



THE TRINITY TIMES
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Dear Friends,

June 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

1st Sunday of the Month

Christian Education:

Worship Services

10:45 AM Sept-May

9:30 AM Memorial Day-

Labor Day

Holy Communion 2nd &

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

Jesus' parting command was: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with His mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere. He has given us our marching orders, and, in His strength, we can give ourselves fully to His work.

Because God has chosen to use us as His tools to bring salvation to all people, we must use our lives and gifts to spread the Good News. Paul wrote, *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the tools that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, "Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible." Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus' command to reach out to all people. Paul wrote that, through our giving, we *"test the sincerity of [our] love by comparing it with the earnestness of others"* (2 Corinthians 8:8).

For nonbelievers and those who lack spiritual maturity, the giving of money is done begrudgingly out of a sense of obligation. By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a "want to" rather than a "got to" give. We view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel through our money. Our giving expresses our gratitude for who God is and all that He has done for through His Son. Through faith, we hold onto our money loosely and then are privileged to experience the joy of giving as we give God our first and best. As Christians we understand that God has a claim on all that we have, so we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God's love. Money is an important tool for God's mission. Through our faithful giving, we are able to leverage our witnessing to all people.

(used with permission – 12 Months of Congregational Stewardship)

Yours in Christ,

Pastor



**This
Month's
Birthdays
June 2010**

4	Nicole Kemmerle	19	Lance Cantrell
6	Jacob Gazso		Katherine Hromulak
	Judy Miller		Karen Kondik
	Nancy Slaper	20	Marie Adie
	Augusta Stalzer	21	Leah Meckler
9	John Macura	22	Emma Lieberg
	Ayden Tobey	23	Leslie Armstrong
10	Jennie Miller		Shirley Dimick
11	Melanie Armstrong		Greg Golic
	Christian Fatica		Sue Robinson
13	June Burke		Deloris Zeber
	Jean Mancisio	24	Marjorie Frank
	Pastor Schuler		Marian Marshall
14	Dennis Korpi		Ruth Miller
	Jared Trost	26	Nancy Valencic
16	Harry Vaught	27	Sylvia Fleming
17	John Bratek		Leah Koch
18	Robert Baldner		Katrina Zontini
	Walter Marshall	28	Sean Kelleher
		30	Morgan Karlovec



June 2010

- 1 – Randall & Mary Kay Hahn
- 3 – Tim & Michele Mackey
- 5 – Laura & Dave Randall
- 8 – Matthew & Jessica Webster
- 9 – Maureen & Joshua Washock
- 10 – William & Nynka Peirce
- 10 – Carole & Michael McElroy
- 16 – Harry & Marie Adie
- 17 – Philip & Deborah Wollaeger
- 18 – Lou & Carole Takacs
- 20 – Fred & Sue Stuble
- 22 – Gayle & Brian Malkus

**Blood Pressure checks on
June 6**

**Willoughby Food Pantry needs for
JUNE 2010**

**Jello, peanut butter & jelly
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**

**THOSE WHO SERVE
JUNE 2010**

ELDERS:	Carol Johlin-Greenhoff	
PASTORAL ASSISTANT:	Phil Wollaeger	
USHERS:	Roger Kondic	Andy Meckler
	Joe Mock	Phil Wollaeger
GREETERS:	Joe and Audrey Mock	
ACOLYTES:		
June 6	Shawn Mackey	Brian D'Arcy
June 13	Logan Molnar	Irene Swift
June 20	Alex Meier	Sarah Meier
June 27	Natalie Ruggiero	Morgan Stohlman

Honor Your Father



What do I owe my father? Everything. He was my best friend: a parent who knew how to be patient with an unruly child; a preacher of joyful faith who practiced what he taught; a good companion in the woods and in the library; a fearless man with a kind heart; a Christian without pretense or bigotry; a true American gentleman of the democratic type. Every day I give thanks for him

...Henry Van Dyke

SUMMER is mentioned in the Bible 22 times! None of these references to summer indicate that we should take a break from God or from doing His work. Quite to the contrary, as seen in Proverbs 10:5, *“He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a*

disgraceful son.” We are given 24 hours every day to grow and serve God. Yet in the summer it is so easy for us to waste time. Don't let this summer lazily pass you by. Time is a gift from God, so grab the opportunity to live diligently. Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:15-16 to *“be careful how we live...making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil.”* It may seem easier to serve God when the snow is flying, but isn't it really easier to get to church without scraping your car off first?



**DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH**

FROM THE BOARDS

Youth Board

June 13 – National Gathering Meeting after service

June 20 – Father’s Day Bake Sale

June 27 – Youth Group meeting after service

Look for more updates in the bulletin!

Thank you Trinity for all of your continued support. We would be unable to achieve any of this without you!

To Larry Eslinger: We love you and miss you. Thank you for being our angel and answering our prayers. “We have made it to New Orleans, Larry.” Follow us all the way.

Education

Children attending church during the summer months should be signed in on the Fellowship book in order to receive credit for Sunday School attendance.

The Sunday School is in need of another teacher beginning in the Fall.

A little girl who has it all together

A little girl wanted to know what the United States looked like. Her father tore a map of the United States out of his magazine and cut it into small pieces. He gave them to her and said, “Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today.”

After some minutes, she returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and

asked how she had finished so quickly. “Oh,” she said, “on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together.” AMEN!!!
...when we get Jesus back where He Belongs—our country will come together.

