

Trinity Lutheran Church

May, 2009

WELCOME + GROW + SERVE

Worship Schedule:

Pipe Organ at 8:30 a.m.

Praise Team at 10:30 a.m.

May 24th—one service (pipe organ) at 9 a.m.

May 31st—Praise Team service at 9 a.m.; Joint Service with GTZ churches at 11 a.m.

Church Office Hours :

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Summer hours start week of 5/24: 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

Please keep in your prayers:

Bill Kranzusch Dick Emanuel
Isaac Russow Elmer Van Dyke

Renewal of Vows

5/17 Sherrie & Jason Dorow

Wedding

5/2 Laura Young & Sean Massey

"We WELCOME all people.

We GROW together in a living faith.

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

One God: Lots of Churches

We live in a very religious community. In talking to a person who works for a non-profit organization...we learned that their mailing list for area churches has 150 churches on it.

In the 54911 zip code there are the following:

ELCA:

Trinity Lutheran	Our Savior's Lutheran
First English Lutheran	Zion Lutheran

Other Lutheran:

St. Paul Lutheran	Faith Lutheran
Mt. Olive Lutheran	Bethany Lutheran

Main Line Protestant:

All Saint's Episcopal	Memorial Presbyterian
Emmanuel Methodist	First United Methodist
St. James United Methodist	

Roman Catholic:

St. Joseph	St. Therese
St. Thomas More	St. Mary
St. Pius X	

That's **18** Christian congregations...which does not include the Apostolic Truth, Baptist, Word of Faith, Church of Christ, Hmong Alliance, Living Faith International Church, and Fox Valley Chinese Christian Church. In the same zip code (54911) there are **three** grocery stores: Piggly Wiggly, Copp's, and Jacob's Meat Market.

The folks of this community have heard the words of Jesus: "One does not live be bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." *Matthew 4:4*

And again:

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35

Peace,

Pastor Kurt

Pastor Mary Beth

TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM APRIL 21, 2009

In Attendance: Jeff Dorow, David Otts, Chuck Dorn, Marilyn Schucknecht, Kathy Kuck, Jerry Howe, Pastor Mary Beth, Steve Krueger, Jean Haese, Jann Seidl

The meeting opened with devotions led by Pastor Mary Beth.

March minutes were read and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jean Haese reported that we are tracking similar to last year with a loss of \$9,500. On the up-note, people have continued to keep up with their pledges or are giving ahead.

Property Report: (by Chuck Dorn) A special thank you to Erick Jensen for the wonderful job he did on scrubbing and waxing the lower auditorium. Estimates for replacing some plumbing are to be obtained. This may be added to the "wish list." A "special" cleaning of the upstairs bathroom will be deferred to the cleaning service. An elevator inspection service for \$75.00 will be hired on. (The state mandates yearly elevator inspections.) A plan for covering Elmer's duties is being considered. Future property report minutes will be available on-line.

Old Business: The joint meeting with Grace was reviewed. Should a smaller committee of GTZ people be formed to look at financial and social opportunities? How will we create a meaningful ministry with them? Are we, as a ministry, meeting the needs of the community? We need a goal to which we are passionate and committed to provide direction. The following questions will be asked of the congregation to help us determine our goal/vision.

1. What do you think is the most unmet need in the community?
2. What do we think Trinity does well?
3. What doesn't Trinity do well?
4. Is there something you are passionate about?
5. How does Trinity help or hinder this passion?
6. Would you be interested in joining a small focus group to discuss these questions?

Future events (planned or in the process)

June 14 Flag day parade - brat fry and parking

July 12 Milwaukee Brewer Trip with Zion

Dec 12 Christmas Table Decoration Luncheon and program

Terry Howe brought up all the information gathered from group A, and how we are putting it to good use. It was suggested that we determine ten top things and work on them.

A motion was passed to have "soaker hoses", the December 12th project, plumbing, Blake Romenesko's (leadership development) China trip, and VBS granted under Special Gifts and Memorials.

The meeting ended with prayers led by Pastor Kurt.

Respectfully submitted,

Jann Seidl, Secretary



Welcome Bag for Visitors

A committee of Trinity members has assembled a "Welcome Bag" to be given to visitors when they attend a service at Trinity for the first time. The bag, printed with the Trinity name, is made of plastic with carrying handles and will contain a pen, a key chain, a 36" measuring tape, a level, a jar opener (made from recycled tires), a Trinity Cookbook, and a book marker imprinted with information on various Trinity activities. The bag itself could be used as a car refuse bag.

