



***THE TRINITY TIMES***  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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May 2010

**Minister**

**Rev. Robert Schuler**

Office Hours:

Mon, Wed-Friday 9-12PM

**Music Ministry**

David Dorsch, Choir Director

Adult Choir Rehearsals

9:15 AM Sept-May

**Health & Wellness Ministry**

Blood Pressure Screening

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

**Christian Education:**

**Worship Services**

10:45 AM Sept-May

9:30 AM Memorial Day-

Labor Day

Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> &

Last Sun.

**Sunday School**

Sept thru May 9:30 AM

**Adult Sunday School**

Sept-May 9:30 AM

**Confirmation Class**

Thursdays 7:00 PM

Sept-Palm Sunday

**Men's Bible Breakfast**

8:00 AM Second Sat.

**Sociables Bible Study**

10:00 AM-Second Thurs

Sept-May

Dear Friends,

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing...”  
(Hebrew 10:25).

“Summer time and livin' is easy” the old song goes. Warm weather, vacations, no school, golf, tennis, fishing, hiking, swimming, relaxing, less hectic schedules...all seem to define summer time.

Thankfully our Lord never takes a vacation from blessing us with His abundant love, gracious gifts, and providential care. The Psalmist writes about our Heavenly Father, “He who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep. The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand.” (Psalm 121:4-5). The Lord’s care is ongoing. He never tires of caring for us.

Summer presents God’s people with numerous opportunities to be good stewards of His manifold gifts. We care for the wonderful world He has given us when we are outdoors. We treasure the important relationships we enjoy as we spend time with loved ones. Also, we use wisely the material blessings He gives us.

There is great temptation during the summer months to neglect the most precious of all our Lord’s gifts, His holy Word and Sacraments offered in worship. As many other responsibilities are taken more lightly in the relaxed atmosphere of summer living, so, too, are we tempted to take lightly the spiritual aspect of our lives. Vacation plans and recreational activities often replace worship. And we diminish in the stewardship of our Christian faith by letting worldly things take precedence over God in our lives.

In response to our Lord for His grace and mercy, may we place Him first in all our summer plans and activities, allowing adequate time for worship, Bible reading, meditation, and prayer. May we be good stewards of God’s rich blessings. May we all continue to support the mission and ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church with our regular tithes and offerings given from thankful hearts, even when we are away from home.

*(used with permission – 12 Months of Congregational Stewardship)*

Yours in Christ,

*Robert W. Schuler*



**This  
Month's  
Birthdays  
May 2010**

2	Robert Nash	19	Larry Armstrong
4	Carol Meier	20	Carolyn Bolster
6	Michele Mackey		Bianca Fatica
	Paul Walsh	21	Sandra Meier
7	Amanda Degidio	22	Lois Ann Baldner
8	Lindsey Kintop		John Korpi
9	David Bauman		Morgan Stohlman
	Robert Nash		Joel Tyrrell
10	Samantha Cantrell	24	David Reed
12	Jessica Ward	25	Aaron Lieberg
	Kelly Fink		Tim Mackey
13	Tom Wells	28	Irene Garman
14	Kylie Michelle Tritt	30	Joseph Aliberti
15	Eileen Anello		
	Patti Weiss		



*Happy  
Anniversary*

**May 2010**

- 7 – Anne & Walter Nash
- 7 – Robert & Angel Nash
- 12 – Cynthia & Philip Strunk
- 13 – John & Margaret Bratek
- 15 – Robert & Lois Ann Baldner
- 17 – Diane & Frank Nelson
- 25 – Andreu & Carrie Meckler
- 27 – Jim & Irene Garman
- 31 – John & Betty Seitz

**Blood Pressure checks on  
May 2**

**Willoughby Food Pantry needs for  
MAY 2010**

**Dry cereals (all kinds) & Pork 'n Beans  
Please place your donations in the  
appropriate box in the entry hall. The  
Property Board will take them to the  
food pantry as they accumulate.**

Our sincere thanks for your donation of  
food supplies and the donation of money.  
As Jesus said, “Whenever you feed the  
hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick,  
visit the imprisoned, or minister to the  
stranger, you have done it unto me.”

JoAnn Ramsey  
Willoughby Food Pantry

**CHARITY OF THE MONTH:  
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

*Lutheran World Relief*, an international  
non-profit organization, works to end  
poverty and injustice by empowering some  
of the world’s most impoverished  
communities to help themselves.

