Kipp families and to our Trinity family for all your kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, cards, visits, and service during this time of bereavement.*

## **Mosaic Farewell Gathering:**

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** we will host a Mosaic farewell in the Youth Room. Especially for youth, but others are welcome! Sadly, it is time to say "good-bye" to Laura, Emily and Richard.

## ***From Your Pastor***

Dear friends in Christ,

It is really amazing to realize that I have been blessed to be Sr. Pastor at Trinity for a full year now. I can only imagine what many of the other staff members think when they look back over the time they have been serving at Trinity. Time has a wonderful way of maturing us and helping us grow in faith in Jesus and also in our relationships with each other. I praise God for this blessing!

Throughout the years I have been known to coin particular phrases to remind us of what is important. This past year, I have continued to remind the staff that we are **"Striving for excellence, living by grace."** It has been a good reminder that our value in God's eyes is not based on how excellent the ministry activities may be, but on the excellent free gift of forgiveness through Christ Jesus.

In recent months I have begun sensing a clearer direction for us as a congregation. I have talked in past months about church planting. Last month I talked about being comfortable. But as we look to the start of school and other Fall activities, perhaps it is time to begin to bringing many of those thoughts together as we think about being **missional**. The commission to God's church was given as Jesus ascended into heaven.

**All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.** (Matthew 28:18-20)

The church exists to "Go!" In "going" we begin to fulfill God's plan that all would believe in Jesus Christ as Savior. The world today is a different world than it was 140 years ago when Trinity began as a congregation. It is even different than it was 10 years ago. We have now entered a time when we can truly say that our nation no longer is a Christian nation. Christians are in the minority today. A number of foreign countries have recognized that the United States is the biggest mission field in the world, and are sending missionaries here!

It is this world at this point in time that God has given to us. He has blessed us with great power in this ministry. Last year's school memory verse reminds us of that power,

**I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.** (Romans 1:16)

God has given us a wonderful calling, to be faithful in proclaiming Jesus who paid the full price for all our sins. It is a message to be proclaimed to all nations. It is our call as a congregation in Crown Point, Indiana. It is God's gift to us to be faithful in our service to him.

With this thought in mind, I would propose the following focus phrase for us as we move forward in ministry:

Commissioned For Mission!

God has been preparing us with last year's focus on "The Best Is Yet To Come," and on being "Consecrated Stewards." In the upcoming months I will reflect on what commissioned for mission means for us, and how God will continue to transform us for His work!

*Pastor Easterday*

## **Worship Services- August**

August 2-4 12<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost

God satisfies our hunger and thirst at no cost to us but at great cost to Jesus! We will be sending the Mosaic group off to new destinations with a Godspeed blessing!

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

August 9-11 13<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost

We are called to confess the name of Jesus without fear and without doubt. This weekend Trinity will also be hosting the Fair service. (All other services at Trinity will still be offered at their regular times.)

Readings: Job 38:4-18, Romans 10:5-17, Matthew 14:22-33

August 16-18 14<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost

A woman of great faith was content to receive even the wonderful blessing of the crumbs the dogs normally received! As we prepare for the start of school, we will be rededicating the school faculty and staff.

Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32, Matthew 15:21-28

August 23-25 15<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost

God built his church on the Rock, Jesus Christ. We are hewn from that Rock through faith. We will celebrate Rally Day with Rededication of Sunday School teachers and staff.

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6, Romans 11:33-12:8, Matthew 16:13-20

August 30-September 1 16<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost (Labor Day Weekend)

We are reminded to be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

## *Farewell To Mosaic*

This past year we have been blessed to have some very special young men and ladies with us. Richard, Emily, Laura, and Danny came for a one-year time of learning and growing in our congregation. (Danny departed earlier this year.) They have helped us in many ways, and we have helped them by welcoming them and allowing them to learn by doing. Now they will be leaving us for new life adventures, and as they do it is a bittersweet time. They have grown and need to experience life as adults. We have become attached to them and will miss them. On August 3, we will be sending them off with a Godspeed blessing. As they depart, this is what they are planning to do and future contact information for each of them:

Richard Bodden: Richard is enrolling at Concordia University Chicago (River Forest) to complete his degree work. His course of study will take approximately 2 ½ years. Upon graduation he will be eligible to be called in music ministry. He will also continue to assist us in our contemporary worship work on a part time basis.

[ravenpmb@musician.org](mailto:ravenpmb@musician.org)  
(443) 629-7110 (cell phone)

Emily Wiesner: Emily is planning to go back to college this Spring. She has applied at Valparaiso University. Perhaps she will still be in the area!

