

Welcome to the Trinity Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

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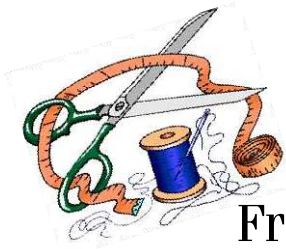
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We are located at:

300 Broad Street
 Menasha, WI 54952
 Church Office (920) 722-2662
 School Office (920) 725-1715
 website:
www.trinitymenasha.com

Come Worship with Us:

Saturdays at 5:00 pm
 Sundays at 9:00 am
 Education Hour-
 Sundays at 10:30 am



It's a Crafters Weekend here at Trinity!

(scrapbooking, knitting, sewing, stamping, etc.)

Friday, September 30th & Saturday, October 1st



In the Large & Small Fellowship Halls-Come & create your crafts with others.
 Contact Betsy Meverden for more information (725-8014)



~~~~~Get ready for Rally Day~~~~~

Sunday, September 11th at 10:30am

Welcome KFC (Kids for Christ), a fresh new approach to Sunday morning Bible study for kids. We are offering plays, puppets, crafts, physical activities, snacks and more. **Enroll your child now.**

 Please sign my child up for KFC (Kids for Christ) starting Sunday, September 11th (Rally Day) at 10:30am.

| Child's name | Grade | Parent's name(s) |
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Empowered By His Word – September 2011

THIEVES

Recently, my home was broken into. Not much damage and no one was hurt, thank God. But something like this always leaves a person feeling a bit unsettled. It's a violation, an invasion of privacy. Some stranger has intruded upon my sanctuary and made off with my hard-earned goods. How aggravating!

But this event brought to mind a portion of a sermon by my good friend Rev. Peter Berg in which he sheds new light on an event we all know well: Good Friday. Rev. Berg writes:

A thief to the left, a thief to the right, and thieves all around, for everyone to Him are thieves, and that means you. Your complaining robs Christ of His due praise. Your doubt robs Him of His honor as a man of His Word. You go the only way you can go, the way of your father Adam. Your father took what was forbidden. His son Cain took his brother's life. King David took things not his own. Judas robbed from the Lord's purse. The leaders who mocked Him took from His title of Messiah. The soldiers robbed Him of His clothing. Pilate robbed Him of His life. The disciples robbed Him of comfort in the hour of need. James and John and their mother would have robbed Him of the prerogative of choosing who would sit at His left and His right in His coming kingdom. Now John sees the "seats" to the left and right, seats occupied with two dying thieves! He and his brother didn't know what they were asking for. But wait, there's more, here's the real kicker, here's the great scandal, here's the divine joke: A thief to the left, a thief to the right and thieves all around, but the greatest thief hangs on the middle cross! Did He not come like a thief after dark, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay? Will He not come on the Last Day, as He said, as a thief in the night? Jesus said, "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil" (St. Luke 11:21-22 ESV). Satan is the strong man who had us locked away, and we went willingly into his capture. But Jesus is the Stronger Man who rifles his storehouse and whisks us away to the safety we never sought or deserved. So it was with the dying thief who appealed to Jesus: a man who slept not a wink the night before, a man who had nothing to put on the bargaining table before his Maker. Think of it, what do thieves do? They do the despicable. Without labor or deserving they take what others have worked hard for. We now know the dying thief on the cross as the "repentant" thief. Indeed he was; but if by "repentant" we mean that he stopped being a thief, then that's not entirely so. This thief remained a thief right up to the end, for he took the hard-won, undeserved salvation for which he had not labored and made a grand getaway! Yet in the midst of the grand larceny of this petty thief the Grand Thief swiped the petty thief clean away from the strong man forever! Be of good cheer, fellow thieves, this Man is an easy mark, His treasury of grace is wide open, and in the end, while you are swiping His grace, He will snatch you clean away as well! Amen.

The locks on my house have been changed, but the one on my heart has been picked. The Grand Thief has concealed it in His unfathomable love and stolen it away. And I have never been more grateful.

Humbly in Him,
Rev. Steven S. Billings
Pastor

WORSHIP ELEMENTS-September 2011

Weekend, September 3 & 4, 2011 Pentecost 12

Order of Service: Divine Service 1
Opening Hymn: LSB 578 Sermon Hymn: LSB 820
Sermon Text: Romans 13:1-10 Sermon Theme: Christ's Love/Our Love
Distribution Hymns: LSB 725, 707, 611
Closing Hymn: LSB 578
Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

Weekend, September 10 & 11, 2011 Pentecost 13

Order of Service: Divine Service 2
Opening Hymn: LSB 392 Sermon Hymn: LSB 588
Sermon Text: Matthew 18:21-35 Sermon Theme: How Often?
