



# NEWSLETTER



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## Appreciation to the 140th Anniversary Task Force

Please allow me to express my personal appreciation to members of the 140th Anniversary Task Force:

Their assistance came in the form of some attractive anniversary signs and posters; organizing the historical display of Trinity Lutheran Church and School; documenting our history in the church newsletter; to collecting over 60 pies for the festival celebration on Sunday, September 7; to contributing the delicious ice cream, and coordinating the festival celebration.

It was an honor and privilege to work with you. Thank you for all you did and for all you do in this place and in Jesus name.

*W. Dennis Hodges, Chair*  
140th Anniversary Task Force

## From Your Pastor ...

Dear friends in Christ,

### Commissioned for Mission

It seems that our world is being bombarded with more and more disasters. In Northwest Indiana people have experienced tornado and flood in a very short time. Those sorts of disasters have a way of showing us what is truly important. One of our members was helping at a home in Munster and had the painstaking task of wiping off family pictures so they would not mildew and be spoiled. What was most important to the flood victim was family pictures and memories.

The truly missional church understands that the gifts God gives us are only for this earthly life. God has a far greater home for us than anything we can imagine. Consider one of the descriptions of our eternal home as recorded by John.

**<sup>(10)</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>(11)</sup> It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. (Rev. 21)**

John continues the description with a listing of all the precious stones used in the building of the walls, as well as the gold used for the streets. It is a great description of what God has in store for us.

With this in mind, the missional church understands that all the earthly blessings we have come from God as a small indication of what is ahead. The expectation of God is that we now use these gifts not only for our daily bread (our necessary items) but also to share with others that they may see the compassion of Christ in us and that the work of Christ and His church may continue.

The New Testament disciples understood that a missional church is a **giving church**.

**<sup>(1)</sup> And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>(2)</sup> Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>(3)</sup> For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>(4)</sup> they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. <sup>(5)</sup> And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. (II Corinthians 8)**

Being missional is about sharing what we have here on earth with an understanding that something far greater is waiting for us in heaven. The early church didn't have much to look forward to on earth, but they knew that what they had been given would benefit other people and other churches! In their giving, they were greatly blessed!

We all have been greatly blessed in the gifts God has given us for our own use and for the work of the kingdom. I rejoice in the generosity of those who faithfully (and hopefully cheerfully) give of themselves each week during the offering. We are blessed to share those gifts with others, such as with the ministry in Gary, or the missionaries in Cambodia, or for Hispanic ministry, or for Japanese and Chinese ministry. This is the missional church in action! May we continue to understand this and to look to the greatest and most precious gift God has given, Jesus Christ crucified and risen that we may be with Him forever!

May God grant all of us a great time of Thanksgiving this month as we continue as a missional church focused on being a **giving** congregation!

*Pastor Easterday*

P.S. On a personal note, you may be aware that I have begun a course of study for a Doctor of Ministry in Outreach and Evangelism. My goal in all of this is to become better equipped to lead this congregation in our hopes and dreams for outreach and evangelism. This is not a degree that will allow me to teach at the university level. I compare it to a teacher who works toward a masters degree in an area in which they teach. The first classes have been excellent. Dr. Bob Holst, President of Concordia University, St. Paul, taught a class on Outreach in Urban, Suburban, and Rural Areas. The second class was taught by Dr. Peter Scaer and concerned critical scholarship on the Gospels. We spent a significant amount of time studying the Gospel according to Mark. It has been a great study for me personally, and I know that it will impact my preaching in a positive way.

This is really a joint venture, for as I get near the end of my classes, there will be a project that involves the congregation. I don't quite know what that is yet, but mission planting has been on my mind. I will have two more years of classes (6 more two-week intensives at St. Paul) before I start on the dissertation. I appreciate the support from the Elders and the Parish Planning Council as I begin these studies. I also appreciate your support and encouragement, as well as your prayers! Thanks!

### Worship Services- November

Nov. 1-3 All Saints' Weekend

Our worship will include a remembrance of the faithful departed during this past year as we also focus on the saints who continue to dwell on earth- those who believe and trust in Jesus Christ.