24 West Gates Street  
Rice Lake, WI 54868  
(715) 671-3620 (cell phone)  
Wiese6906@uwc.edu

Laura Toland: Laura plans to return home to be with her mother in Wisconsin. She will be looking for a job, probably in her area of training in the medical field.

1220 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Davenport, IA 52804  
(563) 343-2557 (cell phone)  
agapesweetie@aol.com

We are so grateful to have had this fine group of young men and women with us this past year and pray that God will continue to work with them in new areas of service to our Lord! Thanks Mosaic!

## *Consecrated Stewards*

Stewardship is practiced in many wonderful ways. With the recent retirement of Sue Kipp, we have reduced the paid staffing hours at the front desk to better use staff in other areas. Helen Melcher has been working diligently to recruit volunteers to help at the front desk. Her goal was for 20 people to be involved in this ministry of hospitality. During the remainder of the summer until school starts, the front desk will be staffed by volunteers! What a great gift to the church. The volunteers will answer phones and greet those who enter the Atrium. When school starts, paid staff will be at the desk in the mornings, and volunteers in the afternoon. Thank you all who have stepped forward to help and serve our Lord in this way!

## *Facility Use Updates*

### 1. School Entrance

With the change in front desk staffing, we anticipated that we might need to move the school entrance this coming school year. But through the wonderful help of volunteers in the Atrium, we will continue to use the Atrium entrance for those who walk into the building. Please share the word with school families that they may continue to use the Atrium to come into school, and also as a gathering place for parents waiting to pick up

### 2. School Office

When school begins this Fall, Lisa Cizmar's office will be moved to the north end of the upper floor of the school wing. Last year this was the Extended Care room. The room will also be used as a sick room for children. All medicines will be distributed from this area instead of from the front desk of the Atrium. Her extension will remain the same as in the past (X306)

### 3. Extended Care

The Extended Care has moved into the north kindergarten room on the upper floor. (One door to the left of last year's location.) Entrance to the building will still be through the south school door as in the past. The phone extension will remain the same as before. (X318)

The changes will allow staff to be more effective in ministry as we begin a new school year. Thanks for your patience as we worked through some of the details for all of this.

### Discipling Toward Confirmation

Confirmation Discipling will begin this year on September 7 during the 9:25-10:25 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class time. In preparation for this, we will have a Confirmation Orientation meeting for all youth grades 5-8 as well as their parents. The Confirmation Orientation will be:

**Sunday, August 24**

**9:25-10:25 a.m.**

**Location: Fellowship Hall**

Please mark your calendars for this very important meeting for all confirmands and parents. We will pass out relevant materials at that time.

If you are unable to attend, or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Easterday (X303) or Pastor Kipp (X304).

### Acolyte Training

Acolytes are a very important part of the ministry at Trinity. In preparation for a new year of service, we are offering two different training sessions during the Sunday School and Bible Class hour. The two choices are:

Sunday- August 17  
Sunday- August 31  
Time- 9:25 to 10:25 a.m.  
Location: Church

Each 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade member of Trinity is expected to attend one of these sessions. (If you would like to be trained really well, you could attend both sessions!)

We will then install all acolytes on:

September 7, 2008  
8:00 or 10:45 a.m. services

You may choose which service you would like to attend. This is a very important ministry in the church and we encourage all 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students to plan to attend. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Kipp (X304) or Pastor Easterday (X303).

## From the Music Director ...

### **Baptismal Life**

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4*

Our *Lutheran Service Book* has a new section of hymns in it—not found in *Lutheran Worship* or *The Lutheran Hymnal*—under the title “Baptismal Life”. Perhaps that phrase brings to your mind, as it did to mine, some questions such as “What is the Baptismal Life?” or “How does one go about living the Baptismal Life?” We’re so used to “how-to” answers in our culture that we can even reduce Baptism to that way of thinking, I guess. And there may be some who think of Baptism as “a nice ceremony”, “something you do because it was done to you”, or “the baby’s first party”. Of course, this is all far removed from the sacramental power contained in Baptism and the purpose for which it was instituted by God.

In Baptism we become heirs of eternal life. This gives our Baptismal Life hope. We haven’t done anything to become heirs or to deserve this inheritance, but the result of the gift of becoming a child of God is a “hopeful” life. We know where we’re going. We know to Whom we belong.