Thanks to all the Trinity volunteers

who have recently worked at the Emergency Shelter of the Fox Cities, preparing and serving a meal to the homeless in our community: Brooks Dodd, Marilyn and Ken Schucknecht, Dan and Glennis Schuelke, Lorna and Jim Dorn, Pete and Millie Mohr, Jan Liebscher, Scott and Sue Barden family, Greg and Vicki Geiger family, Ron and Nita Williams, Beth Wilson and family members, Chris Anderson-Kroiss and family, Ron and Mary Robertson, and Shirley Verhagen. We are ready to schedule volunteers for the following dates: **May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th, and Aug 22nd** Please call Mary Robertson at 739-9490 To volunteer. Thanks!!



To All Who Helped With the WELCA SPRING CONFERENCE

Thank you to those who helped to set up tables and chairs; those who prepared mailings and assembled folders; those who ushered and greeted our guests; our readers and communion assistants, organist and bell choir; to the kitchen crew who prepared and served a marvelous lunch with themed decorations for the tables, to Terry Driscoll who provided our technical support. and finally, a hearty Thank You to all who helped clean up.

Joyce Schoepel and Janet Hemmen

Minutes of April 22nd Property Committee Meeting

Chuck Dorn opened the meeting with a prayer . Highlights are as follows:

- Getting proposals from Hanson's Plumbing and Bassett Mechanical to replace flushing timing controls on urinals and toilets. Water bill is approx. \$5000/yr. A major portion of this cost is believed to be the automatic 8 gallons flushing of urinals whenever bathroom doors are opened. Grout missing in places around some urinals.
- Clarence Kersten offered to fix one broken round table.
- Thanks to volunteers who helped with custodial duties during Elmer's absence. Outstanding efforts from Sandy LeMoine, Chuck Dorn, and Erick Jensen.
- Stone erosion at ledge of parking lot and hillside. Steve Ruppel will check sources for larger rocks; Larry Schiedermayer has some rocks that might be usable.

Next meeting: May 28, 2009.

HHH Team News

Trinity's Help Healing and Health team has been busy the past few months.

In February, the team held a Valentine Party for Trinity and Zion residents at Brewster Village. The event was highlighted by a message from Pastor Kurt; a communion service; time for fellowship; red velvet cupcakes and Valentine cookies!! A wonderful time was had by all.

In March, the team provided 10 meals to Trinity members. Many, many thanks to the wonderful cooks who responded to my calls. This is a great ministry that is thriving thanks to all of our willing helping hands.

If you would like to be a helper or know of a member who could use our help – please call Liz Lokensgard, HHH Team, 734-8355

Musicians wanted Pentecost Festival Service, Sunday May 31st

Singers

We are planning a joyous celebration for the Pentecost celebration on May 31st. Anyone who can carry a tune is invited to join the Festival Choir. Rehearsals will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church (corner of Lawrence and Allen streets) on two Wednesdays May 20 and May 27 from 7:30 to 8:30. Please contact Cheryl Meyer (731-9474) or Elizabeth Mazurak (mazurak@athenet.net or 779-0759) if you are interested in singing.



Ringers

We are also hoping to form a joint bell choir for this event. Those rehearsals will start May 6th at 6:30. That is an hour before the choir rehearsals so that anyone who wishes may participate in both. It is very helpful if you can read rhythms, (quarter notes etc.) but musical fluency is not required. We do need to know exactly how many ringers we'll have in order to prepare for this. Please contact Elizabeth (details above) for information or to sign up.



Trinity's Vacation Bible School



Mark Your Calendars for VBS – Sun., Aug. 9th – Thurs., Aug. 13th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

See you there!

Volunteer Worship Schedule for May 2009

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 May 3 - 17

10:30 am Praise Team Service May 3 - 17

One Service at 9:00 a.m. May 24
 Praise Team Worship at 9 a.m. on May 31
 Special GTZ Service at 11:00 am May 31

Ushers for 8:30 a.m. (Captains in bold, underlined type)

May 3—Dean Einspahr, Phil Johnson, **Need Volunteer**

May 10—Dean Einspahr, Phil Johnson, John Willing

Ushers for 10:30 a.m.