**Readings** Isaiah 35:1-10, Revelation 7:9-17, Matthew 5:1-12

Nov. 8-10 26<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Pentecost

As we draw near to the end of the church year, we ponder the question, "What is my purpose here as I await the Lord's return?"

**Readings** Amos 5:18-24, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25: 1-13

Nov. 15-17 27<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Pentecost

The church year comes to an end with a reminder of the return of the Lord, when he will separate the sheep from the goats. But we are also reminded that the one true shepherd, Jesus Christ, will bring us out of danger and save the flock from death.

**Readings** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, I Corinthians 15:20-28, Matthew 25:31-46

\*\*Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 p.m.

\*\*Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m.

We gather together in thankfulness for all that God has done!

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 8:1-10, I Timothy 2:1-4, Luke 17:11-19

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend In Advent

We are reminded that God will rend the heavens and come down. As he comes, he will save the elect. This week's focus will be on identifying those who are the elect.

**Readings** Isaiah 64:1-9, I Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

### Looking Ahead

Advent midweek services begin in December. Services will be as follows:

2:00 p.m. Advent service with school children

7:00 p.m. Evening Advent service

Midweek services will be held on:

December 3

December 10

December 17

Advent and Christmas are great times to invite and bring friends to worship at Trinity!!!

## The Principal Connection ...

### I Am Content

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances....I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation..." Philippians 4:11-12

Last week was Grandparents Day for us at Trinity Lutheran School. We had close to 300 extra visitors here to share in the joy of their relationship with their grandchildren. There is a contentment I was able to observe in our guests as we head toward Thanksgiving

It was not contentment with the time, because we started pretty early. It was not contentment with the schedule, as they were moved from location to location in short periods of time. It was not the treats. Most of them are bakers who produce everything from scratch.

It was contentment in being with those they love. John Maxwell has said, "**Contentment is the God-given ability to be satisfied with the loving provision of God in any and every situation.**" These people are content. They are called the "**Greatest Generation.**" They have lived through the Great Depression, World War II, countless recessions, Vietnam, and a host of other national challenges.

They are also loyal Americans who know what sacrifice really means. They worked hard and provided what they could not have for their children. **I pray for this contentment.** I really thank God for the "**Greatest Generation**" who show me each and every day what it means to be content! This is a thanksgiving gift that really means something!

November is our month of Thanksgiving. We will begin with Parent Teacher Conferences November 5-7. We will have two ½ days of school on November 6-7 dismissing at 11:30 AM. We will make our famous PTL Cheeseballs November 8. Have you placed your order yet for the holidays?

November 11 we will celebrate Veteran's Day with guest speaker, Mr. Harold Chubbs. Our assembly will be at 10:00 a.m... November 14 we invite our dads to Donuts for Dads at 7:00 a.m. We will have a ½ day of school November 26 and no school on November 27-28 for Thanksgiving.

We continue to have so much to be thankful for as we put our trust in our heavenly Father. We pray our Lord would continue to bless our school.

Serving our Savior in prayer,

*John E. Schultz*

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

It is election season and I am not talking about the national elections on November 4<sup>th</sup>. On October 20th, Trinity voted to elect those serving on our Boards and as Officers. Please join me in lifting these men and women up in prayer and offering our support and encouragement.

In the months ahead we will:

Begin a 2009 planning process centered around the theme "Servants of Jesus...Learning, Caring & Sharing God's word"

Continue to seek to control expenses and expand revenues in a way that reflects good stewardship

Begin and complete the annual Financial review

Evaluate and recommend changes to the Scholarship program

Revise the function and renew the funding for Endowments

Renew the call process for a Director of Contemporary Worship and Youth

I want to give special thanks to the Nominating Committee, outgoing Board members and officers. I also hope we will all recognize our role as Christians, the Elect.

*Rob Gardiner*

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## **Board of Church Properties**

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An update on some of our recent activities:

The uneven concrete sidewalk at the east entrance to the gym has been replaced. This was a tripping hazard and made it difficult for wheel chairs and chair carts to make it into the gym. Thanks to Bailey Kasch for his work.