Although sin remains part of us throughout life, Baptism removes the guilt and punishment of sin. This truth gives us comfort and strength when our sins oppress us as we live out our Baptismal Life. We can say: **“But I am baptized!”**

Baptism is like a daily garment. Every day we put on this garment which puts down the old creature of sin and grows the new life of resurrection. Have you ever bought a new article of clothing that, when you put it on, sort of rejuvenates you? Put your Baptism on every morning!

Baptism is also repentance: an attack against the old creature and an entering in of a new life. You can’t attack the old creature on your own. But the faith that grows in you through your Baptism can do it. When you live the Baptismal Life you live in repentance—a returning to God with sins that need forgiveness, trusting in Christ and eager to receive that gift of forgiveness. People who recognize their sin and need of forgiveness; who return to God daily, are able through Baptismal grace, to forgive others. That also is living the Baptismal Life.

Baptismal Life also bears the fruits of faith placed in them at Baptism through the Holy Spirit. Fruits of faith are much more than “moral disciplines”. They come from the Holy Spirit through your Baptism and are evident in the Baptismal Life. You can find a listing in Galatians 5:22 and 23.

You can see that Baptism is powerful, an undeserved gift, gives us comfort, strength, and hope, produces repentance and fruits of faith. But it’s not a “how-to” program, because none of the gifts of Baptism come from us or our efforts. Only God gives the gift. Only God does the work. Only God has the power. Only God provides the inheritance. Only God...(This is starting to sound like a broken record. ☺)

So, every day, let us put on our Baptism and live the Baptismal life. It is, in so many ways, a powerful gift from our dear Lord.

*Sin, disturb my soul no longer;  
**I am baptized into Christ!**  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?*

*Satan, hear this proclamation:  
**I am baptized into Christ!**  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!*

*Karol Ketcher*

*LSB, 594*

## The Principal Connection ...

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

As I write this the summer is waning and the new school year is on the horizon. The Bible passage above is our theme for Trinity Lutheran School this year 2008-09. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class this year was instrumental in selecting the theme for the upcoming year.

I remember a game I played when I was younger. I had to reach into a bag while a horror story was being read. As I reached into the bag I was told I was touching eyeballs. They were actually peeled grapes, but in my mind they felt like...well you get the picture. The psalmist for our school theme reminds us to trust what God actually tells us Himself, not what we think about or feel.

As we look ahead to the new school year we do so with trepidation, wondering what will happen and what will change. We worry about our enrollment and whether or not we will have more children in the school. We worry about our personal finances and whether or not we will be able to afford sending our children or whether or not we can support a school as a congregation. Let's face it we worry.

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

## Facility Use Updates

The Lord blessed our church with volunteers to help serve at the front desk in the Atrium. With this wonderful help we will continue to use the Atrium entrance for those who come into the building for church or school. We ask that you please share the word with our school families that they may continue to use the Atrium to come into school and also as a gathering place for parents waiting to pick up children.

As our new school year begins our school Administrative Assistant Lisa Cizmar's office will be moved to the north end of the first floor of the school wing. Last year this was the Extended Care room. This room will be used also as a sick room for children and all medicines will be distributed from this area. This helps to satisfy accreditation needs. Her extension will remain #306.

Our Extended Care will move into the northwest Kindergarten room on the first floor. It will be where the second Kindergarten was last year. Entrance to the building for Extended Care families will be through the south school door as in the past.

## Registration Day – Opening Day

Trinity Lutheran School **Registration Day** will be held **August 7 from 9 AM-12:00 noon and 2-8 PM**. Please come prepared to pay various registration fees and tuition. We will have tuition plans and forms available at the Finance table. This is the final registration day for the 2008-09 school year.

Soon Home Visits will be here. We continue this time-honored tradition for our school. The teachers will be calling and setting up an appointment with school families about their personal home visit, where their child can get to know the teacher in the comfortable and convenient environment of your home.

We will have our **Back to School Barbeque** on Thursday **August 14 from 5-7 PM**. We will meet out in the west parking lot and provide the meat. School families are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. We hope to see you all there!

Finally, the **school year begins August 18 Monday for a full day. We will begin at 7:30 AM and dismiss at 3:00 PM**. We trust the Lord will bless our school year! We will lean on Him and His wisdom this year. We will acknowledge Him in all our ways. We invite you to join us as we share the Gospel message with our children through a quality academic education at Trinity Lutheran School. God bless!

*John E. Schultz*

## From the Executive Director ...

### An Openness to His calling

August is a really important month at Trinity: Programs begin and schedules change. It is a time to (re)establish priorities and make commitments. I expect that within this Newsletter, there will be new and old initiatives and the associated invitation to respond, to lead, to start, to support and to ask and embrace. Please be open to His call. This starts with your firm foundation in your times of Prayer, Worship, Bible Study (Individually and in fellowship with others) and in your interaction with other Christians. Please listen for His calling and obey.