Distribution Songs: LSB 740, 543, 814
Closing Song: LSB 606
Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Weekend, September 17 & 18, 2011 Pentecost 14



Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 869 Sermon Hymn: LSB 688
Sermon Text: Matthew 20:1-16 Sermon Theme: The Call of the Kingdom
Distribution Hymns: LSB 525, 560, 711
Closing Hymn: LSB 826
Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Weekend, September 24 & 25, 2011 Pentecost 15

Order of Service: Divine Service 1
Opening Hymn: LSB 579 Sermon Hymn: LSB 704
Sermon Text: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Sermon Theme: Turn and Live
Distribution Hymns: LSB 760, 549, 554
Closing Hymn: LSB 579
Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18; Matthew 21:23-27

Applying Biblical Teachings

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31). These words stand in sharp contrast to the ways of a self-centered sinful world. This world would tell us that the service of self is to be the primary motivation for all our actions. This world would tell us that self-serving kindness and charity will satisfy a guilty conscience. This world would tell us that striving to attain ideals that will change the world for our benefit is enough. As believers, each of us is both saint and sinner at the same time. As sinners, we are often tempted to infuse the ways of this world into our lives. We are tempted to be self-serving. We say to ourselves, “My lifestyle keeps me extremely busy. I am always on the go doing what I need to do, but I do set aside an hour for the Lord each week.” “If asked, maybe once a year I volunteer to help a worthy cause and do my part.” “Let’s see, after everything is paid, what can I afford to give to the Lord’s work at Trinity Lutheran Church of Menasha? What are the tax implications?” Thus, the temptation is great to put self first and God a distant second. The letter to the Hebrews gives this admonition: “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2). Through the Holy Spirit, we are brought to the realization at the foot of the cross that self-centeredness must be forgotten. We see that only with our eyes firmly fixed on Christ, who is seated in glory, can the promotion of God’s glory be the object of all that we do. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, God is glorified in us. Christ’s love flows from our hearts so all that we do benefits our neighbor, glorifying the name of God. We glorify God in our daily living and exhibit our faith by the proper use of all that God has given us, including our time, abilities, wealth and money. By the power of the Gospel, we do this as an example for the “good of many, so that they may be saved” (1 Cor. 10:33). As Christians, we pray that Christ’s love may more and more abound in our hearts. We pray that we may more and more use the perfect gifts — including our financial resources — God has given us to serve others and glorify His name. God help us to this end.

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| <u>9/1</u> | Garrett BOWDEN | <u>9/15</u> | Margie MACH |
| | Betty JENSEN | | Lynn OLSON |
| | Kathryn NELSON | <u>9/16</u> | Polly HARRMANN |
| <u>9/2</u> | Barbara J. BARTEL | | Shannon MAYNARD |
| <u>9/3</u> | Ethan ARFT | | Simon SIEGEL |
| <u>9/4</u> | Eric J. VOIGT | <u>9/17</u> | Todd ARFT |
| | Brittany WENDLER | | Joyce TAGGART |
| <u>9/5</u> | Riley ZIRPEL | <u>9/18</u> | Shirley FLEISCHER |
| <u>9/6</u> | Alexa DAHMS | <u>9/20</u> | Lois E. BALDAUF |
| <u>9/8</u> | Shaun POMERENKE | <u>9/21</u> | Rita A. ADAMOVICH |
| <u>9/9</u> | Eileen NEWCOMB |  | Lisa DANIELS |
| | Cora ROBINSON | | Cindy DIESCH |
| | Andy ULLRICH | | Dennis D. DURKEY |
| <u>9/10</u> | Rodney C. FISCHER | <u>9/23</u> | Deborah MANTEUFEL |
|  | Karon FLATER | | Carla WATSON |
| | Amanda JORDAN | <u>9/24</u> | Lilah A. BORCHARDT |
| | Kathleen RIGOTTI | <u>9/25</u> | JoAnn MAZEMKE |
| <u>9/11</u> | Alice PATTERSON | <u>9/26</u> | Jared BURSACK |
| | Joy WHITE | | Susan ZELINSKE |
| <u>9/12</u> | Robert BRICCO | <u>9/28</u> | Jennifer K. BARTEL |
| <u>9/14</u> | Janice BATHKE | | Rachel JOHNSON |
| | Margaret CORRENTE | <u>9/29</u> | Brian SOKEL |
| | Michael WILHARM | | |

Happy September Birthday!