May 3 - 10:30 a.m.

- Jean Haese
- Mary Fritz
- Judy Natz
- **Need Volunteer**

May 10 - 10:30 a.m.

- Sandy & Jerry LeMoine
- Jean Haese
- Judy Natz

May 17 - 10:30 a.m.

- Sandy & Jerry LeMoine
- Judy Natz
- Mary Fritz

May 31 - 9 a.m. (Praise)

- **Need 4 Volunteers**

May 31 - 11 a.m. (Pipe Organ & GTZ Service)

- Mary Fritz

Readers

May 3 Mary Poulson

May 10 Joyce Schoepel

May 17 Ron Williams

May 24 Sharon Helms

Altar Care

Carolyn Jones & Kay Odegaard

Ethel Herzfeldt

Ron Williams

Lois Small

Readers

May 3 Steve Krueger

May 10 Karen Kapocius

May 17 Jean Haese

May 31 Mary Robertson

Altar Care

Need Volunteer

Marita Wagner

Dorothy Deeg

Nita Williams

Communion Assistants

May 3 John & Carol Palmquist, Erick Jensen

May 10 Lou & Joyce Schoepel

May 17 Fred & Ginny Russler

May 24 Sharon Helms & Dorice Feltheim

Communion Assistants

May 3 Steve Krueger

May 10 Brian & Lee Ann Still

May 17 Jean Haese & Dorothy Deeg

May 31 Tom & Nancy Scheurman

Greeters

West Entrance

May 3 Ron & Kay Schulze

May 10 Dorice Feltheim

& Dorothy Warren

May 17 Fred & Ginny Russler

May 24 Tom & Debbie Breen

East Entrance

Lila Pohlman

Verlyn Ferg

Kathy Kuck

Iris Bockin

Greeters

West Entrance

May 3 Mike & Gail Romenesko

May 10 Gene & Mitzi Britton

May 17 Robert & Virginia Dorn

May 31 Tom & Nancy Scheurman

East Entrance

Shirley Jooss

Kay Kempainen

Marita Wagner

Lisa Dorn

Acolytes

May 3 **Need Volunteer**

May 10 Emily Barden

May 17 Samantha Wojnowski

May 24 **Volunteer Needed**

Acolytes

May 3 Emily Barden

May 10 Morgan Still

May 17 Emily Barden

May 31 **Volunteer Needed**

Fellowship Hour (After 8:30 or 9:00 service)

May 3 Ginny Russler

May 10 Lois Small

May 17 Kay Schulze

May 24 LaVone Schmitz

May 31 Rosemary Schuelke

Send acolyte reminder cards

Lee Ann Still

Prayerwriter

Karen Kapocius

Pew Racks

April 26 & May 3 Terry Howe

May 10 & 17 Gloria Howe

May 24 & 31 Maxine Zuelzke

Nursery

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

VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 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)

June 7 & 21 **Larry Vaubel**, Charles Pasch, Robert & Ginny Dorn

June 14 & 28 **Randy Nett**, Deborah Nett, Doug Marquardt, Rusty Witthuhn

Readers

June 7 Debbie Breen

June 14 Phil Johnson

June 21 Jerry Lokensgard

June 28 Nancy Scheuerman

Fellowship Hour

June 7 Shirley Hoogacker

June 14 Sue Dorow

June 21 Lila Pohlman

June 28 Dorothy Warren

Communion Assistants

June 7 Kathy Kuck, Millie Mohr & Kay Odegaard

June 14 Phil Johnson & Linda Barth

June 21 Jerry Lokensgard & Ron Williams

June 28 Tom & Nancy Scheuerman

Altar Care

June 7 Carolyn Jones & Millie Mohr

June 14 Lorna Dorn

June 21 Liz Lokensgard

June 28 Judy Natz

Acolytes

June 7 **Need Volunteer**

June 14 **Need Volunteer**

June 21 **Need Volunteer**

June 28 **Need Volunteer**

Nursery

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

Pew Racks

June 7 & 14 Melva Miller

June 21 & 28 Steve Schulze

Send acolyte reminder cards:

Lee Ann Still

Greeters

West Entrance

June 7 Sandy Buntrock & Shirley Jooss

June 14 Dan & Glennis Schuelke

June 21 Dean & Ann Einspahr

June 28 Steve & Dena Krueger

East Entrance

Judy Van Elzen

Phil Johnson

Lois Small

Randy Schuelke

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

Year-To-Date
Actual

Income Accounts

General Offerings	62,887
Other Income	17,864
Total Income	80,751

Expense Accounts

Human Resources	56,063
Mission Outreach	2,859
Office Administration	3,824
Property & Maintenance	34,391
Worship & Music	1,101
Children's Ministries	346
Adult Ministries	91
Youth Ministries	6,346
Membership	1,365
Evangelism	999
Social Ministry	100
Stewardship/Finance	150
Mutual Ministry	-
Total Expenses	107,635

Net loss for the current year **(26,884)**

Our Equity Level (available cash) is **\$(60,023)**

Summary of Activity for Debt Retirement—Through March e1, 2009

	Year-To-Date		Current
Dedicated Account	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Mortgage Funding	6,394	4,734	62,875
(Interest rate is 5.75%)		Remaining Mortgage Balance:	115,967

The Youth Page

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Confirmation - Sunday, May 3
 Sleepover at the Children's Museum - May 16
 NYG - New Orleans - July 20-27
 Vacation Bible School - August 9-13

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 3 - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

10:30am Worship

11:30am Photos & Reception

Please pray for our confirmands as they affirm their baptism: 9th graders *Maggie Huiting, Ruthie Kovanen, Hunter Wagner*. Special thanks to this year's confirmation mentors:

7th grade: Brenda Vaubel, Beau Briner, Kenzie Jansen, Cody Robel, 8th grade: Brian Still, Nicole Rasmussen, 9th grade: Kay Kemppainen, Ashley Rasmussen, Blake Romenesko.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The final Sunday School class (until September) will meet on Sunday, May 3. Special thanks to leaders Sue Ruppel, Sharon Helms, Amie Olson, Amy Driscoll, and Amy Kopischke for a GREAT year!

A Night at the Museum!

You're invited to a sleepover at the Children's Museum on Saturday, May 16. We'll meet at the Museum at 6:00pm (with our sleeping bags/pillows and pajamas) and play and have the whole place to ourselves until we fall asleep! We'll stay overnight and leave at 8:30am on Sunday, May 17. The great part is: mom and/or dad get to sleepover, too!

The cost is \$5 per child - parents are FREE!! We're inviting 2 year olds (YES - their parents MUST stay) through 5th graders (parents of these older kids may stay or just drop the kids off). Kids may invite their friends, too!
Sign-up with Pastor Mary Beth by May 10!

NYG UPDATE

Please pray for Wittney Dorn, Maggie Huiting, Kyle Kapocius, Ruthie Kovanen, Nicole Rasmussen, Morgan Still, Christopher Vaubel, Hunter Wagner, Dustin Wilson, and chaperones Ashley Rasmussen, Brian Still, and Pastor Mary Beth as we prepare to serve in the manner and mind of Christ in New Orleans in July!

GLOBAL VILLAGE

Walking Together in God's World July 8-11 - 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 Camper-ships are available - talk to Pastor Mary Beth!

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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark Your Calendars for VBS!

Sunday, August 9th - Thursday, August 13th
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. See you there!

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

**Trinity
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MAY 2009

Sundays:
9:35 a.m.
• Sunday School
(May 3rd only)
• Adult Education
• Youth Group

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

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:
7:30 p.m. AA
7:30 p.m. Liturgical
Choir Practice

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

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

LAM
Mon.-Sat.:
8:30 a.m.—11:30 p.m.
Mon.: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Tues.: 6 p.m. to 9:15
p.m.
Thurs.: 4 p.m. to 9
p.m.
Fri.: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CWU "May Friendship Day" at Immanuel UCC, Kaukauna; 6 p.m. rehearsal	2 3 p.m. Wedding
3 8:30 a.m. P.O. Worship 10:30 a.m. P.T. Worship & Confirmation	4 7 p.m. Bible Study	5	6	7 7 p.m. GTZ meeting	8	9
10 8:30 a.m. P.O. Worship 10:30 a.m. P.T. Worship	11 5 p.m. Emergency Shelter Gala Committee Meeting	12 6:30 p.m. AA Treatment Steering Cmte; 7 p.m. Executive Cmte.	13	14 7 p.m. Worship & Celebration	15 Tidings Deadline	16 Sleep-over at the Children's Museum
17 8:30 a.m. P.O. Worship 10:30 a.m. P.T. Worship; 2 p.m. renewal of vows	18	19 7 p.m. Council Meeting	20 9 a.m. Bible Study	21 5:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry 6 p.m. Quilters	22	23
24 9 a.m. Pipe Organ Worship	25 Church Office Closed	26	27	28 8:30 a.m. Collate Tidings, 11:30 a.m. Friends of Trinity; 6:30 p.m. Property Committee	29 Summer hours: Church Office Closes at noon	30
31 9 a.m. P.T. Worship; 11 a.m. Joint worship w/ GTZ churches; 12:00 p.m. potluck						