*Rob Gardiner*

### Child Protection Policy

The new Child Protection Policy is for our children. We seek to keep our ministry safe for children. We are seeking to create an environment where adults can joyfully serve children.

#### Which adults need to comply with the policy?

**Any adult** who serves children on behalf of the congregation. This includes (but is not limited to):

- † All staff
- † Sunday School teachers
- † Youth Counselors
- † Parent drivers
- † Chaperones for school & church events with children
- † VBS teachers, helpers and other staff
- † Adults working with P.I.E.R.R.E., W.A.S.J.I.K., or other youth activities

#### What will adults (volunteers and paid staff) be asked to do?

- † Fill out a 1-page application to serve.
- † Grant permission for a criminal background check.
- † Participate in a face-to-face interview.
- † Participate in training for:
  - How to serve under policy procedures, and
  - Abuse awareness.

#### When will all this take place?

Our current timeline has the policy in place sometime in October. It is ambitious. We are working toward this goal.

#### What does the policy say?

Copies of the policy are available at the front desk. (Please ask the office to print more if they are all gone.)

#### What if I have questions?

Two congregational forums are scheduled. **Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:25 a.m.** Watch for locations in weekly worship bulletins.

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## Board of Communications

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Over the last couple of months the Communications Board has been diligently renovating Trinity's website, thanks to the expertise of **Dan Torkelson**. We are excited about the additions and changes to the website and feel it will be a worthwhile tool in communicating what Trinity is all about on the Internet while proving to be user friendly. One addition worth noting is that we will be putting the monthly newsletter online in addition to setting up e-mail accounts so that the newsletter can be e-mailed to you upon request, saving on paper (and trees!) and postage. Watch for more details when we are ready to launch!

Another project this current Board has undertaken is to redesign the appearance of the monthly newsletter and establish criteria for content. We hope to rework the newsletter in a way that will be appealing while newsworthy combining the church news with more school news. This project is currently underway and we hope to premier the first issue later this year.

If anyone wants to publicize a special activity, event, or ministry service, etc., **Media Release Forms** are available behind the reception desk in the Atrium. Please return the completed form to the designated mail slot behind the Atrium reception desk at least 4 weeks in advance.

A final note, the Board of Communications is looking for someone with graphic design skills and a talent for writing to edit the newsletter. This person does not have to be a member of this Board but will work under the Board's direction. Please contact Kathleen Berda at 662-9342 for more information if interested in serving as Newsletter Editor.

- *Kathleen Berda, Chair*

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## From the Board of Finance

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### Financial Thoughts

The September newsletter will contain a complete report of our fiscal year completed June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. In this article we would like to focus on our recently approved budget. This budget as it has been for over 10 years now is a combined church and school budget reflecting the interconnectedness our ministries have here at Trinity.

We reduced some staffing levels, provided average raises of 3%, adjusted for increased utility costs and in the end approved a budget that is 2% above last year. The congregation has asked the staff and lay leaders to operate within these bounds and we accept that task with prayer.

In asking you to approve this operating budget, we make certain assumptions about income. Here are the key assumptions and what you can do to help support God's work at Trinity:

1. We have projected and offering increase of 3.5%. Over the past year we have experienced an offering growth of 6.9%. We give thanks for the blessings the Lord has given us and asked for your continued prayers, offerings and tithes. As you pray about your offering to the Lord consider these three items:
  - a. **SIMPLY GIVING** – At no cost to you or the church, offerings can be transferred directly from your account to the church's account on a weekly or monthly basis. (This service can also be used for tuition.). The Financial Secretary receives a weekly report from the third party and posts the information to your envelope number. Forms are available at the reception desk.
  - b. **THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS** – If you have a Thrivent (AAL or LB) policy, you can have up to \$600 of donations matched at \$.50 on the dollar. That is \$300 per person over 18 who participates. You have to make the check payable to Trinity Lutheran School and complete a form available at the reception desk. The gifts can be lump sum or made over a period of time. This is renewable every calendar year.
  - c. **CHALLENGE GIFT** – Our Building Loan is about \$360,000. A generous member of the congregation has pledged \$2.00 to be paid on this balance for every \$1.00 of General Fund offering increase over last year. There is only one requirement – complete the form that says I accept this challenge. The Financial Secretary will compare your offerings to last year. Any increase from \$1 to \$1000 or more will be matched two for 1. Last year the donation to the Building Fund was \$201,000. **If you were not a member last year – sign up, your entire contribution for 2008 will be matched.**
2. **School Enrollment** – Our budget is based on 194 children enrolling. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to visit the school, meet our staff and understand the wonderful educational opportunity we provide at Trinity.
3. **3rd Source Funding** – This is a relatively new term at Trinity as our efforts have not focused on these activities in the past. Our focus this year is will be to fund scholarships for students who attend our school or would like to attend our school, but whose families are in financial difficulty. Without these scholarships, enrollment for these children would not be a reality. Third Source Funding is more than just fund raising – it is a way to create personal involvement by many people in a variety of activities.