May God grant you happiness during your special month.

“Out of sight,” but NOT “out of mind!”

A few words from BOSM

Did you attend this year’s Family Fun Night? Whether you answered yes or no, be sure to give Sandy Guiley a huge “Thank you!” That event takes a lot of planning and we’re blessed to have her leadership. An extra thank you to ALL the staff and volunteers who put in many hours setting up, serving, and cleaning up for this event. There were nearly 300 Trinity and community members in attendance. A couple big attractions included a photo booth, snake exhibit, and Rondini. And for some reason, people couldn’t stop talking about those delicious hamburgers! BOSM would like to know what you think about this opportunity to build a closer relationship with our community. Soon, we will be providing a short survey to get your feedback. If you weren’t able to join in the fun, we’ll be interested in knowing what kept you away.

And speaking of “sight,” Trinity is offering a new service. Do you or anyone you know wear eye glasses? If you’re like me, you probably have to re-invest in a new pair every couple of years. What have you been doing with the old ones? With the help of local Lion’s clubs, needy families will receive the gift of improved sight by refurbishing your used glasses. Look for the white, plastic, collection boxes in either the school hallway or the church narthex. Thank you to Lynn Olson and Peter LaValle for managing the collection boxes.

By-the-way, did you “see” how God was working through our fellowship at Trinity’s annual picnic? What a blessing it was to have nearly 200 Trinity members and guest there. The music was great, the sermon was faith inspiring, and the food was...well, delicious. Only one thing could have made it better...more fellowship time. For those of us “working” the event, the fun ended before we could join in. Perhaps we’ll have BINGO or some other planned activity next year to keep people there longer. Thanks to all for a wonderful worship at the park.

And finally, be on the “look-out” for opportunities to service our community; introducing the “E” Team. Thanks to Mike Peitsch and the foundation laid by the “Good News Callers,” our evangelism team will be on a mission to reach out to those who don’t know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We will also be looking for opportunities to help those in need. Trinity has much to offer the people in our area, let’s not keep it a secret. Consider joining our efforts; don’t be surprised to hear from us. Others need your help, and as a member of the body of Christ, you are important, too. Are your spiritual needs being met? The “E” team may have you in their sights. **“This is good, and it is acceptable in the “sight” of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”** (1 Timothy 2:3-4)



† Trinity Congregation Statistics †

New Members- None

Baptisms- None

Transfer Out/Release- None

Weddings-

Tammy Gast & Michael Hertziger (Sept 4th)

Funerals- None

Gifted to Serve

It’s not too late to register for the SWD LWML Fall Retreat “Gifted to Serve” which will be at the Green Lake Conference Center Sept 23, 24 & 25. Based on 1 Corinthians 12:4 we will be led to discover the gifts that we have from God and how to use them. Information and registration forms are online at swd-lwml.org or from your LWML society president. Please join us!

You are Invited to.....

*A Celebration of Ministry for
Mike Stapleton*

Sunday, September 25th

11:30am in the LFH

Please bring a dish to pass, main entrée & beverages will be provided.