Property

Volunteers can come on Wednesdays or on days they are available. We have many areas and shrubs that need trimming and flower beds to weed. Please contact Jim Garman at 943-4253.

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 1st 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.

Trinity Lutheran Church has joined the Lake County Church Network. This network acts as a referral agency “to help one another help others.” The network serves needy families and individuals in our community. Please see any Outreach Board member for more information - Barb Schuler, Carolyn Cooper, Charlotte Bennett, or Kathy Fink.

Stewardship

At our last meeting, we refined and discussed the sponsorship program and ways in which we are designing our charts and subtracting and adding new features. We broke down individual expenses and will be adding these to new monthly sponsorship boards.



VBS NEWS

Ahoy Matey!! Our VBS program will take us on an ocean voyage as we “Explore the Mighty Love of God.” Here is an opportunity to become a member of a crew and travel to new adventures as we learn more about some people in the Holy Bible. “Sing our hearts out” and put our creative talents to use.

During our “High Seas Expedition” we will meet new friends, enjoy good food and become acquainted with Chadder Chipmunk.

Seasoned sailors will also push off from the dock as they enjoy Biblical life application lessons and crafting opportunities.

It is not too late to register for our June 21-24 Evening Vacation Bible School!

Sunday, June 13 is the final day for VBS registration. You can register in the church narthex before and after the morning worship service.

We hope our Trinity family will join us for four (4) evenings of fun, fellowship and “Exploring the Love of God!”

PARSONAGE UPDATE

The basic approach being taken is to return the house to useable condition without significant modification by repairing what is repairable and upgrading what is necessary for safety. This approach will bring the building back to a functioning house which can then be used for various church purposes including classes, meetings, socials, storage and youth activities.

Because there are a number of technical issues involved, including heating, plumbing, electrical and exterior preservation, we decided to utilize the services of an architect familiar with such projects. Our principal architect, Mr. Chuck Miller of Doty and Miller has carefully reviewed the building and our needs. He has found the house to be of good design and construction and in repairable condition. He is currently updating the Request for Quotation (RFQ) package to include comments from Trinity’s review team. When the RFQ is complete, he will assist us in contacting potential bidders and provide technical assistance in answering bidder questions. We expect to be contacting bidders in May and hope to receive quotes about two weeks after contacts are made.

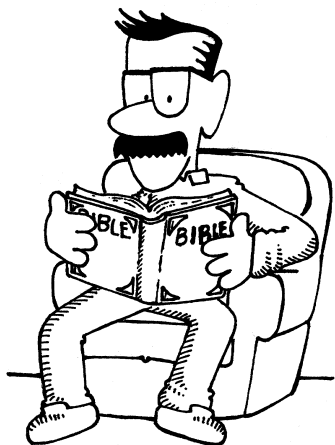
Quote from Rick Warren

Happy moments, PRAISE GOD.
Difficult moments, SEEK GOD.
Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD.
Painful moments, TRUST GOD.
Every moment, THANK GOD.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE HOURS:

9:30 A.M.

Sunday School and Adult Bible class will resume at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 12.



Stewardship Devotion

Scripture Reading: “No man should appear before the Lord empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you” (Deuteronomy 16:16-17).

Giving Proportionately

God directs us to give in proportion to our blessings. “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum in keeping with his income . . .” (1 Corinthians 16:2). Through faith, we willingly surrender our proportionate gifts from our income to the Lord. In both the Old and New Testaments, the standard proportion of a person’s income to give was the tithe or ten percent. By grace, Scripture gives us examples of believers who even gave beyond the tithe. Zacchaeus gave 50 percent (Luke 19:1-10) and the poor widow 100 percent (Luke 21:1-4). The Macedonians, who were poor and distressed, gave sacrificially beyond their ability to give. After they gave themselves to the Lord, they gave their resources joyfully and freely to help the poor (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

Whether God gives us little or much, we are to give from the blessings that God provides. Our blessings come from the Lord, so His gifts to us will determine what we have available to give. If, in God’s sovereignty, He chooses to give us little, we will be able to give only a little. However, if He gives us much, we have the responsibility to give much. “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked” (Luke 12:48). When we faithfully give in proportion to the blessings that we receive, a gift of \$1,000 from \$10,000 of income is just as God-pleasing to God as a \$10,000 gift from \$100,000 of income.

The proportion that we give is determined more by our faith than our financial condition. As our faith grows, we are empowered to increase the proportion that we give. “For Christ’s love compels us” (2 Corinthians 5:14) to give generously. Through faith, we grow in our giving to the Lord through our churches. Rather than giving our leftovers, our giving becomes a priority. The two or three percent that we gave in past years is no longer satisfactory because we know that God deserves our first and best. As we grow in our proportionate giving, we see God’s grace at work in us as He gives us even more to give (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Discussion thoughts:

1. Read 1 Kings 17:2-24. What portion was the Widow of Zarephath asked to give?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Why did the Macedonians give so generously?
3. Why is proportionate giving fair to the rich and to the poor? Is there an amount of income that giving only a tithe would be selfish?

Prayer: Dear Lord, You are so generous with us. Grant us faithful and giving hearts so we can be generous with You. Help us to hold onto our things loosely. Empower us, Lord, to use our time, talents, and treasures in Your service. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.