God has richly blessed Trinity for 140 years. We have been about teaching and preaching God's Word for all of those years and with the Lord's blessing we will continue to do so for the next 140 years. Our work is to scatter the seed to bring forth a yield of 100, 60 or 30 fold through the Holy Spirit. Let us continue to scatter the seed together as we continue to grow – In Jesus Name Amen.

*Jim Hensley*

**Trinity League** ... Thanks to Sandy Henderlong for hosting our annual picnic on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Members prepared delicious salads and desserts and enjoyed playing the "Dr. Phil Game" Our next meeting will be **Thursday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Come prepared with ideas for improving our bazaar, cookie sale, and other programs. New members are needed and welcomed!

*Ruth Waite*

### **Altar Guild**

The next meeting for the Altar Guild is **Wednesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room**, however, with communion being served at all the worship services and the additional contemporary service, we are in **urgent need** of extra hands to help with the set-up and clean-up of communion especially for the contemporary service. We are inviting anyone interested in helping to contact Kathleen Berda at 662-9342 for more information. This is an ideal opportunity to work in two person teams such as couples, mothers and daughters, sisters, friends, anyone with a willingness and spirit to serve. Call today!

### **Choirs Are Starting Up Again**

Trinity Adult Choir and Adult Handbell Choir season is starting up again on **Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Handbells usually meets at 7:00 p.m. and Choir at 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays throughout the year. As usual, we're anxious to have new members! The Adult Handbell Choir is especially interested in rejuvenating itself. Many of our members have been active for about 15 years and would like to see younger people join the group. We can easily start a beginner group if there is interest. I'm sure you'd find both groups enjoyable and "interesting" and being part of the music at Trinity is an excellent way to practice good stewardship of the gifts God has provided you.

In addition, the Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus will continue. These groups sing on occasion and practice once or twice before they sing. All are welcome!

### **Handyman Ministry**

Trinity has recently started a Handyman Ministry. This ministry's mission is to provide smaller size home repair and maintenance services to members of Trinity. This mission will be focusing on assisting:

- widows/widowers
- single moms
- disabled
- those who can not afford professional services
- military families who have a head of household member serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

There are currently ten (10) members of Trinity who have volunteered to perform small repairs in and around qualifying member's homes. These volunteers will provide the labor with the homeowner picking up the cost for the materials.

To request help or for further information, contact Dennis Mills at 661-8656. Dennis is the contact person for Trinity's Handyman Ministry.

**A note of thanks to the Handyman Ministry:**

*The Darrell Klockenga family expresses their heartfelt love and appreciation to the wonderful men of our Trinity family, namely Dennis Mills, Frank Voyak, Douglas Dix and Paul Rowland, who gave of their time and talents to construct the porch ramp, so that eventually we could have brought our Darrell home, but our Lord took him to his eternal home instead. Thank you so much for your kindness and willingness to help.*

**Church at the Fair:** Church services will be held on **Sunday, August 3, and Sunday, August 10, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Lake County Fairgrounds. These services are sponsored by the Lutheran Calumet Mission Association and are held in the Showcase Tent (next to the 4-H building). Please use the northeast gate entrance or the walk-in entrance at no charge if you are attending the worship services. Dress is casual. Come and worship and enjoy a day at the fair. **Trinity, Crown Point will host the service on August 10.**

**MORE CARE PACKAGES NEEDED**

If you recall, Duff and Judy Duffala's son, Cyril, asked for us (his home church) to come to his aid as he deals with the men and women in the engineering units aboard the US Naval ship, USS Mobile Bay, now stationed in the Persian Gulf. That was in June. At that time we said we would collect donate items again in August to be sent to these brave men and women in September. Well, it's time to start again.