RSVP no later than Sept 18th to:

Mary Howden 730-9521

Jan Bathke 727-1002








Dottie Kraus 991-2705



September 2011

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

300 Broad Street, Menasha, WI 54952

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | |  Jesus is the way! | | 1 6am Men's Bible | 2 6am Men's Bible | 3 11am Gast/Hertziger Rehearsal 5pm Worship |
| 4-12 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship Scrip Order Date 10:30am Ed Hour 2:30pm Gast/Hertziger Wedding | 5 Labor Day No School Offices Closed | 6 6am Women's Bible 6:30pm Board Meetings | 7 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible Study | 8 6am Men's Bible 5pm Parent Orientation Night  | 9 6am Men's Bible | 10 9am Food Pantry 5pm Worship |
| 11-13 th Sunday after Pentecost Grandparents Day  9am Worship Kids Sing Scrip Order Date 10:30am Ed Hour | 12 <i>Pastors Day Off</i> 9am Men's Mtc Stevie B's Night 6:30pm Women's Bible Study | 13 6am Women's Bible 6:30pm Brd of Dir Meeting | 14 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible Study 7pm Choir | 15 6am Men's Bible Market Day P/U | 16 6am Men's Bible NFL Day  | 17 11am Senior Social 5pm Worship |
| 18-14 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship Scrip Order Date 10:30am Ed Hour | 19 <i>Pastors Day Off</i> | 20 6am Women's Bible Sewing Day Ladies Aid Picture Retakes  | 21 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible Study 4:30pm Conf Begins 7pm Choir | 22 6am Men's Bible | 23 6am Men's Bible FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN  | 24 9am Food Pantry 5pm Worship |
| 25-15 th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Worship Kids Sing Scrip Order Date 10:30am Ed Hour 11:30am Stapleton Party | 26 <i>Pastors Day Off</i> 6:30pm Women's Bible Study | 27 6am Women's Bible | 28 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible Study 4:30pm Conf 7pm Choir | 29 6am Men's Bible | 30 6am Men's Bible 6pm Crafters Weekend |  |

Trinity Financial Report – June, 2011
 General Fund Checking & Savings

Weekly Income:

| Date | Gen. Fund Offerings | Matching Funds | Restricted | School Transfers | BOTR | Other Income | Total Income |
|----------|---------------------|----------------|------------|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 06/06/11 | 11,187.20 | | 982.25 | | 660.00 | | 12,829.45 |
| 06/13/11 | 11,324.39 | 533.00 | 975.00 | 304.79 | 3,820.00 | 1,997.01 | 18,954.19 |
| 06/20/11 | 7,256.15 | | 391.00 | | 170.00 | | 7,817.15 |
| 06/27/11 | 9,914.38 | 500.00 | 150.00 | 1,744.27 | 620.00 | 66.64 | 12,995.34 |
| Total | 39,683.12 | 1,033.00 | 2,498.25 | 2,049.06 | 5,270.00 | 2,063.70 | 52,596.13 |

Weekly Expenses:

| Date | Regular Bills | Thrivant Match | Restricted | Memorial Fund | BOTR | Other Accts/ Misc Expense | Total Expenses |
|----------|---------------|----------------|------------|---------------|------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 06/06/11 | 40.00 | | | | | | 40.00 |
| 06/13/11 | 24,422.59 | | 1,017.18 | | | | 25,439.77 |
| 06/20/11 | | | | | | | 0 |
| 06/27/11 | 17,139.03 | | 1,630.72 | 60.00 | | | 18,829.75 |
| Total | 41,601.62 | | 2,647.90 | 60.00 | | | 44,309.52 |

Beginning Balance – General Fund \$ 50.57
 Income for April 2011 \$ 52,596.13
 Expenses for April 2011 \$ 44,309.52
 Ending Balance – General Fund \$ 8,337.18

Offering/Matching Funds YTD \$ 839,511.25
 Expenses YTD \$ 862,090.84

BOTR Income YTD \$ 67,317.00
 BOTR Expenses YTD \$115,209.40
 Mortgage Balance \$ 1,701,400.96

LCEF Steward Acct – Endowment Holding \$ 1,459.60
 Restricted Funds Savings Account \$ 317.01
 Endowment Funds Account \$ 12,963.57
 Memorial Fund Account \$ 5,211.66
 Designated Restricted Funds Balance \$ 62,273.05
 RBC Account \$ 14,974.40

CD's

| Maturity Date | Amount | Interest Rate |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 7/05/11 | \$10,227.64 | .65% |

Trinity Financial Report – July, 2011
 General Fund Checking & Savings

Weekly Income:

| Date | Gen. Fund Offerings | Matching Funds | Restricted | School Transfers | BOTR | Other Income | Total Income |
|----------|---------------------|----------------|------------|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 07/03/11 | 12,688.81 | 2,321.00 | 80.00 | | 1,070.00 | | 16,159.81 |
| 07/10/11 | 9,036.18 | | 183.00 | 1,539.13 | 290.00 | | 11,048.31 |