The parking lots were re-stripped. Please notice the blue spaces are for handicapped parking. Thanks to Marv Hecht and Gary Rowland for their work on this.

Our mowing crew continues to keep the property looking good. We recently had to spend about \$1000 to repair one of the mowers. There were several smaller items that needed to be corrected to keep the mower safe. Thanks to Jim Warner and Bob Kerr for their many hours and their concern.

We had new mulch placed on the playground just before school started this year. Also a bench was donated and installed out there.

We are assisting the PTL in re-carpeting the school library. We will work with them on carpet selection and getting the work done. The PTL plans to pay for the carpet with this years cheese ball funds.

You should notice that we have installed large blue and gold signs at each entrance. These are there to aid visitors or emergency personnel in finding a specific entrance. If you have an event and want to direct folks to a specific area of the building you may now use the letter designation for that particular door. We thank Dan Matalin for providing the signs.

We are disappointed that the automatic door opener on the double doors by the elevator lobby has not been installed. We have been working with a contractor who will be doing this for us. We hope to see this happen soon. The funds for this were donated.

*Gary Diekelmann*

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## **Board of Mission & Outreach**

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### **Mission/Outreach Trips**

The November trip was cancelled due to a low volunteer turnout and could be re-scheduled in the spring. It was very difficult informing our outreach contact at Concordia – Fort Wayne. She asked, "Have you called Biloxi yet, because I know that they will be very disappointed". I think disappointed is the key word for my feelings with some of the people here at Trinity. As the plans for the November trip was being organized I was hearing "Why is missions going there again?" "Aren't the homes about finished?" The negative chatter was even heard about proposed trips to the Indian Reservations.

We focus on Biloxi, Mississippi because this situation is supported by the LCMS. Four homes a year at the sum of \$25,000.00 each is pledged to the ongoing rehab efforts on the Gulf Coast. Our district supports and pays \$100.00 for every volunteer's room & board. So Trinity dollars are already involved in the above figures. There are still 170 to 180 families waiting for their homes to be

re-built. Not dry walled, painted or roofed, but re-built from the concrete pad up. Of those families noted above, many of them have been in the little FEMA trailers since October 2004. If my wife and I were stuck in one of those trailers CSI would have been there within the first year.

I called the Biloxi facility manager, Miss Heather Westcott and informed her of our cancellation. She said, "You Trinity Crown Point folks will be missed". She informed me that our church group has contributed a great deal of the history with the staff and volunteers. Our stories, the friendliness of our group, it seems like we were always laughing, especially during the after dinner game of sticks. A church group leader from New York said to Heather, "I wish my group would bond like they do".

Then I talked to Mr. Bart Tucker, who is the construction manager for the Biloxi area. Bart said, "I'm really going to miss you guys. My assistants & I enjoyed your arrival each morning at your work site. You came out of the vans, opened the storage pods, paint was being stirred and the power saw was already making the first cut. You guys are on a mission."

He shared with me that Trinity had a completely different attitude and focus toward our assigned house. Other church groups arrive, work hard and do as much as time allows and walk away. We "adopt" the work site and apply ourselves as if when the house is completed we were going to move in. Bart said, "your labor of love is from the heart as well as physical."

The Missions & Outreach board of Mrs(s). Furukawa, Hart, Magaldi & Manning and I are very visible within all church & worship activities. This board is here for the church body. If you have concerns, questions and suggestions please talk to us personally, call or leave a note in the missions mail box. Trinity has a great deal of "good stuff" taking place. Nit-pick chatter, negative responses, so noted in an excellent article in the August newsletter can damage the focus, stifle momentum and affect personnel attitudes. In closing, please do not hesitate to contact a board member with your concerns and questions. Thank you for your interest and support.

*Jim Radford, Board Chair*

### **Ladies' Aid**

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m.** Come join us for fellowship & delicious dessert. We are eager to make new acquaintances. We need to add new members to our group. Hope to see you there?

### **Altar Guild Clean Up**

Members of Trinity's Altar Guild will meet on **Saturday, November 15, at 8:00 a.m.** to clean the Transept, Chancel and Altar in preparation for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Anyone interested in helping and learning more about the Altar Guild's service is welcome. Please bring your own cleaning supplies including buckets, dust cloths and polish, wash rags, cleaning solvents, etc. Contact Kathleen Berda at 662-9342 for more information.

