

# Trinity Lutheran Church

MEMBER OF THE GTZ PARISH

WELCOME + GROW + SERVE

May 2010

## *Worship Schedule: at Trinity*

**May 5-16:** Pipe Organ at 8:30 a.m. & Praise Team at 10:30 a.m.

**May 23:** Pipe Organ worship at 9 a.m. & Joint Pentecost Service at Grace at 11 a.m.

**May 30—September 5:** One Service at 9 a.m.

## **Church Office Hours :**

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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:*

Travis Dorn

## **Baptism**

4/25 Bristol LeeAnn Nardi

"We WELCOME all people.

We GROW together in a living faith.

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

## Thinking about Life (*and death*)

The morning light awakens us to another day. We wipe the sleep from our eyes and go about life. We do the breakfast dishes, the laundry, run the vacuum, and make a to-do list. With few minutes to spare we show up at work or school. Running late we meet friends for lunch or coffee. Before we know it, our head rests on a pillow and we close our eyes to another day. We think: "*ordinary!*" Day after day, week after week it all can seem the same. And yet, the Risen Christ says... "come closer."

In these days of Spring...I have remembered a brush with death I experienced when I was a young 18 year-old. I've been pondering: Has that experience shaped me to emphasize the gifts of each day? Has it shaped me and my faith to realize that on the one hand...everything is an incredible gift (even the ordinary) and on the other hand...all can be taken away, and eventually will be taken away?

Look at Jesus. Jesus lived day to day -- just like us. He was full of life, in touch with his surroundings, aware of others and their feelings. Jesus was "open" to each new day, he saw, he felt, he heard, he sensed. He was humble enough to touch life and to be touched by life. I'd like to think it was because he was rooted and grounded in God's everlasting life.

Jesus can and will forgive you, release you, and set you free to live with grace. (*And, no, you need not have a near-death experience.*)

Jesus calls us to love God...day by day.  
Jesus calls us to love one another...day by day.

The power of the Holy Spirit awakens us to life and opens our eyes to see the blessings all around us; in faces, in flowers, and in the gentle breeze, yes...the extraordinary grace of God in the ordinary.

Wow.  
Thanks be to God,  
**Pastor Kurt**

## Trinity Congregation Council Meeting “Highlights” -- April 20, 2010



**Attendance** - David Ottis, Pastor Kurt Kovanen, Terry Howe, Tom Scheuerman, Randy Schuelke, Jean Haese, Jeff Dorow, Jann Seidl.

Tom opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

**Secretary's report** - March minutes were approved as read.

**Financial Report** - Income for the month was \$21,137, expenses of \$30,850, with a net loss of \$9,713 for the month. A motion to approve the report was made. Motion passed.

**GTZ Visioning Report** - David discussed the Vision team is focusing on how we (the GTZ parish) can be relevant and develop relationships outside the walls of church.

**GTZ Parish Advisory Council Report** - Tom reported the PAC is an enthusiastic group and feels their initial role has been expanded. They suggest that eight committees be formed. The committees are: 1) communication, 2) Fellowship (GTZ group), 3) Stewardship, 4) Education, 5) Mutual Ministries, 6) Visioning team (already in place), 7) Executive Team, and 8) Care team (Health, Healing and Help). The PAC will outline a charter for the teams to follow, and they in turn will report to the PAC. Fellowship is encouraged amongst the three churches so we continue to get to know one another and feel comfortable in each others' churches. Envelope offerings will go to their respective churches. Parishioners" have permission" to attend the other church services.

**GTZ Haiti Benefit** - The April 18 event raised close to \$1,000 dollars. The food and the concert were great. A big thank-you to Liz Lokensgard for pulling it all together.

**New Business** - The 2010 budget was discussed. Pastoral and staff salaries were discussed. Donations to the synod may be made at the end of the year depending on the budget status. A special appeal for tuck pointing the roof and repairing water damage to the parament room will be made to the congregation once the bids are in. A motion was made by David Ottis to approve the proposed budget and present it to the congregation and seconded by Jean Haese. The motion passed.

**Adult Ministry opportunity** - Tom suggested the council read the book, *Field Guide for the Missionary Congregation*, and that this book or excerpts thereof be the topic for group discussion. Group discussions will be in-between services May 9th and May 16th.