Cyril has let us know that they really don't need any more magazines. He suggests we concentrate our items on individually wrapped snacks (both sweet and salty), toiletries, and stationery items. Anything you like, they will like. Anything you use, they will use. There will again be a list of suggested items on a table in the Atrium, but feel free to improvise and add your own favorites.

In the last batch, we were able to send 19 boxes to the USS Mobile Bay. They were all addressed to Cyril (who then took them to the Chaplain to help with distribution), so some of his shipmates told him he was very lucky. When he informed them that the packages were for them, they were, without exception, surprised and then overjoyed. Overcoming the stigma and bad attitudes in the engine rooms was paramount for Cyril. You have all helped them to be replaced with pride and a willingness to work.

Thank you for your continued prayers on behalf of our son, Cyril, and his shipmates. And, thank you, ahead of time, for the generous donations to the men and women aboard the USS Mobile Bay.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries/LLL Soup &**

**Sandwich Buffet:** The Lutheran Hour and Calumet Zone 5 of the LLL is hosting a Soup & Sandwich Evening Buffet from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5**, at Wittenberg Lutheran Village. International LHM Thailand Director, Mrs. Monta "Boom" Ekwani Denow and her husband Dennis will be present to inform us how Lutheran Christianity is growing in this "U.S. of Asia." There is no cost for the buffet but a free-will donation would be appreciated. Everyone is invited!

**Charity Garage Sale:** Rebuilding the Breach Ministries/ Bakery House will hold another garage sale on **Aug. 7, 8 & 9** at the Manning home, 824 W. Joliet St. Crown Point. Donations can be dropped off there at any time; we accept clothing, household items, furniture and mattresses. Please consider helping us sort beginning Aug. 4 or sell during the sale. Also, come shop the sale. Call Marianne Manning 663-3504 or Elaine Edwards 374-7382. The South Lake County chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match 1/3 of all dollars raised, giving up to \$1000 to benefit Rebuilding the Breach Ministries.

**Thrivent Families Picnic and Pool Party:** The North and South Lake County chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invite Thrivent families to a free, "private" picnic and pool party at Community Park "Pool and Patio", Munster IN., on **Sunday, August 17, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Thrivent will provide fried chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, coleslaw, drinks and condiments. Bring your swimsuit and/or your own comfortable chair, towel, and mosquito spray. R.S.V.P. by August 10, to Sue Arteaga at 219-836-1079 or [sue.arteaga@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sue.arteaga@sbcglobal.net).

**Youth News**

**P.I.E.R.R.E. @ the Fair** – P.I.E.R.R.E. will again be part of the Lake County Fair in August. It is sad that it appears that the Calumet Missions booth will be present for the final time in 2008. The booth has been a great place to share the Gospel with puppets for the past 11 years and we look forward to this year.

**Rehearsal Dates & times: July 9, 23 & 30 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.** For all youth entering grade 6 and older and any interested adults. If you are still interested in helping speak to DCE Wendt ASAP!  
**Fair Dates** – At the fair, Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3 more days between August 3<sup>rd</sup> & August 10<sup>th</sup> depending on when puppeteers can be present.

WE are currently signed up to help out the food bank on **Saturday, August 23, 2008.** Watch for details of what we will be doing this time. Confirmands – Service hours!  
High School students – Service hours!

## LOOKING AHEAD:



### TRIANGLE DINNERS RETURN

What's that? Don't know what Triangle Dinners are? A few years ago we, at Trinity, felt we needed a way to get to know each other on a more personal, less formal, and definitely non-threatening way. We modified a program from another church and came up with the idea of sharing meals. These meals are for single adults and couples only (sorry kids).

So what's involved? If you sign up, we will expect you to follow through with sharing one meal each month during September, October, and November. Everyone eats! Why not eat with other friendly people? Each of the three couples – thus 'triangle' – brings something to round out an entire meal. The hosts provide the entrée, the other two couples bring the salad or veggie and dessert. We call it Triangle Dinners, but no one is limited to the evening meal. If breakfast or lunch suits all three couples, go for it!

Who are these 'couples'? They are the people you see at church, or those connected to the church in some fashion. Some are new members, some have been around a long time, some may not even be members yet. Some may have children in our day school. Some are young, some are not so young. Regardless, isn't it fun to be able to come to church and call people by their first names? It's a way to get to know each other better. Brothers and sisters usually know each others' names, likes and dislikes, habits, and quirks. Why not get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Trinity's church family? Have more questions? Talk with Mannings, Wigleys, Sauermans, or Wittens. They'll let you know what you've been missing out on.