With partners in 35 countries, *LWR* seeks  
to promote sustainable development with  
justice and dignity by helping communities  
bring about change for healthy, safe and  
secure lives; engage in fair trade; promote  
peace and reconciliation; and respond to  
emergencies.

**Please use the enclosed “Special  
Offering” envelope. Put your name and  
envelope number on the envelope and  
put it in the collection plate, give to an  
usher or mail to the Church Office.**

**David Greenhoff, Chairman  
Board of Stewardship**

<b>THOSE WHO SERVE</b> <b>MAY 2010</b>
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<b>ELDERS:</b>	Betty Reed	
<b>PASTORAL ASSISTANT:</b>	Phil Wollaeger	
<b>USHERS:</b>	Ray Haserodt	Don Feldkamp
	Alex Meier	Dee Meier
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Charlotte Bennett	Rosemary Zema
 <b>ACOLYTES:</b>		
May 2	Jessica Mohnke	Tyler Mohnke
May 9	James Brown	Peter Mancisio
May 16 (Trinity)	Gabrielle Iacona	Megan Hoyt
May 23	Jackson Jusko	Charles Jusko
May 30 (Pentecost)	Kylie Tritt	Kelly Brown

**ANNOUNCING THE NEW TRINITY  
SPONSORS PROGRAM**

Trinity members have completed two sessions of the **Consecrated Stewards Program**. Through preaching, bible study, and prayer this has taught us to more properly evaluate our blessings and giving to the Lord's work. Our giving is usually on a regular and, optimistically, a percentage basis. But there are times in our lives that unrecognized blessings come our way. Could we share some of these gains with the Lord? As examples: we have a garage sale, we buy something that rings up less than marked, we get a free night at a hotel, a repair costs much less than we thought, we decide not to go to brunch this week. We may not run out and increase our regular giving, and may not even think of putting a little more in the plate at those times. But what if some specific needs were identified that we might be able to fulfill on an occasional basis?

Trinity Council has decided to introduce a **SPONSORS' PROGRAM** patterned after similar successes at other churches. The idea is to identify select expenses and offer the opportunity for members to **SPONSOR** the expense on an occasional basis similar to how we support the altar flowers. Sign up charts will be posted in the Narthex along with envelopes. When you are able, just pick an expense, fill in your name, fill out an envelope and put in the plate or turn it in to the office. Your contribution will appear on your annual statement. Should you choose to sign up anonymously, put your name on the envelope but indicate you wish to remain anonymous. The first items selected are Weekly Bulletin @ \$20, *Trinity Times* @ \$80 and "Portals of Prayer" @ \$10.

Being a **SPONSOR** will help us appreciate some of the little blessings in our lives and give us a tangible way to respond that will help our church do the Lord's work. May God bless us all in this new opportunity.  
Trinity Council



**Rummage Sale – May 22**  
**Stewardship of Time**

On Saturday, May 22, LWML is sponsoring the annual church rummage sale from 8:30-3:00. In recent years, proceeds from the sale have supported many important ministries at Trinity, in the community, and throughout the world. Set aside 2 hours (or more) of time during the week of May 17-22.

**Opportunities of Christian service during the week of May 17:**

- While spring cleaning, set aside rummage sale treasures and bring to church during designated times.
- Volunteer for a 2-hour (or more) shift during the week of May 17-22.
- Bake for the Bake Sale and bring to church during designated times.
- Bring brown grocery bags.

Fill out the form on the right and return it to the church office. Include your name, telephone number and email address.

**RUMMAGE SALE HELP NEEDED**

Monday, May 17 – HELP SET UP – Hours 10-2  
10:00-12:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00-2:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, May 18 – HELP UNPACK & MARK  
10:00-12:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00-2:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday, May 19 – HELP UNPACK & MARK  
10:00-12:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00-2:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, May 20 – HELP ORGANIZE ITEMS & MARK  
10:00-12:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00-2:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00-8:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, May 21 – HELP ORGANIZE ITEMS & MARK  
10:00-12:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00-2:00 \_\_\_\_\_

**RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF**

Sun., May 21 – Before and after church  
Mon., May 17 through Thurs. May 20

**BAKED GOODS DROP OFF**

Friday from 10:00-2:00 and Saturday from 8:00-Noon

On SATURDAY, we will need CASHIERS to run the adding machines, BAGGERS and PEOPLE TO HANDLE THE BAKE SALE and WORK THE FLOOR.