### Pastors Report -

New Members :	Jacob Kohlhagen Nicol Block Jeremy Sherf Nicole Stearns
Baptisms:	Madyson Latham Marlo Seefeldt Charlotte Van Nuland
Transfers Out:	Jeff & Lisa Sheffler and Michael & Elizabeth

A motion was made to welcome the new members and faithfully release the Sheffler family. Motion passed.

**Lambeau Field Contract** - Randy reported the Lambeau contract was renewed. Three people will be needed per scheduled week to sell peanuts and beer. Those selling beer will need to have special training.

The meeting ended with prayer concerns and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Jann Seidl, Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **God is at work in each of us.**

Sometimes we struggle to understand the direction things take in our personal, business or spiritual lives. Our best efforts to make changes, work hard, set goals seem to fall short as things don't turn out as expected. It is when we become more "God" centered and put our faith in our Lord and Savior to guide us that we find the path we should take. It is not easy sometimes to give up control to God, but it is what we are asked to do.

### **God is at work at Trinity.**

As we begin the month of May, we start our official partnership with the GTZ parish. God has been at work through all of us at the three congregations to bring us to this point. The sharing of resources, the developing of new friendships with our brothers and sisters in Christ at the other congregations and the potential we have to increase our ministry to God in the community and world is at a new beginning.....and it is exciting. Who would have envisioned this development one year ago?

### **God is at work in the world.**

We start a new phase in our joint ministry with a lot of work to do in the months ahead. We know we live in a changing world, and God is at work in his changing world. How do we as ELCA Lutheran congregations work effectively and grow a vibrant and meaningful ministry in downtown Appleton? The Vision Team will be working on developing those ideas. We as members of Trinity have work to do also. How do we open our hearts and minds to what God is asking us to do and how do we grow to understand this and the changes we may have to make? To help us on this journey, look for some opportunities in May during our "Nifty Fifty" time between services to begin learn about how we need to begin to think about ministry as we move ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Tom Scheuerman