| 07/18/11 | 9,272.70 | | 969.36 | | 925.00 | (4,000.00) | 11,167.06 |
| 07/25/11 | 10,672.01 | | 50.00 | 500.00 | 820.00 | (6,000.00) | 12,042.01 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total | 41,669.70 | 2,321.00 | (607.00) | 2,039.13 | 3,105.00 | (10,000.00) | *49,810.19 |

*675.36 included

Weekly Expenses:

| Date | Regular Bills | Thrivent Match | Restricted | Memorial Fund | BOTR | Other Accts/ Misc Expense | Total Expenses |
|----------|---------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 07/03/11 | | | | | | | 0 |
| 07/10/11 | 32,050.34 | | 675.36 | | | | 32,725.70 |
| 07/18/11 | 1,191.30 | | 561.75 | | 11,981.78 | | 13,734.83 |
| 07/25/11 | 17,922.83 | | | | | | 17,922.83 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total | 51,164.47 | | 1,237.11 | | 11,981.78 | | 64,383.36 |

Beginning Balance – General Fund \$ 8,337.18
 Income for July 2011 \$ 49,810.19
 Income from other sources \$ 10,000.00
 Expenses for July 2011 \$ 64,383.36
 Ending Balance – General Fund \$ 3,764.01

Offering/Matching Funds YTD \$ 50,417.19
 Expenses YTD \$ 64,383.36

BOTR Income YTD \$ 3,105.00
 BOTR Expenses YTD \$ 11,981.78
 Mortgage Balance \$ 1,696,969.19

LCEF Steward Acct – Endowment Holding \$ 2,135.60
 Endowment Funds Account \$ 12,963.57
 Memorial Fund Account \$ 5,217.87
 RBC Account \$ 14,974.40

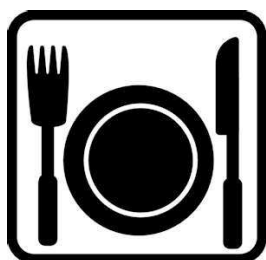
Beginning Balance – Restricted Accts. \$ 328.03
 Income for July 2011 \$ 11,256.77 (\$10,244.41 Closed CD)
 Expenses for July 2011 \$ 11,237.11 (\$10,000.00 transferred to Gen Fund
 \$1237.11 Paid out of Gen. Fund)
 Ending Balance – Restricted Acct. \$ 1,179.44
 Designated Restricted Funds Balance \$ 44,507.57

**Monies owed to Restricted Funds ** \$ 43,328.13

COME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

GERMAN DINNER

LOCATED AT 300 BROAD STREET, MENASHA



Sunday, October 9th
Serving 11:30am -1:30pm

9:00am Worship
10:30am Education Hour

Menu:

Pork Loin & Kraut OR All Beef Cabbage Rolls & Kraut
Spätzle with Gravy OR German Potato Salad
European Medley OR Squash
Dessert & Beverage included

Adults: \$9.50
Children 4-12 yrs: \$4.50
3 & under: Free

Small Appetite (*hot dog, chips, dessert & beverage*): \$4.00

For delivery or carry-out call 470-9090.

ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.





Caring In-Home Companions



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PARISH NURSE-Mary Howden

September 2011

Living With Parkinson's Disease

Parkinson's disease is a disorder of the brain that affects the transmission of messages to the muscles. It is characterized by tremor, stiffness of the muscles, and difficulty in initiating movements. Over one million Americans have Parkinson's disease. It occurs most often in later life, but can also affect younger people. It is a progressive disease, which means that it normally worsens over time. It usually, but not always, develops slowly.

No one knows what causes Parkinson's disease. Certain "Parkinson-like symptoms" can result from the side effects of some drug therapies, or can be caused by conditions such as brain tumor, arterial disease, viral encephalitis, stroke, or head injury.

What Are the Symptoms?

For now, there is no cure for Parkinson's disease. But with early diagnosis and an effective plan of treatment, the symptoms of the disease can often be controlled or lessened. Treatment varies widely for each individual, and may include:

- *Medication therapy*-A number of drugs can help control the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The choice of correct drug or drugs, the dosage, the method of taking medication, and the risk of side effects of drugs vary from person to person, requiring careful physician supervision.
- *Rehabilitative therapy*-Physical, occupational and speech therapists can assess the person's abilities and needs, and provide exercises to help maintain the highest possible range of motion, muscle tone, balance and flexibility, and communication ability.
- *Lifestyle alterations*-Exercise helps maintain muscle tone and strength. Diet is important for nutrition, for maintaining an appropriate weight, and because protein level may be a factor in the person's condition. Rest and stress reduction are also important.
- *Support groups and counseling* are available to help the person deal with the social and emotional impact of Parkinson's disease.