## **Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church**

Trinity Lutheran Church will again host a FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner on **Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. Trinity is hosting the dinner for families in need of assistance, senior citizens, and those who are alone or unable to celebrate with family or friends. **Dinner will be held in Trinity's Fellowship hall at 2:00 p.m.** You do not have to be a member of Trinity to attend. So if you know of anyone who is going to be alone, please invite them to this dinner. *Do not* spend this holiday alone.

We are accepting Turkey Awards from Wiseway. We are accepting these Turkey Awards so we can accumulate enough awards to obtain our turkeys. If you would like to donate your Turkey Award, please place them in the Turkey Award box on the desk in the Atrium.

On Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>, between services, we will have sign up sheets in the Atrium seeking volunteers to help prepare the food as well as to help set up, serve, and clean up after the meal. Volunteers may also be needed to help provide transportation for those who can not drive themselves. There will also be a sign up to volunteer to donate food for the dinner. This sign up sheet identifies our food needs.

For further information or to make your reservations for the dinner, please contact Joyce or Dennis Mills at 661-8565. We are taking reservations so that we can determine the amount of food to prepare.

Thank you for your generosity.

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

#### **Sunday School Christmas Program**



HELP!!! Anyone interested in helping create needed scenery, props, costumes, music, etc. for the Children's Christmas Program this year please contact Eileen Maxwell at 661-0547 as soon as possible. The program will be on **December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Christmas Blessing Tree**

Trinity is again sponsoring the Christmas Blessing Tree in order to share the love of Christ by blessing children, military family members, and a few of our shut-ins with Christmas gifts, and their families with prayers. All of these names will come from within our congregation, school and/or the Bakery Houses. We would like for you and/or your family or small group to prayerfully consider taking 1 star off of the tree in the atrium (so that many people can share in the blessing) and providing suggested gifts for that person. The stars on the tree will be available the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

If you would like to make a monetary donation rather than purchase gifts, please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran with a memo to Christmas Blessing Tree. Place in an envelope and label it Christmas Blessing Tree and give to the front desk. All donations will be used for the families on our tree.

Watch for further info in the bulletin and next to the tree. Thank you for helping those less fortunate during this holiday season. May you and your family feel His love and blessings as you look forward to the coming celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas Day.

If you have a name that should be included, or any questions, please contact Kathy O'Day at 662-9617.

### *Happy Anniversary!*

11/1	Bill & Erica Myers
11/2	Bob & Joanne Stephen
11/3	Doug & Sharon Dix, Gary & Nona Rowland
11/5	Ron & Tina Yakimow
11/9	Kevin & Rebecca Crum
11/11	Fred & Janet Rosenwinkel
11/12	Jim & Kathryn Hensley
11/14	Arnold & Shirley Patz, Mark & Angela Vicari
11/17	Dave & Eileen Maxwell
11/18	Charles & Theresa Saager
11/19	Greg & Sandy Henderlong, Jack & Karen Ritsema
11/20	Daniel & Carissa Totleben
11/24	Phil & Tammy Gardin
11/25	Dennis & Sandra Reynolds, Gurt & Karen Gurtatowski, Tim & Tina Gardiner
11/26	Larry & Becky Hiestand, Rob & Leslie Gardiner
11/27	Bob & Anna Mae Kerr, Robert & Karla Stiener
11/28	Dave & Pam Zona
11/30	James & Melissa Mangrum

### *Happy Birthday!*

11/1	Patti Wolter, David Monix, Raleigh Haas, Christopher Best, Chase Davis, Alex Goldstine, Robert Maynard
11/3	John Boe, Bridgett Castner
11/4	Bob Wise Sr., Christopher Esala, Adam Moor, Stacy Martin, Matt Board, Christopher Constable
11/5	Bernice Anderson, Bethany Wendt, Taylor Gella, Hayden Knopf, Harry Wise, Paige Stadnik
11/6	Roberta Sonnenberg, Becky Bergner, Michelle Best, Julie Bodamer, James Arroyo
11/7	Betty Perry, Don Wigley, Heather Forsythe, Amanda Curley, Allison Cizmar, Faith Bergner
11/8	Paula Stiener, Steve Dallman, Lisa Haas
11/9	Ryan Smith, Megan Rydberg, Olivia Kvachkoff
11/10	Arlene Knox, Christopher Ronning, Anthony Nichols, Eli Oosterhoff