## **How Many Lutherans Does it Take to Change a Light Bulb? Come and See!**

Discussion of a *Field Guide for the Missionary Congregation*

May 9th and May 16th

9:35 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.: Upper Auditorium

**Volunteer Worship Schedule for May 2010**  
**Summer Worship Starting on May 23 at 9 a.m.**

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

**8:30 am Pipe Organ Service**

**Ushers** (Captains in bold, underlined type)

**Dean Einspahr**, Phil Johnson, John Willing,

**Need 1 Volunteer**

**Readers**

May 2 Erick Jensen

May 9 Linda White

May 16 Joyce Schoepel

May 23 **(9 a.m.)**

Sharon Helms

May 30 **(9 a.m.)**

Jerry Lokensgard

**Altar Care**

Ron & Nita Williams

Lois Small

Lorna Dorn

Carolyn Jones

Kay Odegaard

**Communion Assistants**

May 2 Erick Jensen & Ron Williams

May 9 Linda White & Kay Odegaard

May 16 Lou & Joyce Schoepel

May 23 **(9 a.m.)**

Sharon Helms & Kathy Kuck

May 30 **(9 a.m.)**

John & Carol Palmquist

**Greeters**

**West Entrance**

May 2 Mary Robertson &

Judy Van Elzen

May 9 Ann Einspahr/Lois Small

May 16 Fred & Ginny Russler

May 23 **(9 a.m.)**

Lila Pohlman/ Kathy Kuck

May 30 **(9 a.m.)**

Dorice Feltheim

**East Entrance**

Charles Pasch

Kay Odegaard

Carolyn Jones

Marilyn Kersten

Dorothy Warren

**Acolytes**

May 2 Hannah Arntsens

May 9 **Need Volunteer**

May 16 **Need Volunteer**

May 23 **(9 a.m.)** Samantha Wojnowski

May 30 **(9 a.m.)** Samantha Wojnowski

**Fellowship Hour** (after 8:30 service)

May 2 The Kovanen Family

May 9 Tom & Debbie Breen

May 16 Mitzi Britton

May 23 Liz Lokensgard

May 30 Dorothy Warren

**Send acolyte reminder cards:**

Lee Ann Still

**Prayerwriter:**

David Otts

**10:30 am Praise Team Service**

**Ushers** (Captains in bold, underlined type)

**Gerald LeMoine**, Sandy LeMoine, **Need 2 volunteers**

**Readers**

May 2 Nancy Scheuerman

May 9 Karen Kapocius

May 16 Steve Krueger

**Altar Care**

Dorothy Deeg

Judy Natz

Marita Wagner

**Communion Assistants**

May 2 Tom & Nancy Scheuerman

May 9 Karen & Kyle Kapocius

May 16 Steve Krueger & Marita Wagner

**Greeters**

**West Entrance**

May 2 Bob & Ginny Dorn

May 9 Mike & Gail Romenesko

May 16 Gene & Mitzi Britton

**East Entrance**

Shirley Jooss

Kay Kemppainen

Steve Krueger

**Acolytes**

May 2 Dustin Willson

May 9 Samantha Wojnowski

May 16 Morgan Still

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

**Pew Racks**

April 25 & May 2 Terry Howe

May 9 & 16 Jan Liebscher

May 23 & 30 Melva Miller

## VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2010 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)**

June 6 & 20      **Larry Vaubel**, Robert & Virginia Dorn, Charles Pasch  
 June 13 & 27      **Randy Nett**, Doug Marquardt, Debbie Nett, Rusty Witthuhn

**Readers**

June 6      Debbie Breen  
 June 13      Mary Poulson  
 June 20      Ron Williams  
 June 27      Phil Johnson

**Fellowship Hour**

June 6      Carolyn Jones  
 June 13      Lois Small  
 June 20      Sharon Radke  
 June 27      Joyce Schoepel

**Communion Assistants**

June 6      Millie Mohr  
 June 13      Brian & Lee Ann Still  
 June 20      Fred & Ginny Russler  
 June 27      Phil Johnson & Kay Odegaard

**Altar Care**

June 6      Millie Mohr & Kay Odegaard  
 June 13      Liz Lokensgard  
 June 20      Ron Williams  
 June 27      Lois Small

**Acolytes**

June 6      **Need Volunteer**  
 June 13      **Need Volunteer**  
 June 20      **Need Volunteer**  
 June 27      **Need Volunteer**

**Nursery**

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

**Pew Racks**

June 6 & 13      Maxine Zuelzke  
 June 20 & 27      Kay Schulze

**Send acolyte reminder cards:** \_\_\_\_\_

Lee Ann Still

**Greeters**

**W = west entrance**

June 6      **W**      Tom & Debbie Breen  
 June 13      **W**      Dan & Glennis Schuelke  
 June 20      **W**      Fred & Ginny Russler  
 June 27      **W**      Ron & Mary Robertson

**E = east entrance)**

**E**      Lisa Dorn  
**E**      Erich Jensen  
**E**      Shirley Jooss  
**E**      Judy Van Elzen

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Statement of Income and Expense — Through March 31, 2010**

Year-To-Date

Actual

**Income Accounts**

General Offerings	54,099
Other Income	19,760
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>73,859</b>

**Expense Accounts**

Human Resources	43,850
Mission Outreach	5,451
Office Administration	3,642
Property & Maintenance	37,041
Worship & Music	1,462
Children's Ministries	216
Adult Ministries	-
Youth Ministries	8,431
Membership	445
Evangelism	468
Social Ministry	-
Stewardship/Finance	134
Mutual Ministry	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>101,141</b>

**Net loss for the current year** **(27,282)**

**Our Equity Level (available cash) is \$(45,958)**

**Actual cash balance is \$54,096**

**Summary of Activity for Debt Retirement—Through March 31, 2010**

	Year-To-Date		
<b>Dedicated Account</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>
Mortgage Funding	6,413	4,734	65,031
(Interest rate is 5.75%)		<b>Remaining Mortgage Balance:</b>	<b>103,371</b>

# The Youth Page

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

Confirmation Sunday - May 2  
 VBS - June 13-17  
 Global Village - July 7-10  
 LIFEST - July 7-11  
 Pine Ridge Mission Trip - July 23-31

## CONFIRMATION

### Sunday, May 2 - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

10:30am Worship  
 11:30am Photos & Reception

Please pray for our confirmands as they affirm their baptism: *Doug Eggleston, Shelby Jansen, Kyle Kapocius, Shannon Maltbey, Morgan Still, Christopher Vaubel, Dustin Wilson, Sarah Zielicke, Paige Zoelk.* *May God bless you as you continue to grow in faith!* Special thanks to this year's confirmation small group guides: 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Julie Green, Deb Robinson 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Grace Van Eyck, 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Al Gibson, Tom Jensen, Kay Kempainen, Diane Kohl 9<sup>th</sup> grade: Brian Still, Nicole Rasmussen.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**WOW!** The Sunday School kids sounded GREAT when they sang in church on Sunday, April 18! Thank you! We finished the year with a sleepover at the Children's Museum on Friday, April 30. Thanks to Amy Driscoll, Amy Kopsichke, Amie Olsen, and Leanne Meidam-Wincentsen for teaching Sunday School this year! *See you in September!*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION!

