

Trinity Lutheran Church

July, 2009

WELCOME + GROW + SERVE

*Summer Worship
Schedule:
Service at 9 a.m.*

**Summer Church Office
Hours :**
Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to
3 p.m.
Friday, 7 a.m. to noon
Phone: 734-9895
FAX: 734-1863

Check for more activities and
time of events at Trinity on
the calendar inside!

Please keep in your prayers:
Judy Van Dyke

**"We WELCOME all
people.**

**We GROW together
in a living faith.**

**We are sent to
SERVE with the love
of Christ."**

Road Construction Season

The pathways are not as clear and smooth as before. We are frustrated with detours (*time-consuming*) and delays (*time wasted*). We soon forget, oh yes, we forget how patched up and bumpy the old road was, and susceptible to water main breaks! We soon lose patience with those who tell us (*the vision*), that after this important work your drive will be safer and with less hassle. We forget that ...because right now all we know and see is that the old way of doing things is disrupted and we are forced to adapt.

Things are being disrupted in the church. At the recent ELCA East-Central Synod Assembly we learned about things under construction. The world is changing all around us. The prevailing winds (*a seven year trend*) here in Northeast Wisconsin is that most churches are experiencing loss in membership, a drop in weekly worship attendance, and decreased offerings...along with higher operating costs. This is a trend most likely to continue as roughly 80% of the general population finds something other to do than attend worship on a Sunday morning.

This is true at Trinity Lutheran as well. Our "net loss" so far this year is \$33,775 (*through May 31*). The cash available to pay bills is only \$29,568. The overall general fund deficit is now up to \$66,914...the highest it has ever been. Folks, we need to face these facts...times are tough.

Your council and active lay leaders of the GTZ (*Grace, Trinity, Zion*) group have been seeking solutions through partnering. Your council and active lay leaders of the evangelism team have been active in seeking ways to welcome new members.

We encourage all to live in the words of St. Paul: **"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong, Let all that you do be done in love."** (*1 Corinthians 16:13-14*)

Peace be with you,

Pastor Mary Beth

Pastor Kurt

TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM JUNE 16, 2009



In Attendance: Tom Scheuerman, Chuck Dorn, Marilyn Schucknecht, Pastor Mary Beth, Steve Krueger, Jean Haese, Jann Seidl, Mary Fritz (guest)

The meeting opened with devotions led by Pastor Mary Beth.

Mary Fritz gave an in-depth report on the upcoming "Women's Christmas Brunch." Women will volunteer to decorate 25 tables (of eight) with their Christmas finery. Each volunteer will sell the remaining seven tickets for their table. Unsold tickets for each table will be sold to area churches, via WEMI advertising, and Mary Pierce's website (the laughinglady.com). 200 tickets are anticipated to be sold for the brunch, potentially 200 more tickets for the speaker. Trinity men will serve the brunch. Mary Pierce, a Christian speaker, will be featured after the brunch. Her fee is \$1,000, not including hotel and travel (\$500). There will be a silent auction to be held for Harbor House; a request for supplemental dollars has been submitted to Southeast Outagamie Thrivent Chapter. Tickets will be sold for about \$15 dollars. The council has suggested that advertising be done early and that 150 tickets must be sold by November 12. If there is not enough interest, the event can be canceled without paying the cancellation fee. The contract for Mary Pierce will be given to David Otts to sign. A motion was made to pass the proposal made for the Christmas Decoration Brunch December 12 by Jean and seconded by Marilyn. The motion was passed.

Trinity's financial situation was discussed. Trinity is losing approximately \$7,000 a month. The finances

will be watched closely for the next couple of months. The June financial statement will be mailed out to the congregation along with a letter written by Tom to appeal for updated pledges and special gifts to help offset the deficit. A special congregational meeting will be called if needed in September or October to address finances.

Custodial services were discussed. The Property and Mutual Ministry committees are planning to meet to discuss options.

Pastor Mary Beth reviewed the copy of the Weber's Youth Trust minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Steve and seconded by Chuck; the motion was passed.

The Brat Fry made \$655.43 (less expenses). Leftover meat was sold Sunday and Monday. Buns and ice went to Loaves and Fishes. A gift of delicious rice krispie bars was made by Michiels Restaurant.

The Shared Ministry proposal was shared with the council and discussed.