What do we do if we want to participate? Just **sign up on the list at the Atrium desk during the month of August.** We will put the triangles together so that we can send informational letters to everyone joining us so that you receive them the first week in September. What are you waiting for? Sign up today.

### "Save the Date" for our 1st Annual "Trinity Family Walk-A-Thon"

Date: **Sunday, September 21st** (Rain or shine!)

Time: **12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.**

Where: Lake County Fairgrounds - We have our own shelter

Who: Both school and church families are invited and encouraged to attend and participate

Please plan to join friends and families as we show our school spirit! The funds raised will be used to support the school by providing funds for teacher and classroom support, computers, and much, much more! Plan to spend the day at the beautiful fairgrounds walking (jogging, strolling, running), volunteering, eating delicious foods, and enjoying the fellowship of family and friends! Prizes will be awarded in many different categories, children, parents, grandparents, seniors, teachers, are all invited to join the fun and help our school out with this fantastic event!

Our goal is to raise \$7000.00! Love to volunteer? Our 1st ever Walk-A-Thon will take the time & talent of a huge number of friends from school & church to make this event a success (children are encouraged to walk, only adults are asked to volunteer please). Some of the jobs are big, some small, some are done before the event, some during, some after - but all are critical for a successful 1st Walk-A-Thon. A partial list of fun jobs available: Lap Punchers, Refreshments, Registration, Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, Nurses Station, Food, Photographer, Lap Cards, Emcee & Music, Prize Solicitations, Awards, Class Flags, Money Counters, Course Set-up and Face Painting! Get ready to have some fun! Please contact Beth Reiners for more information and questions (after July 22nd) 661-2353 or by e-mail: [mandbreiners@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mandbreiners@sbcglobal.net)

*Happy Anniversary!*

8/1	Steve & Melanie Foulds
8/2	Gary & Marie Dienes, Kenneth & Jayne Murdoch, Thomas & Jennifer Haberling
8/4	Rev. Maxwell & Mercy Anokwute
8/5	Bill & Amy Coy
8/6	Dennis & Cindy Schulte, Michael & Laura Gella
8/7	Ed & Karen Topp, Mike & Cindy David, Chris & Paula Ronning, Scott & Robin Leslie
8/9	Dave & Kim Hart, Ed & Jean Fraikin
8/10	Chuck & Carol Hubacek, Brian & Nikki Cebra
8/11	Nathan & Natalie Press
8/14	John & Ruth Schultz
8/15	Mike & Cindy McGraw, David & Lori Guritz
8/16	Emery & Karen Manley
8/17	Bob & Sue Neitzel, James & Kendra Tustison
8/18	Stevan & Julie Savich
8/19	Roger & Sherry Malone
8/20	Jim & Karen Radford, Jim & Lisa Cizmar, Tom & Carol Witten
8/21	Gray & Julie McClintic
8/22	Stuart & Connie Snow, Ray & Darlene Finley
8/23	Chuck & Helen Sauerman, Chad & Melissa Borner
8/24	Bill & Linda Borsits, Monty & Judy McNab, Jim & Lorraine Keilman, John & Michelle Sangkaratana
8/25	Andrew & Julie Farrell, David & Dayna Foster
8/26	James & Lorene Fuehrmeyer, Tim & Sherri Holzhauer, Kurt & Kim Reagan, Daniel & Tina Matuska, Michael & Kristen Koszyk
8/28	David & Michelle Best, Mark & Robin Biggs
8/29	John & Arlene Knox, Bud & Lydia Hughes, Billy & Elaine Edwards
8/30	William & Lois Kiel

