



THE TRINITY TIMES
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Dear Friends,

July/August 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

In spite of our foolish and sinful ways, God calls us to be His workers. Scripture tells us that Jesus did not pick people from society's elite when He chose his workers. Jesus' disciples were peasants, fishermen, and even a tax collector. Paul wrote, "*Brothers, think of what you when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things . . .*" (1 Corinthians 1:26-28). The majority of God's work was done and continues to be done by the lowly and oppressed people.

Certainly, God can use celebrities and very successful people in His work. However, we need to remember that, even though we may not have accomplished anything of worldly significance, broken any records, or won any awards, God can use and transform us into effective workers in His kingdom. "*I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength*" (Philippians 4:13). Society gives many accolades to those who succeed, but there is no greater honor or privilege than to be chosen as God's vehicle to spread the Gospel. As John states in his Gospel, it is Jesus Who does the choosing. "*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit*" (John 15:16).

So why does God elevate the foolish and the lowly to be His workers? A reason may be found in 1 Corinthians 1:29: "*so that no one may boast before Him.*" It is only by God's grace that we are saved, called, and equipped to be in His service. If we come into God's work with impressive credentials, we risk taking the glory and credit for ourselves. God desires the weak and the lowly. As Paul said, "*Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong*" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). God uses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. Are you ready for duty?

(used with permission - 12 Months of Congregational Stewardship)

Yours in Christ,

Pastor



This
Month's
Birthdays
JULY 2010

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| 1 | Craig Birnbaum | 18 | Kevin Rettger |
| | Claire Sonewald | 19 | Pam Macura |
| 5 | Eleanor Resko | | Lorraine O'Brien |
| | Kyle Via | 21 | Margaret Bratek |
| 6 | Tim Blum | | Erika Kelleher |
| 7 | Megan Hoyt | 22 | Kathryn Haag |
| | Cris Sifling | | Phyllis Rosenbaum |
| 8 | Dorothy Gross | | Kristin Tritt |
| | Adele Kirsch | 23 | Shawn Mackey |
| | Matthew O'Brien | 24 | Parker Stusek |
| 9 | Breana Brant | 25 | Emma Kelleher |
| | Kathy Rettger | | Alecia Webster |
| 10 | Char Bennett | 26 | Vincent Mancisio |
| 12 | Bonnie Wilmot | | Joe Mock |
| 13 | Richard Brant | 28 | Shannon D'Arcy |
| | Carolyn Cooper | | Jackson Jusko |
| 16 | Anna Armstrong | | Jessica Mohnke |
| 17 | Ethan Bostelman | 29 | James Wollaeger |
| | Alexis Goertler | 30 | Zachary Cooper |



Happy
Anniversary

JULY 2010

- 6 – Kevin & Kathy Rettger
- 7 – Robert & Sheri Stohlman
- 15 – Carl & Dorothy Fike
- 22 – Tom & Lilli Wells
- 23 – Brad & Tammy Taylor
- 24 – Frank & Jean Polly
- 24 – William & Karen Tritt
- 25 – Tim & Sandy Blum
- 25 – Bill & Sandy Mitchell
- 27 – Shawn & Heather Ambrus
- 27 – Jack & Laura Braunlich
- 27 – Ken & Loretta Reed
- 29 – Walt & Marian Marshall
- 31 – Pat & Al Kremiller



This
Month's
Birthdays
AUGUST 2010

| | | | |
|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Carol Gunton | 16 | Elona Greenhoff |
| | Betty Reed | | Maureen Washock |
| 2 | Gina Aliberti | 18 | Andy Webster |
| 3 | Hazel Perkins | 19 | Doris Carter |
| | Ken Reed | | Cynthia Strecker |
| 4 | Chuck Frank | 20 | Amanda Reed |
| 5 | Al Borgman | 21 | Pete Spudich |
| | Becky Emery | 22 | Lisa Piczer |
| 6 | Natalie Ruggiero | 23 | Michael Piczer |
| 8 | Sharyn Feldkamp | 24 | Emma Clarke |
| 9 | Tyler Mohnke | | Monica Degidio |
| 10 | Eileen Anguilano | | Dolores Green |
| 12 | Cheryl Rettger | | Elsie Van Schoor |
| 13 | Roger Kondik | 25 | Walt Hein |
| | Al Ristau | 26 | Dorothy Korpi |
| 15 | Ben Tomins | 27 | Elaine Kintop |
| | Ethan Tomins | 29 | Tara O'Brien |
| | | 31 | Michelle Brant |



Happy
Anniversary

AUGUST 2010

- 1 – Don & Sharyn Feldkamp
- 11 – Bill & Sylvia Fleming
- 16 – Nancy & Joseph Valencic
- 20 – Steve & Debbie Dopuch
- 22 – Chuck & Marge Frank
- 26 – John & Marilyn MacIntyre
- 26 – Richard & Bonnie Wilmot
- 30 – Jim & Shirley Dimick

**Blood Pressure checks on
AUGUST 1**

**THOSE WHO SERVE
JULY 2010**

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| ELDER: | Al Gunton | |
| PASTORAL ASSISTANT: | Chuck Frank | |
| USHERS: | Ann Ferenchak | Carol Gunton |
| | Betty Reed | Lisha Rogers |
| GREETERS: | Harold & Carol Meier | |
| ACOLYTES: | | |
| July 4 | Jake Molnar | Matt Wilson |
| July 11 | Brianna Nelson | Elona Greenhoff |
| July 18 | Christian Fatica | James Brown |
| July 25 | Maxwell Stohlman | Sam Stohlman |