11/11	Terri Schoonover
11/12	Amy Aardsma, Amy De St. Jean, Evan Henderlong
11/13	Pastor Easterday, Coreen Asche, Alexis Belmonte, Sydney Myers
11/14	Anthony Reda, Lisa Gromek, Brandy Egnatz, Nicole Aubuchon, Ethan Brown
11/15	Diane Obert, Jenny Cherven, Rachel Stas, Bret Snow
11/16	Ken Pape, Sherri Holzhauser, Darlene Noak
11/17	Dennis Wickberg, Mary Parry, Tracy Franklin, Lilee Coomer, Brianna Cherven
11/18	Ron Reda, Charlotte Morrow, Gurt Gurtatowski, Eileen Riggs, Nicole Riggs, Nathan Carey, Stoe Duffala Jr.
11/19	Dick Uhter, Robert Neitzel, Cindy McGraw, Eric Erickson, Nona Rowland, Steve DeVries, Dana Monroe, William Mangrum
11/20	William Best
11/21	Christine Miller, Adam Henderlong
11/22	Jack Esala, Cynthia David, Joe Alliss, Rayburn Pigg, James Stovall II
11/23	Debbie Malott, Neil Morrow
11/24	Ruth Whited, Marilyn Brunk, Jamie Kirby, Shannen Reynolds
11/25	Lorraine Csicsko, Gert Polster, Lee Hinson III
11/26	Evelyn Henry, Angela Heinzman, Jeanette Rosenwinkel, Brennan Brown, Joshua Suslowicz
11/27	Anova Frasure, Dawn Cozart
11/28	John McConnell, Makenzie Knopf, Seth Knopf
11/29	Betty Buth, Megan Rainey
11/30	Toni Michalak, Ann Pryde

### *Wedding*

Congratulations to Dan Forsythe and Heather Dallman who were married at Trinity on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### *Baptisms*

Bryan Kenneth Fentress received the sacrament of holy baptism on September 28<sup>th</sup>. His parents are Brian Fentress & Kathryn Gaskins. Sponsors for Bryan are Jaime Lemus and Mark Fentress

John Michael Koszyk received the sacrament of holy baptism on September 28<sup>th</sup>. His parents are Michael & Kristen Koszyk. Sponsors for John are Karyn Licina and Robert Pappas.



**Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** for article submission to the December newsletter. Articles may be dropped off at church or sent to [newsletter@trinitycp.org](mailto:newsletter@trinitycp.org).

## Bible Study



It is a joy to celebrate six Adult Bible study options and one study for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders **and their parents**, on Sunday mornings. It's not too late to join a class!

### New Classes beginning November 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Christmas: The Real Story

Room 103 led by Jim Hensley

Explore the biblical story of Christmas. Separate biblical fact from cultural fiction or religious tradition not based on the Bible. 4 weeks.

#### Abiding in Christ

Room 102 led by Greg Forsythe

As we look forward to Jesus' coming, Jesus invites us to stay connected to Him in every way. Look at how we are connected to Christ and how we might stay connected to Him. 4 weeks.

#### Sounds of Advent: Prepare for the King

Room 101 led by Karol Ketcher

Explore the stories behind some of the best loved hymns of the church for Advent and Christmas. Dig into the depths of the theology behind the words. Sing an old favorite or two. 4 weeks.

#### Faith Stepping Stones

Faith Stepping Stones is designed to assist parents in nurturing the gift of faith in their children. The course for parents of toddlers and the course for parents of children entering adolescence began October 19<sup>th</sup>. The course to present 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children with a marked Bible continues. For the first time, parents and children are doing this together. It is still possible to join current courses. Check the bulletin news distributed at weekend worship services for current class locations.