September School News

September issue 11 2011

Caroline Bedroske

Stevie B's night

Stevie B's is back for the year! Enjoy a family night out with great pizza! Join us on **September 12**, tell them you are with Trinity and help the school get 10% in sales! Stop in to get your scrip cards before you go and get money off your child's tuition.



Extended time

School hours are extended by 15 min. next year. School now ends at **3:30pm**.

Free Tuition

Does one month free tuition sound great to you? Recommend Trinity Lutheran School to someone! For every person you recommend, who enrolls their children in Trinity, you will be entered into a tuition drawing! The school is giving away three, one-month free tuitions! Recommend Trinity to a friend today!

Scrip

Did you know you can start to pay for next year's tuition today? Just stop by the office or see the Scrip table after services and purchase gift cards to places you frequent, i.e. gas stations, fast food, clothing stores. Each place gives a percentage back to you! **One family earned over \$700 last year off tuition!** Get all you can involved in buying scrip and watch the tuition drop!



Parent Night

Join us for the Mandatory parent meeting night on Thursday, September 8, 2011 starting at 5pm. Spaghetti dinner will be served, daycare will be provided. Learn about all that is going on in school this year. No worries – we plan to be done before the Packers kick-off!



Singing

The kids sing on Sunday September 11th at the 9am service. It is Rally Sunday at Trinity. Kids for Christ will be kicked off (come to find out what that is), the beginning of the school year will be celebrated, and teachers will be recommissioned. Lot's going on so join us!



Before and After

Care

Just a reminder that Before and After Care is now located in the youth room which is upstairs above the church narthex. Please enter through Door #2. This is also our bus zone, so do not park between the poles after 8am and before 4pm. Fines can be given by police to people in those spots.

We are also working to keep the building secure this year- if you find doors locked remember – that's a good thing!



Serving our LORD in September 2011

Elder of the Month: 5:00pm Mark Becker, 9:00am Bart Nielsen

Altar Guild: Laurel Wirth, Karen Edwards, Sandy Meyer, Rita Adamovich

| Date/Time | Acolytes | Communion | Greeters | Lectors | Ushers |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sept 3 5pm 4 9am | | Becker/Buksyk Nielsen/Borchardt | Judy Watkins J& H Kislewski | Karen Zachek Barb Sexmith | Kopitske Wray/Sexmith |
| Sept 10 5pm 11 9am | Alex Schrampfer | Becker/Camann Nielsen/Jording | Carl Riske Beth Godwin | Karen Riske Terry Wray | Buksyk Pomeranke |
| Sept 17 5pm 18 9am | Jayci Mansfield | Becker/Henkel Nielsen/Kroes | Rudy & Barb Vitek Lynn Olson | Jean Toeppler Elaine Trimberger | Voigt Diesch/Maynard |
| Sept 24 5pm 25 9am | Brice Sokel | Becker/Kopitske Nielsen/Pomeranke | Liz Chick Laura Van Ark | Duane Matz Doug Pomeranke | Harrmann Reinke/Weinig |

- ❖ If you would like something printed in the **Weekly Bulletin**, please send it to the Church Office **NO LATER** than 10am on Wednesdays.
- ❖ If you would like something printed in the **Monthly Newsletter**, please send it to the Church Office **NO LATER** than the 15th of the month.
- ❖ If you would like to purchase Altar Flowers, please place your envelope marked 'ALTAR FLOWERS' in the offering along with the reason for the flowers. **Flowers must be paid for prior to or at the time of the request.**

SCRIP NEWS.....

Scrip is available before & after services every weekend or daily in the School Office. Please call ahead with your order. Contact Cindy Diesch, Scrip coordinator, with questions 205-1197.

- Red Robin 11% on \$25 cards until Sept 16th
- Shutterfly 14% on \$25 cards until Sept 9th
- Lands End 18% on \$25 & \$100 cards until Sept 9th

Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop!™



KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC)

An exciting new ministry and a fresh new approach to Sunday morning Bible study for kids. A great opportunity for ALL children of our congregation to learn more about Jesus and to strengthen their faith.

Please contact Liz Kamprath at 540-1725 for more information.

KFC begins Sunday, September 11th at 10:30am. Sign your child up TODAY!!

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!!!!



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The Newsletter of Amanda Groshek

Tidings from Taiwan



July 2011

Hello Everyone!