## Happy Birthday!

8/1	Connie Kingsbury, Elden Hildebrandt, Sean McNab
8/2	Leona Stark, Lois Kiel, Chuck Grelecki, Jim Merrell, James Mueller
8/3	Virginia Saager, Judy Duffala, Sandy Heiser, Kim Reagan, Logan Borner
8/4	Dale Trump, Rhonda Pape, Don Tokoly, Jacci Carey, Megan Duffala
8/5	Betty Johnstone, Stephanie DenHartog
8/6	Cathie Morris, Gary Birmingham, Kristen Szaller
8/7	Bonnie Hamilton, Nina Underwood, Brandon Leslie, Catlin Langreder
8/8	Danielle LaDuke, Paulette Urbanchock
8/9	Mark Schiessle, Craigory Wise
8/10	Paula Ronning, Daniel Pace, John Diekelmann, Paige Fitzsimons, Alyssa Vajda
8/11	Jud Salmon, Tony Sirico, Brian Dennis, Nicole Johnson, Matthew Bagnara, Hannah Schuster, Connor Calhoun, Robert Dunlap, Bodie Buse, Sydney Dixon
8/12	Nancy Mauman
8/13	Jean Fraikin, Tammy Gardin, Nikki Cebra, Sam Rashin, Ethan Smith, Julia Campbell
8/14	Karen Gurtatowski
8/15	Wilma Schuricht, Daralyn Melcher, Sharon Voyak, Mike McGraw, Rosemarie Taylor, Mark Rayonec, Connie Rainey, Andrew Bagnara
8/16	Lou Walsh, Russ Boettger, Marilyn Bowman, Diana Dyba, Lisa Anderson, Russ Bunde, Joe Ellis
8/17	Eileen Maxwell, Kevin Crum, William Good, Bailey Kasch, Ryan Farrell, Patrick O'Connor, Michael Drankus
8/18	Marilyn Einspahr, Woody Kasch, Sandra Rosenwinkel, Kelsey Rather, Bre Miller
8/20	Arlene Cross, Alia Brooks, Sarah Gardiner
8/21	Katlyn Rather, Leah Rashin
8/22	Rich Mueller, Tom Johnstone, Andrew Kvachkoff, Grayson Lynk, Melanie Johnson, Noah Matuska
8/23	Ron Yakimow, JoDee DeArmond, Andrew Weglewski
8/24	Darlene Marvel, Bonne Nottingham, Karen Bartholomew, Kay Rasmussen, Lisa Bank, Katrina Klingberg, Samantha Herkey
8/25	Kristy Kalember, Katie Topp, Michael Erickson, Sarah Fraikin, Sarah Ervin
8/26	Adah Mueller, Dwight Bedgood, Chip Thompson
8/27	Arnie Steuer, Elvin Herre, Kathryn Hensley
8/28	Karol Ketcher, John Schultz, Jason Zona
8/29	Traude Thoelke, Carole Esala, Ruth Schultz, Laurie Pavlovick, Ed Top
8/30	Andrew Farrell, Cheryl Claus

## Baptisms

Baptized into the family of God on June 29<sup>th</sup> was Luke Remington Wilkes, son of Brad & Kerri Wilkes. Sponsors for Luke are Kelly McGraw and Kevin Wilkes.

## Funerals

Faithful servant Darrell Klockenga was called to his eternal home on July 7<sup>th</sup>. His funeral was July 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

for article submission to the September newsletter.

Articles may be dropped off at church or sent to [newsletter@trinitycp.org](mailto:newsletter@trinitycp.org).



Our study continues...

## Bible Study

1 on 2 Bible Study

**1 on 2 Bible Study** is an intentional discipleship Bible study utilizing material that focuses on an intimate relationship with God – knowing God, not simply knowing about God.

**Why 1 on 2?** Because 1 facilitator meets with 2 other people (for a group of 3) as a means of nurturing close personal relationships through which Jesus works to demonstrate His love.

**Participants agree** to read a chapter in the book The Intimate Journey and complete 5 exercises in the accompanying journal for each of the sessions. (18 total – 1 introductory session ~ *no homework* ~ and 17 sessions to correspond to the 17 chapters in the book.

**We praise God** for the 11 people currently in this year's set of groups. (1 leader is leading two groups).

**I am praying for 22 people** to join these 11 In mid-September to mid-October (Lord willing) for the 2008-09 session.

**Details for Fall Adult Bible studies, Sunday School, Discipling Toward Confirmation (Confirmation Instruction) & Other Growth in Discipleship activities are coming out in a separate mailing in early August. Watch for it!**

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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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**August 3, 2008 – Matthew 14:13-21**

**Caring for You** by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, IN  
Christ cares for us. He provides for our temporal needs. Most of all, He is the Messiah who provides for our spiritual health and gives the gift of eternal life.

**August 10, 2008 – Job 38:4-18**

**God's Reign** by Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN  
God's rule in this world is irresistible and good, and affects both unbelievers and believers.

**August 17, 2008 – Psalm 67:1-2**

**Blessed for a Purpose** by Rev. Richard M. Koehneke, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN  
God blesses us so that we can bless others as we glorify Him for His blessings in our lives.

**August 24, 2008 – Matthew 16:16**

**Certainty** by Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN  
We have God-given certainty, since Jesus is the Christ, and He is the Son of the living God.

**August 31, 2008 – Psalm 26:1**

**A Blameless Life** by Rev. Richard M. Koehneke, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN  
In and of ourselves we do not and cannot lead a blameless life. Jesus lived it for us and died for our forgiveness and eternal life.



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