New Business - Steve asked if they plan on utilizing the projection system. Pastor Mary Beth said more people are needed to help with this.

The meeting was ended with prayer concerns and prayer led by Pastor Mary Beth.

Respectfully submitted,

Jann Seidl

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Sounds quite simple, but it does mean much more than this single statement.

Sometimes we forget the meanings and just go through the motions.

I had the privilege of visiting Trinity for the GTZ Pentecost Festival on Sunday, May 31. It was a very enjoyable time for my wife and me. "Refreshing" would be the best way to describe our day.

We were welcomed graciously at the door and also as we entered the Sanctuary. Seeing so many new faces as well as familiar ones gave me a feeling of peace and ease. The service had me realizing that though three different congregations were here, we were all very much on the same page. Sharing the peace, receiving the Lord's meal, and singing our praise was very special.

After service we were able to sit down for some great fellowship. This was a time to spend meeting new people who all were there for evangelism, stewardship, stating missions, sharing the gospel with others, and of course having a delicious meal. There was so much good food that it was hard to make a choice of what to put on my plate.

It's always a little stressful putting on something like this, but when we all get together on the same mission, things just fall into place. The music and choir were outstanding. The service and liturgy was right on. The meal was fantastic.

To the Pastors, Congregations, and the many volunteers, let me say you are all very much appreciated and loved. God has blessed us all with your gifts. Thank you, oh, so much!

Grace, Trinity, and Zion, what a combination!

GTZ Representative, *Dave Robinson* - Zion

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
5th ANNUAL CHARITABLE GOLF OUTING
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009
SHOTGUN START @ 2 PM

HIGH CLIFF GOLF COURSE
(Sherwood)

Golfing format: 4-person scramble. Cost is \$45.00 per player for nine holes.

Price includes: green fees, power cart, meal, awards and prizes. **All proceeds will benefit the Emergency Shelter of the Fox Cities and Trinity.** Please include a check for \$180.00 for your foursome. You can also register 1, 2, or 3 golfers and we will match you up with others. If you will only be joining us for the social and meal (at approximately 5pm), the cost is \$15.00 per person.

Captain: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Other Participants: _____

[] Meal Only – Number of People _____
Names for Meal Only _____

Please make checks payable to *Trinity Lutheran Church* and mail to:
Trinity Lutheran Church
c/o Golf Outing
209 S. Allen St.
Appleton, WI 54911

Or call 729-9641 enter your 4 person team or to register
1, 2, or 3 golfers, and we will match you up with others.

In the event of a rain out for golf, rain checks will be issued.
Social and meal will continue as scheduled. Questions – please call or email:

* Sandy LeMoine @ 729-9641
sljblm@aol.com

* Jean Haese @ 722-4423
jhaese@tds.net

EARLY REGISTRATION BY JULY 1ST

Each golfer that registers early is eligible for Prize Package Drawings.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, JULY 17!

Proceeds Supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Southeast Outagamie Chapter 30080

VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2009 ONE SERVICE AT 9:00!

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute. Also notify the church office of this change, 734-9895.

Ushers (captains in bold, underlined print)

July 5 & 19 **Dean Einspahr**, Dorice Feltheim, Richard Rendall, Fred Russler

July 12 & 26 **Ron Robertson**, Need Volunteer, John Willing

Readers

July 5 Phil Johnson

July 12 Jean Haese

July 19 Judy Boncher

July 26 Karen Kapocius

Fellowship Hour

July 5 Liz Lokensgard

July 12 Kay Odegaard

July 19 Mitzi Britton

July 26 Audrey Schiedermayer

Communion Assistants

July 5 Phil Johnson, Ron Williams, Kay Odegaard

July 12 Jean Haese & **Need Volunteer**

July 19 John & Carol Palmquist

July 26 Marita Wagner & Larry Vaubel

Greeters

West Entrance

July 5 Charles & Scherill Dorn

July 12 Jim and Janet Hemmen

July 19 Gene & Mitzi Britton

July 26 Shirley Jooss & Judy Van Elzen

East Entrance

Ginny Russler

Mary Robertson

Carolyn Jones

Chuck Pasch

Altar Care

July 5 Nita & Ron Williams

July 12 **Need Volunteer**

July 19 Ethel Herzfeldt

July 26 Marita Wagner

Acolytes

July 5 **Need Volunteer**

July 12 **Need Volunteer**

July 19 **Need Volunteer**

July 26 **Need Volunteer**

Nursery

The Nursery is not staffed, but the room will be open for parents who wish to use it.