WELCOME + GROW + SERVE

LOAVES & FISHES

May 4th Annelise Jensen
May 11th Sharon Radke
May 18th Tracy Wojnowski
May 25th **No Volunteer Needed—Memorial Day**



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 70 to 80. Thank you!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR NUMBERS ARE?

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

BIBLE STUDIES



⇒ Monday Evening Group will meet **May 4th at 7 p.m.** in the Fireside Room.
 ⇒ The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will meet on **May 20th at 9 a.m.**, in the Fireside Room.

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 May 28, 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. Also, please consider being a hole sponsor for \$100.00. As always, thanks for your consideration.

Jean Haese



FOUNDATION GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Trinity Foundation Grants Committee will meet soon to consider grant requests. The Trinity Foundation exists to provide resources for special projects or programs:

- Which would seem likely to enrich or provide some special benefit to the spiritual life of the congregation;
- Which would provide some worthy addition or improvement to the congregation's facilities, not likely of achievement through other channels;
- Which would give needed assistance or support to a worthy individual or family worthy Christian enterprise or program.

Any grant requests need to be submitted to the church office no later than **Tuesday, May 12th**. Request forms are available in the church office.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
 BEGINNING WEEK OF MAY 24th:**

Summer Worship Schedule,
 Memorial Day through Labor Day:
 One service at 9:00 a.m.

An exception: on **May 31st**, there will be praise team worship and 9 a.m., and joint worship with GTZ churches at 11 a.m.

**Summer Office Hours,
 Memorial Day through Labor Day:**

Monday –Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Friday, 7 a.m. to noon

Please note: the church office will closed on Memorial Day, May 25th.



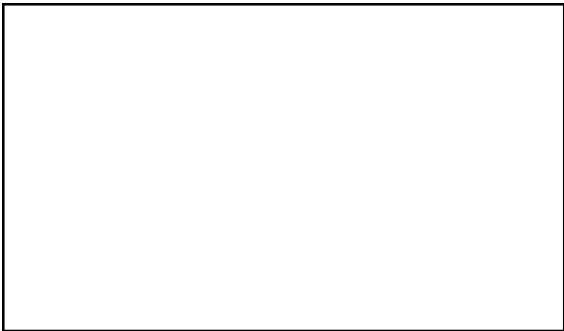
**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
 May Friendship Day,
 Friday, May 1**

at Immanuel United Church of Christ,
 510 Sullivan Avenue, Kaukauna,
 9:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m., cost \$5.00
 Call Marilyn at 788-5850 or Millie at 733-0254
 for more info.

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WORD FOR THE WEEK: God Transforms You.

- May 3 Acts 4: 5-12** Because of Easter, we see a changed Peter. If the resurrection has changed everything, how has it changed your life?
- May 10 Acts 8: 26-40** “Do you really understand what you are reading?” The reply: “How can I, without someone to guide me?” Faith is relational.
- May 17 Acts 10: 44-48** The Holy Spirit is surprising and expansive. Yes! God shows no partiality. All are welcome!
- May 24 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26** Matthias is an ordinary person, called to bear witness to an extraordinary God...and so are you.
- May 31 Acts 2:1-21** The Holy Spirit is the “fuel” for the church. Let us pray: “Filler’ up!”

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
- Jann Seidl, Secretary 731-0967

- Jeff Dorow 788-7229
- Terry Howe 739-6528
- Steve Krueger 954-6964
- Kathy Kuck 731-2548
- Marilyn Schucknecht 731-4842

Feel free to contact any of these individuals with your thoughts, needs, or concerns for Trinity.

The deadline for articles for the June Tidings is Friday, May 15th. 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!