Feel the sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead - and you and your crew experience the deep rolling waters of God's love!

Mark Your Calendars for VBS!

Sunday, June 13 - Thursday, June 17  
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. *See you there!*

## FUNDRAISERS

The youth group is selling Vande Walle's Candy Bars for \$1.00! They are also selling Rural Rte. 1 Popcorn. These are a major fundraisers for youth activities. We appreciate your support!

## WEBERS YOUTH TRUST

Application deadline is **May 15** for any youth requesting an ELCA College Scholarship or a Leadership Development Grant. Talk to Pastor Mary Beth for a grant application.

## GLOBAL VILLAGE

### *Walking Together in God's World*

### **July 7-10 - Pine Lake Camp**

This multi-cultural, international, and intergenerational event will bring together neighbors near and far. Be prepared to experience ethnic workshops and traditions, multi-cultural music, worship, Bible studies, conversation and all of the recreational activities a camp can offer! For more info. go to [www.crosswayscamps.org/globalvillage](http://www.crosswayscamps.org/globalvillage) Are you interested in going to camp, but concerned about the cost? Talk to Pastor Mary Beth. We have "camperships" for you!

## LIFEST

We have a limited number of Full Event LIFEST tickets available - July 7-11 - \$60. You have the option of camping onsite (or driving home). Stay one night or all 4! Talk to Pastor Mary Beth for more info.

## PINE RIDGE MISSION TRIP

Please pray for Maggie Huiting, Kyle Kapocius, Nicole Rasmussen, Morgan Still, Dustin Wilson, Greg Meyer, Mario Smith, Eva Smith, Sabrina Greene, Holly Kalbus, Ashley Kalbus, Jese Robinson, Maeve Grogan, Eddie Huth, Breanna Bruehl, and chaperones Deb Robinson, Brian Still, Randy Schuelke, and Courtney Still as they prepare to serve in the manner and mind of Christ on the Pine Ridge Reservation July 23-31!

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
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# MAY 2010

**Sundays: Worship**

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

**Tuesdays:**

**Wednesdays:**  
7:30 p.m. AA

**Thursdays:**  
Noon & 7:30 p.m. AA

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

**LAM**  
Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m.—11:30 p.m.  
Mon.: 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Tues.: 3:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.  
Thurs.: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 8:30 a.m. P.O. Worship; 9:35 Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. P.T. Worship & Confirmation	<b>3</b> 6:30 p.m. Parish Advisory Council 7 p.m. Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12:00 p.m. NoonHour Philosophers	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:45 a.m. Church Women United "May Friendship Day"	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:30 a.m. P.O. Worship; 10:30 a.m. P.T. Worship	<b>10</b> 7 p.m. Parish Visioning Team	<b>11</b> 6:30 p.m. AA Treatment Steering Cmte; 7 p.m. Exec. Cmte.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 4 p.m. LAM Chamber Music Rehearsal	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:30 a.m. P.O. Worship; 10:30 a.m. P.T. Worship; 2 p.m. LAM Chamber Music Rehearsal	<b>17</b> <b>Tidings Deadline</b>	<b>18</b> 7 p.m. Council	<b>19</b> 9 a.m. Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Synod Assembly at Stevens Point  4 p.m. LAM Chamber Music Rehearsal	<b>22</b> →
<b>23</b> 9 a.m. P.O. Worship; 11 a.m. Joint Pentecost Worship at Grace	<b>24</b> 7 p.m. Parish Visioning Team	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8 a.m. Collate Tidings; 11:30 a.m. Friends of Trinity@Red Ox; 6:30 p.m. Prop. Cmte.	<b>28</b> 4 p.m. LAM Chamber Music Rehearsal 6 p.m. Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 2 p.m. Wedding
<b>30</b> 9 a.m. P.T. Worship 2 p.m. LAM Chamber Music Rehearsal	<b>31</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Summer Office Hours Start →				Office Closes at noon	

**WELCOME + GROW + SERVE**



**LOAVES & FISHES**

- May 3** Lorna Dorn
- May 10** Mary Poulson
- May 17** Kay Odegaard and Carolyn Jones
- May 24** Tracy Wojnowski
- Holiday: May 31** No Volunteer Needed

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!