Pew Racks:

July 5 & 12 Valerie Zellmer

July 19 & 26 Carolyn Jones

Send acolyte reminder cards:

Lee Ann Still

VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2009 ONE SERVICE AT 9:00!

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute. Also notify the church office of this change, 734-9895.

Ushers

(captains in bold, underlined print)

August 2, 16, 30 **Mike Dorow**, Pete Mohr, Sharon Radke, **Need Volunteer**
 Aug 9, 23, Sep 6 **Randy Schuelke**, Jean Haese, Erick & MaryJo Jensen

Readers

Aug 2 Mary Poulson
 Aug 9 Jerry Lokensgard
 Aug 16 Dorice Feltheim
 Aug 23 Mary Robertson
 Aug 30 Joyce Schoepel
 Sep 6 Karen Kapocius

Fellowship Hour

Aug 2 **Need Volunteer**
 Aug 9 Joyce Schoepel
 Aug 16 Lois Small
 Aug 23 Sharon Radke
 Aug 30 Dorice Feltheim
 Sep 6 Carolyn Jones

Communion Assistants

Aug 2 Linda Barth, Millie Mohr, Ron Williams
 Aug 9 Dorothy Deeg, Jerry Lokensgard
 Aug 16 Dorice Feltheim & Sharon Helms
 Aug 23 Brian & Lee Ann Still
 Aug 30 Lou & Joyce Schoepel
 Sep 6 **Need Volunteer** & Karen Kapocius

Altar Care

Aug 2 Kay Odegaard & Lois Small
 Aug 9 Dorothy Deeg
 Aug 16 Carolyn Jones
 Aug 23 Judy Natz
 Aug 30 Millie Mohr
 Sep 6 **Need Volunteer**

Acolytes

Aug 2 **Need Volunteer**
 Aug 9 **Need Volunteer**
 Aug 16 **Need Volunteer**
 Aug 23 **Need Volunteer**
 Aug 30 **Need Volunteer**
 Sep 6 **Need Volunteer**

Nursery

The Nursery is not staffed, but the room will be open for parents who wish to use it.

Pew Racks:

Aug 2 & 9 Maxine Zuelzke
 Aug 16 & 23 Melva Miller
 Aug 30 & Sep 6 Kay Schulze

Send acolyte reminder cards:

Lee Ann Still

Greeters

West Entrance

Aug 2 Dorice Feltheim & Lila Pohlman
 Aug 9 Mike & Gail Romenesko
 Aug 16 Kathy Kuck & **Need Volunteer**
 Aug 23 Robert & Virginia Dorn
 Aug 30 Tom & Debbie Breen
 Sep 6 Tom & Nancy Scheuerman

East Entrance

Dorothy Warren
 Marita Wagner
Need Volunteer
 Lisa Dorn
 Iris Bockin
 Kay Kempainen

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Statement of Income and Expense—Through May 31 2009**

	Actual	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	Budget
Income Accounts			
General Offerings	101,266		100,443
Other Income	32,044		28,900
Total Income	133,310		129,343
Expense Accounts			
Human Resources	94,432		92,765
Mission Outreach	3,604		3,300
Office Administration	5,922		5,427
Property & Maintenance	45,334		41,863
Worship & Music	1,997		2,072
Children's Ministries	486		947
Adult Ministries	112		493
Youth Ministries	12,028		4,910
Membership	1,502		959
Evangelism	1,132		726
Social Ministry	100		100
Stewardship/Finance	338		203
Mutual Ministry	100		-
Total Expenses	167,085		153,764
Net loss for the current year	(33,775)		(24,421)

Our Equity Level (available cash) is \$(66,914)
Actual cash balance is \$29,568

Summary of Activity for Debt Retirement—Through May 31, 2009

	Year-To-Date		Current
	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Dedicated Account			
Mortgage Funding	9,731	7,890	63,056
(Interest rate is 5.75%)		Remaining Mortgage Balance:	113,918

The Youth Page

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday Worship - Sundays - 9:00-10:00am
 Mission Trip Meeting - Sunday, June 7
 Timber Rattler Game - Sunday, July 12
 NYG - New Orleans - July 20-27
 Vacation Bible School - August 9-13

New Orleans Meeting

ALL YOUTH (and interested parents) please attend the Youth Gathering Meeting on Sunday, June 7 following worship in the Upper Auditorium. Please pray for us as we prepare to serve in the manner and mind of Christ in New Orleans in July!