July has been and will continue being a busy month for this girl. I continue to work on fundraising; the current total of amount raised is: \$4,877.48 out of the grand sum needed of: \$17,120. Again, I want to thank those of you who have already supported me and encourage those of you who haven't to consider partnering with me. Mission work isn't possible if your friends, family, and their friends and family aren't behind you! Also, if you have any questions about what I'll be doing, etc. PLEASE feel free to email, call, or talk to me. ☺ I would love to hear from you! The other big thing happening this month has been the two weeks of missionary orientation in St. Louis, MO. It's kind of like missionary boot-camp where you sit through all sorts of lectures to help prepare you for the field. Read more about this below.

Peace,
Amanda

The past two weeks, July 5-16th, have been spent in St. Louis, MO. at missionary orientation 2011. The days have been full. I've made lots of new friends with other missionaries who will be serving all over the world. Orientation started off with a cook-out the night we all arrived. Food is an excellent way to have fellowship; I've never seen hamburgers so BIG! And the first week consisted mainly of sitting in lectures and hearing about taxes, being employed by LCMS-World Mission, and, in general, what it is like to be a missionary. We were blessed to have several past and current missionaries to talk to for the entire two weeks of orientation. The second week, which was my favorite by far, was all about teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL). Not only were the "classes" we attended modeled after how an EFL classroom should be taught, but we were also given the opportunity to teach mini-English lessons to a small group of peers and then receive feedback on what was good and what we could improve on. As someone who was not an education major I found all of this to be very helpful. It also helped to explain why certain things were done in a particular way while I was in my foreign language classes. Overall, orientation was an excellent experience and now I'm one step closer to the field.



Above: Some of my new friends and I in the van on the way back to the hotel.

Below: The LCMS-International Center where we spent all our days. ☺



"What marvelous accomplishments, wrought not by armies or by man's superhuman strength, nor by magic, but all accomplished simply by men and women noted alone for their faith and prayer!"
E.M. Bounds

Dave Birner is the man in charge over at the International Center, and this is a story he told about his time in the field.

It was Christmas Eve in the highlands of Papa New Guinea, and the evening service was over. He was looking down at the church and there was a large bonfire outside. There is no electricity in New Guinea so all the locals were lighting their torches from this fire so that they could see their way back to their homes in the hills. Pretty soon, all these little fires (the torches) were seen spreading out all over the surrounding area as people started to head back to their huts.

Dave likened that bonfire and those torches to faith and Christianity. Jesus is the bonfire, the light of the world. And through our faith, we are given lights so that we can find our way to our eternal home. And just like the fire "spread" as people went in all directions to return to their dwellings, so when we take our faith out of the church is spreads across the country as we all go about our life.

How cool is that!?! 😊

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Feel free to also check out my blog about the more "mundane" aspects of my missionary adventure:

<http://calledtogo11.blogspot.com>

To support my work financially, you may send a tax deductible gift to:
LCMS World Mission
1333 S. Kirkwood Rd
St. Louis, MO. 63122-7295.
Make the check payable to LCMS World Mission and on the Memo Line write: Amanda Groshek

Praise and Prayers:

- Praise God for allowing me to serve Him in Taiwan.
- Praise Him for the support I have received thus far.
- Pray that I would continue to raise the amount of money that I need.
- Pray that I would make a good teacher and adjust to my new culture and environment.

"Rejoice evermore"
1 Thes. 5:16

Concordia Middle School and the Concordia English Language Academy are two institutions set up by the Lutheran church in Chiayi, Taiwan. The schools are valued by parents in the community who want their children to speak English well. English skills are important because of its use in education, travel, and world wide communication. CELA uses not only traditional EFL textbooks but Bible stories as well to teach speaking, reading, and spelling.

Along with teaching in Chiayi, missionaries are able to serve our Lord in various other outreach programs. This includes a Friday night Bible study at the local Lutheran church. There are also Bible studies held for students who reside on campus. As well as the opportunity to travel for short term mission trips during the two weeks off for the Chinese New Year. Past short term trips include going to: Vietnam, India, New Zealand, and Greece.

As a teacher in Chiayi, I will be serving as a GEO missionary, which is usually a 1-2 year commitment. GEO stands for Globally Engaged in Outreach.