We are in need of sanctuary flowers sponsors for the open date of **May 30**. Please sign up for either date on the flower chart in the narthex. There are more open dates in the summer months. The cost is \$28 for the two bouquets that beautify our altar every Sunday. Please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.



**GOLF OUTING AND AUCTION ON JULY 25TH**

We will be looking for items that can be used for the silent auction and outing, baskets also. Golf balls are also needed. Please contact Jean Haese 722-4423 or Sandy LeMoine 729-9641. All donations are greatly appreciated. Looking forward to making #6 bigger and better than last year with your help. THANKS.



**EVENING AND MORNING BIBLE STUDIES**

- Monday, May 3, 7 p.m., in the Fireside Room
- Wednesday, May 19, 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Everyone is welcome to attend either one of these studies.

**FRIENDS OF TRINITY** — The secret is out! Members of Trinity are having lunch together every 4th Thursday at the Red Ox Restaurant on South Oneida Street starting at 11 a.m. No reservations are needed. "Dutch Treat." You are invited.



**COINS for CROSSWAYS**

During the Month of April we will be saving coins to raise money for Crossways Camping Ministries during the month of April.

You may pick up a container for your coins at the back of church.....please return the filled containers to church via the offering plate or the church office by **Sunday, May 2nd**.

Crossways has lost several previous donors for 2010.....this is our way to help fill the gap.....and help them to continue to provide Christian camping experiences.

If you have any questions, please contact: Wanda Fischer at 788-9331.....or.....Mary Fritz at 731-8955. Thanks!

**Mother's Day**

Trinity would like to honor Mothers (all women) with a small gift on Mothers day, so we would like to see how many Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, etc., can be in church that day. See you then!

**May Friendship Day 2010**  
*Living the Vision*



**DATE:** Friday, May 7  
**PLACE:** Trinity Lutheran, 209 S. Allen, Appleton  
**SCHEDULE:**  
8:45 a.m.—9:15 a.m. Registration  
9:15 a.m.—9:45 a.m. Breakfast— Cost \$3.00  
9:50 a.m.—11 a.m. Celebration

For breakfast/child care reservations, contact **by May 4th** Marilyn at 788-5850 or e-mail mdvofkau@att.net or Millie at 733-0254.

Special collections will be taken for:

- "The Fellowship of the Least Coin"
- Support of our local Church Women United unit
- Personal care items for our local shelters (deodorant, soap, hand cream, pads/tampons, razors, etc.)

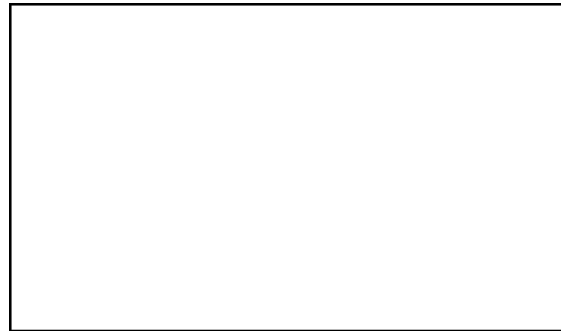
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## WORD FOR THE WEEK

Please take some time to read and reflect on these lessons prior to coming to church.

**May 2 ... John 13:31-35** *(Confirmation at 10:30am service)*

Lord God, remind us every day that you call us to a love that is not easy but that is simple: to love all your children, in every situation. Amen

**May 9 ... John 14:23-29**

What is the difference between the peace that Jesus gives and the peace the world gives?

**May 16 ... John 17:20-26**

When have you experienced relationships transformed by God's will for our unity?

**May 23 ... John 14: 8-17** *(One Trinity service at 9:00am and 11:00am GTZ Pentecost Service at Grace.)*

Lord God, remind us daily that we are sent and empowered by you. Amen

**May 30 ... John 16:12-15** *(One Trinity service at 9:00am)*

The Spirit's work is to make sure that Christ is the air we breathe, the best thoughts we have, the occupation of our lives.

## Trinity's Congregational Council

Tom Scheuerman,	
President	731-9847
David Otts, VP.	832-3968
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*Feel free to contact any of these individuals with your thoughts, needs, or concerns for Trinity.*

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