Timber Rattler Game & Picnic

Join the fun for the Timber Rattler Game on Sunday, July 12. Picnic is at 11:30am. All you can eat brats, hotdogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, and potato salad (includes 2 beverages, too)! Game begins at 1:05pm. Reserved seats! You can play catch on-field pre-game, plus player autographs after the game. Cost: \$10.00 for anyone 10 years old and up, for children under 10 it's only \$5.00! What a deal!

Sign up at church by June 28.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark Your Calendars for VBS!

Sunday, August 9th -

Thursday, August 13th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Invite a friend!

See you there!

CROSSWAYS CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in going to camp, but concerned about the cost? Talk to Pastor Mary Beth. We have "camperships" for you!

"Top 10"

Things to Do This Summer

These are just ideas to get you started... you can probably think of even more!

10. **Volunteer**-The Children's Museum, St. Vinnie's, Mosquito Hill, Harbor House or St. Joe's Food Pantry could use your help!
9. **Do Daily Devotions**-If you need ideas, talk to Pastor Mary Beth!
8. **Movie Marathon**-Pick any actor, type of movie, or a trilogy, and watch the whole thing. (Watch all the *Harry Potter* movies before the new one is released July 17!)
7. **Read a book outside**-Grab your favorite book and a blanket and head outside!
6. **Try something new**-Is there something you have always wanted to do? Try it now... whether it is strumming a guitar or dancing the cha-cha.
5. **Get organized**-This is a good time to go through your closets and piles in your room and get rid of the things you don't really need. Donate whatever someone else could use... toss the rest!
4. **Research your Family Tree**-Hey, you might find out some interesting information about the people in your family.
3. **Thrifting**- Head out to the local thrift stores or Rummage Sales. You never know what cool things you might find!
2. **Go to Crossways Camp**-YES! There is still some room for youJ! Whether you go to Imago Dei, Pine Lake, or Waypost, you're guaranteed to have a faith-filled fun time!
1. **Pray**-Take time every day to pray. It is a great way to begin and end your day!

Dive into God's Word! Don't forget to worship with your family this summer!

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

JULY 2009

Sundays:
9:00 a.m. Worship

Mondays:
3:30 p.m.
Loaves & Fishes

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:
7:30 p.m. AA

Thursdays:
Noon & 7:30 p.m. AA
**7 p.m. Worship at
Grace Lutheran**

Fridays:
10:00 a.m. Staff
meeting
7:00 p.m.
FVCCC Bible Study

Saturdays:
**6 p.m. Worship at
Zion Lutheran**

LAM
Monday-Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to 11:45
a.m.
Monday: 4 p.m. to
9 p.m.
Tuesday: 4 p.m. to
7 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6 p.m. Quilters	3 Church Office Closed	4  12:15 p.m. Organ Concert
	No LAM Classes					
5	6	7	8 Global Village at Pine Lake Camp	9 2 p.m. worship at Ren- nes	10 6 p.m. Rehearsal	11 2 p.m. Wedding
12	13	14 12:00 Picnic lunch at Zion 6:30 p.m. AA Treatment Steering Cmte; 7 p.m. Exec. Cmte.	15	16 6 p.m. Quilters	17 6 p.m. Rehearsal	18 2:30 p.m. Wedding
19	20 5:30 p.m. Emergency Shelter Gala Meeting Youth Mission Trip	21 7 p.m. Council	22	23 11:30 a.m. "Friends of Trinity"; 2 p.m. worship at Rennes 6:30 p.m. Prop. Cmte.	24 7 p.m. Rehearsal	25 12:00 p.m. Wedding
26 2 p.m. Golf Outing Pastors on vacation	27	28	29	30	31 6 p.m. Rehearsal	

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LOAVES & FISHES

July 6th Ann Einspahr
June 13th Judy McLernon
June 20th **Need Volunteer**
June 27th **Need Volunteer**



Please call Lisa Christensen, 749-1795, if you can help. The number of people Loaves & Fishes serves has been steadily increasing. We would appreciate it if the volunteers would make enough dessert to serve 120. Thank you!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR NUMBERS ARE?