-Trinity family for your cards & prayers during the loss of Jerry's mom. A special thank you to Pastor Billings for all of his prayers & hugs during her illness. -Jerry & Diane Peotter

-All VBS staff for their hard work & dedication in making our 2011 VBS a fun, exciting & super evangelism experience for all the children that attended. -Mike Stapleton

-Thank you to Mark Becker, Gary Kaye, Bud Tschirgi, Roy & Ruby Mehl & Mike Steuerwald for their care in keeping our church & school grounds looking beautiful this summer.

-Joyce Tschirgi for her many hours of creating the wonderful artwork for VBS this year. The children loved all of the decorations that you provided them with.

-Thank you to all who donated & worked the God's Money rummage sale & brat fry this summer. Approximately \$1000 was made. The items that did not sell were distributed to Bethesda Thrift; Winnebago County jail (bibles); Easter Seals; Restore & Fair Market Thrift. What a fabulous response to such a short notice fund raiser! God Does work in mysterious ways! -Elaine Weinig

-Trinity's Call Committee for their search in finding Rachel Keinath, our new 3rd/4th grade teacher for the day school. May God grant her the joy & peace in teaching our lambs of their Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.

-Marty Schramper for all of his volunteer hours in keeping our school's computer lab & office computers up-to-date & in top working order. God bless you! -Trinity's Faculty & Staff

- To all that continue to send in monies for matching funds through Thrivent or your employer. We have been receiving your matching fund donations & are very thankful for your support.

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity? Or would you like to refresh yourself with the teaching of our Church?

Please contact the Church Office (722-2662) or Pastor Billings for information regarding the next Adult Discipleship Class.



Attention Members..... Please use your church envelopes for your offerings. This helps to ensure that your contributions to the work of the Lord here at Trinity are properly designated.

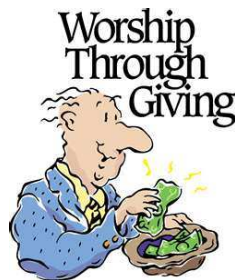


Ladies Retreat in Pembine, WI

Taking place September 9th thru 11th. To register, please take a brochure located in the Narthex or call Connie Henkel at 725-0694 for more info.

God's Money Giving

- March - \$2717.56
- April - \$314.38
- May - \$68.61
- June - \$26.14
- July - \$292.24
- Grand Total - \$3,418.93



Reminder- the pledges that you made in May 2011 are based on our Fiscal Year which runs July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Your statement amounts reflect this.



Cleaning Fellowship Teams

Now that our day school is back in session, the activities at Trinity will soon be back to a full schedule. It is time once again to implement Trinity's Cleaning Fellowship Teams to help keep our Church and School a clean and safe place for our Trinity family to worship, as well as for our children to learn and grow in the Lord. This ministry has proven to be a successful form of stewardship as well as fellowship. An organizational meeting will be held on Sept. 15th. For more information about serving on a Cleaning Fellowship Team contact Terry Wray 722-7693. Prayerfully consider signing up to be a volunteer for this important ministry. Sign-up sheets are located on the Board of Properties "Opportunities to Serve" board in the Narthex or stop by the School Office.

Trinity's Food Pantry –

In the last couple of weeks we have received donations of milk, eggs & cereal from the Menasha Lions Club. We also received food from members of Peace Lutheran. We give thanks for all the donations & greatly appreciate any that are made by our members. We are still in need of Jell-o, pudding & boxed foods. If you or someone you know needs our food pantry, please contact Lynn & Bonnie Olson, Marc & Sandy Guiley.



Do You Like to Sing????? Join the Gallery Choir this year! Have fun while serving Christ & your church. No experience necessary. Practice begins Wed, Sept 14th from 7-8:15pm. (During Advent & Lent from 7:30-8:30pm) If you have any questions or want to join the choir, contact Mike Peitsch at 733-2118.



FALL SOCIAL SERVICE

Saturday, September 17th

Worship service at 11:00am with a luncheon, socializing and games to follow.

If you plan to attend, please call Kathy Rigotti at 725-8930.



Confirmation Classes to Begin

Wednesday, September 21st at 5 pm

For all 6th, 7th & 8th grade students.

Please contact the office if your child is not already registered.

A study book must be purchased in order to attend the class.

GOT EMAIL????? Please turn form in to office.

Please help update the Church's records by submitting your email address. Quarterly financial statements can be sent confidentially to you as well as the Monthly Newsletter.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Receive Financial Statement & Newsletter by email: _____ YES _____ NO