#### watch Groups

The **watch Groups** team has sponsored a set of support meetings for our small group leaders to keep small group ministry strong at Trinity. An acronym for **we are the church**, the **watch Groups** team, acts as an umbrella for all the small group efforts in our congregation. There is a group for you! Currently, 24 leaders are leading 24 groups involving approximately 350 people. See the display in the Atrium or check the listings on the Trinity website. Don't see a group for you? Interested in beginning a group? Speak to DCE Paul R. Wendt or a member of the **watch Groups** team: Dolores Bremer, Bob Duffala, Judy Duffala, Rhonda Pape, Jeanne Strunk, or Traude Thaelke.

1 on 2 Discipleship Bible study is entering its 3<sup>rd</sup> season... The concept is simple. One person meets weekly with 2 others to work through a faith-growing Bible study for a year (18 sessions). The 'one' commits to being prepared, is willing to share their personal faith journey openly and honestly, and nurtures the 'two' in discipleship of Jesus. The 'two' commit to being prepared for the lesson, open to growth as the Spirit brings that growth, and commit to becoming the 'one' for two others in the following year. Here's another way to understand this:

The goal is to grow closer to Jesus Christ in our walk of faith. It is an amazing journey full of God's amazing love. Are you interested? See DCE Wendt.

#### Youth Ministry

Beginning in November.....Regular, predictable, fun, relational monthly events for both Sr. High & Jr. High....

For Sr. High, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month: **Only One Thing**. See the full page youth page for details. **This event joins** Knowing Him, Knowing Others (KHKO) occurring on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For Jr. High, 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month: **I Was Glad!** See the full page youth page for details. **This event joins** Brothers and Sisters in Christ (BASIC) occurring on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, (when school is in session), from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m.

## Mission Connections ...

**Rebuilding the Breach Ministries, Inc. (Bakery House)** will hold their annual dinner on **Sunday, November 16**, at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Crown Point. There will be a silent auction and fellowship starting at 4:00 p.m.; the dinner/program will begin at 5:00 p.m. There are exciting things happening at the Bakery House. Please come and be updated on all that is going on. Ticket prices are \$20, seniors 62 and over \$15, children (12 & under) \$5. For information and to purchase tickets, contact Marianne Manning 663-3504.

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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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### **November 2, 2008 – Rev. 7:9-17**

#### **The Saints in Heaven**

by Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

John's vision shows us the blessed existence of the saints in heaven and encourages us here on earth in our Christian faith and life.

**November 9, 2008 – I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**Always with the Lord**

by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church,  
New Haven, IN

Death does not negate God's gracious promise of  
salvation. Christ's promised gift of eternal life is ours.  
"We will always be with the Lord".

**November 16, 2008 – I Thessalonians 5:9-10**

**Destined for Salvation**

by Dr. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul, Decatur, IN  
Though we, because of our sins, deserve God's wrath,  
Saint Paul reminds us, who believe in Jesus, that we are  
not destined for wrath but for salvation through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who died for us. Whether we are awake or  
asleep, we confidently live with Christ.

**November 23, 2008 – Psalm 118**

**O Give Thanks?**

By Rev. James Elsner, Prince of Peace, Hudson, IN  
Thanksgiving often becomes an accounting of the "stuff"  
we accumulate! Giving thanks to God, though, is a  
response to His goodness and eternal mercy.

**November 30, 2008 – Mark 13**

**Waiting with Joy**

By Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church,  
New Haven, IN

We wait for the coming of our Savior. We wait with joy  
because in His first coming He won our salvation. He  
comes again to take us to Himself.



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<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WKKD	Aurora, IL	1580	AM	Sun	9:30 AM
WGN	Chicago, IL	720	AM	Sun	6:00 AM
WRMN	Elgin, IL	1410	AM	Sun	9:00 AM
WMCW	Harvard, IL	1600	AM	Sun	9:30 AM
WGVE	Gary, IN	88.7	FM	Sat	10:00 AM
WJOB	Hammond, IN	1230	AM	Sun	12:30 PM
WJOB	Hammond, IN	1230	AM	Sun	6:00 PM