Blood Pressure Screenings are held on the first and third Sunday.

TRINITY'S BEST KEPT SECRET"



In May of 2006 Trinity announced an opportunity for members (and guests) who were interested in getting together for lunch and socializing with church friends. These are usually scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Red Ox Restaurant on South Oneida Street. The next one will be on June 25, 2009. It is "Dutch Treat" and very informal. Why not give it a try?



GOLF OUTING/AUCTION TIME AGAIN— JULY 26 AT HIGH CLIFF CLUB COURSE

This year especially, it is important to think of the homeless and the help they will need. How can you help?? We need donations of items for the auction. If you have any questions or have items, contact Jean Haese (722-4423) or put a note in my mailbox by the church office. We are putting together the baskets, so we'd appreciate receiving your item ASAP. Also, please consider being a hole sponsor for \$100.00. As always, thanks for your consideration.

Jean Haese

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Please note: you will receive a contribution statement for offerings received from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 in the first part of July. **Please look them over carefully and advise me of any changes and/or corrections.** In an effort to save

paper and the cost of mailing, you will not receive another contribution statement until the beginning of November. Of course, you will receive a statement in January of 2010 representing your contributions for all of 2009. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Chris Calhoun

Thank You So Much!!

Hats off to the Help, Healing and Health Team ministry.

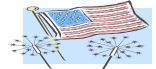
We hit a snag this past winter and this group came to the rescue. For a month tasty ready to serve weekend meals were brought to the house. Thanks again, ladies, for getting us through this difficult time.

God Bless,

Betty and Dick Emanuel



**ORGAN RECITAL
 Saturday July 4th,
 12:15 – 12:45 p.m.**



Come celebrate the Fourth of July by attending a Patriotic Sing-a-long at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, **July 4th**, 12:15-12:45. This concert, part of the Lunchtime Organ Recital Series, has always been the most popular concert of the summer. It has outgrown All Saints Episcopal Church and will be in more spacious quarters at Trinity. Frank Rippl will be the organist. He will play the great patriotic hymns and songs, and the audience sings along. In between songs, he will play a few pieces by American composers. Songs will include: The National Anthem (3 verses!), America the Beautiful, My Country 'tis of Thee, The Navy Hymn, and so forth. The roof may be raised off its foundation as the singing is always quite boisterous and thrilling! **Free admission.** Don't miss it!!

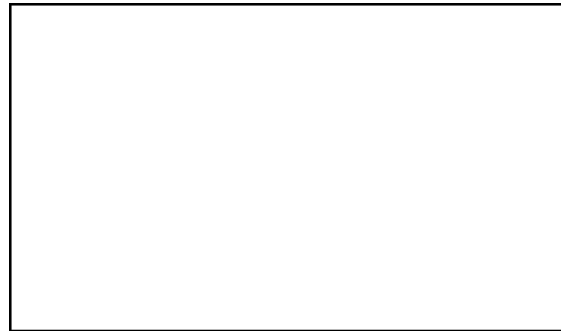
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WORD FOR THE WEEK

- July 5** Mark 6:1-13 ... Yes, like Jesus, we appear ordinary and human. Yet, God does marvelous things through ordinary people.
- July 12** Mark 6:14-29 ... Gruesome acts still occur today; but they are never the last word, for God's gracious acts still occur too.
- July 19** Mark 6:30-34,53-56 ... Sunday worship. We come tired, hungry, hurting, or worn out ... and we are met and restored by Jesus' compassion. We are in good company.
- July 26** John 6:1-21 Jesus works with the littlest and the least to transform the world.

Trinity's Congregational Council

David Otts, President 832-3968
Tom Scheuerman, VP 731-9847
Chuck Dorn, Fin. Secy. 734-0986
Jean Haese, Treasurer 722-4423
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Steve Krueger 954-6964
Kathy Kuck 731-2548
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Feel free to contact any of these individuals with your thoughts, needs, or concerns for Trinity.

The deadline for articles for the August Tidings is Monday, July 20th. It would be greatly appreciated if you would submit articles on disk or via e-mail as a WORD attachment. It saves time from not having to type them. Thanks!