Saturday, May 22 8:00-12:00 \_\_\_\_\_

12:00-3:00 \_\_\_\_\_

HELP CLEAN UP 1:30-3:30 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## FROM THE BOARDS

### Youth Board

We are putting the finishing touches on our National Gathering trip to New Orleans. The youth group would like to thank every member of our congregation for your continued support. Without you there is no way we would be going to New Orleans. Your donations also funded our annual trip to Sawmill Creek in March and will help with the Sr. Gathering in November in Dublin, Ohio.

Upcoming Events:

May 16 – Bake Sale.

After service, the Youth Group is having a movie/lunch day. Something for our youth group members to enjoy and take a breather from all of their hard work.

May 22 – Rummage sale cleanup. Look for more updates and upcoming events before summer!!

### Outreach

- ❖ Do you have trouble hearing the Worship Service. Hearing devices are available. Just ask an usher for use of one and return after the service.
- ❖ Blood Pressure Sunday is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. We meet in the Board Room after church. Board Certified nurses take blood pressures.
- ❖ Durable medical Equipment - There is no charge for using equipment: walkers, canes, bath tub seats, raised seats for lavatory, etc. Just contact the church office if you need any medical equipment.

### Education

- Ice Cream Sundae Sunday on May 23. Everyone invited after church service.
- Last day of Sunday School is May 23. Sunday School will resume in Sept.
- All children attending church during the summer are asked to sign the fellowship book to receive credit for Sunday School attendance.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team teacher needed for 2010-2011 church year.
- Please consider topics to be discussed at an adult Bible class during the 2010-2011 church year. Watch “*Trinity Times*” for contact information.

### Stewardship

At the monthly Stewardship meeting, the Sponsorship Program was discussed and ways in which it will be instituted and initiated. The program will begin on April 25. Also discussed was the distribution of offering envelopes.

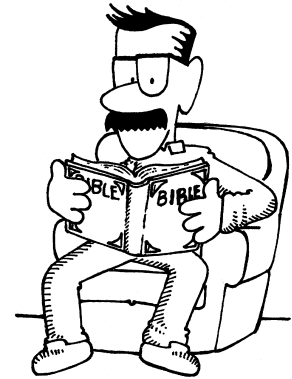


### VBS NEWS

Registration will begin towards the end of May for this year's program: **High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God..** Registration online will be available shortly and the manual forms will be included in the It's not too late to get involved! The dates have been chosen, June 21-24, and we will run the program in the evening like last year. If you would like to participate in the planning or in any capacity – food, teaching, crafts, administration, etc., please contact Debbie Krainz.

# Stewardship Devotion

**Scripture Reading:** *“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms”*  
(1 Peter 4:10).



## God Calls Us To Be His Stewards

To accomplish His purposes here on earth, God has made us His stewards. Through faith, He enables us to be His hands, feet, and mouth. *“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”* (2 Corinthians 9:8). Through God’s abounding grace, He enables us to do His work. *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”* (Ephesians 2:10).

As stewards, we are the recipients of God’s goodness, love, mercy, and grace. Through faith, we acknowledge God as the source and owner of all things. Because God is the source of everything, we understand that it is only by God’s grace that we are given the privilege and the opportunity to be His stewards. By grace, He has chosen to work through us. *“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last”* (John 15:16).

As God’s stewards, we are to bear fruit that extends His kingdom and gives Him honor and glory. He calls us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, provide hospitality to the stranger, clothe the needy, and care for the prisoner. An integral part of loving and serving God as faithful stewards is the serving others. In the words of Jesus, *“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me”* (Matthew 25:40). We are to comfort as we have been comforted (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

May we as His chosen stewards serve Him with what we have, what we are, and what He will make us.

## Discussion Thoughts:

1. How are we able to bear fruit? (John 15:1-8).
2. How is it that we can be faithful and generous stewards (2 Corinthians 9:11)?
3. What good are we to God if we are not faithful in our stewardship?
4. What did Jesus mean when He referred to *“the least of these brothers of Mine”*?

**Prayer:** Lord, we thank You for choosing us as Your stewards. Grant us the faith to be God-pleasing stewards. We pray that, through Your Holy Spirit, Your will becomes our will. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.