**THOSE WHO SERVE
AUGUST 2010**

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| ELDER: | Ed Gross | |
| PASTORAL ASSISTANT: | Phil Wollaeger | |
| USHERS: | Chuck Colyer | Carol Meier |
| | Dee Meier | Harold Meier |
| GREETERS: | Chuck & Ginny Colyer | |
| ACOLYTES: | | |
| August 1 | Donald Swift | Geoffrey Swift |
| August 8 | Kylie Tritt | Kelly Brown |
| August 15 | Jackson Jusko | Charles Jusko |
| August 22 | Logan Molnar | Irene Swift |
| August 29 | Shawn Mackey | Brian D'Arcy |

Willoughby Food Pantry needs for

**JULY 2010
Toilet Tissue and Face Soap**

**AUGUST 2010
Canned corn, peas & green beans**



**Sunday, July 18
Daniel's Park in Willoughby**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CHARITY OF THE MONTH: LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES

Laos is a federation of six social ministry organizations in Greater Cleveland. Every year in late August, 144 congregations in the five county areas around Cleveland are issued this challenge. Funds received by LAOS through this challenge are distributed equally (19%) going to the five member organizations and 5% going to Lutheran Hospital for Chaplain support. LAOS HAS NOO PAID STAFF!! This large "umbrella" organization deserves a lot of prayers and a lot of support. All donations are matched by the Trinity Foundation!!

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**

Attention: Ladies of Trinity Lutheran Church

Our local LWML chapter is in need of your help and support!

At present, all four of our executive board members will be retiring from office as of this September. If our LWML chapter is to continue, we need to fill these vacancies. Being a part of LWML is a way for women to serve God. We are looking for women to fill the position of president, vice-president and treasurer.

Please think about and pray about this important component of Trinity Lutheran Church.

FROM THE BOARDS

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.

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

- ❖ 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.

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.

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.



A BIG “Thank You” to the following for their sponsorships:

TRINITY TIMES

**June: Char Bennett
Cindy Strunk
Rick & Patti Weiss**

**July Aug: David Dorsch
Jim & Amy Fatica
Char Bennett**

PORTALS OF PRAYER

**May: Ed & Dorothy Gross
June: Dolores Ganss
Linda Urban**

RUMMAGE SALE THANKS

Thank you to the many Trinity members who helped make the Rummage Sale, sponsored by LWML, a big success. More than 75 people participated with donations, organization, set-up, sale and clean-up. Decisions on how to best use the \$1,341.00 in the Lord's work will be made at the July 19th LWML meeting. All Trinity women are members and encouraged to attend.

*Count your blessings
Instead of crosses
Count your gains
Instead of losses
Count your joys
Instead of your woes
Count your friends
Instead of your foes
Count your courage
Instead of your fears
Count your laughs
Instead of your tears
Count your full years
Instead of your lean
Count your kind deeds
Instead of your mean
Count your health
Instead of your wealth
Count on God
Instead of yourself
From Hope LCMS, Bradenton, FL
(provided by Ginny Colyer)*

GOD’S POST IT NOTES

(provided by Don & Sharyn Feldkamp)
Don’t let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

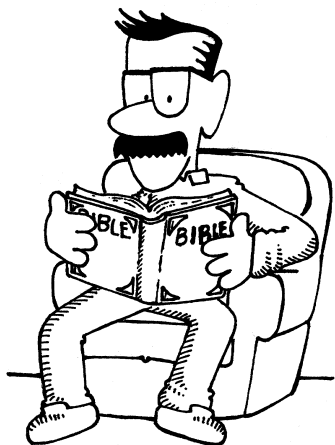
Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

When you get to your wit’s end, you’ll find God lives there.

God Himself doesn’t propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Peace starts with a smile :)

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.



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.



We're thankful for you!

Shirley and Marcy

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?" Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is." The little girl said, "Well, who is she?" "That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy." "Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?" "Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

(Provided by Debbie Clarke)



PRAYER FOR LIBERTY

Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free.

Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

--Peter Marshall

Before the U.S. Senate

August 2010

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| August 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| BP Checks 9:30am Worship | | | 9:30am Property Board 9:45am Sunshine Ministry | | | |
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| 9:30am Worship w/Communion | 9 | 10 | 9:30am Property Board 9:45am Sunshine Ministry | 12 | 13 | 8:00am Mens Bible Breakfast |
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| 9:30am Worship | 23 | 24 | 9:30am Property Board 9:45am Sunshine Ministry | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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| 9:30am Worship w/Communion | 30 | 31 | | | | |
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July 2010

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| 4 9:30am Worship | 5 | 6 7:00pm Council Meeting | 7 9:30am Property Board 9:45am Sunshine Ministry | 8 | 9 | 10 8:00am Mens Bible Breakfast |
| 11 9:30am Worship w/Communion | 12 | 13 | 14 9:30am Property Board 9:45am Sunshine Ministry | 15 | 16 | 17 4:00pm Jenne/Farrell Wedding |
| 18 CHURCH PICNIC 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship & Picnic | 19 7:00pm LWML Mtg. | 20 | 21 9:30am Property Board 9:45am Sunshine Ministry | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:30am Worship w/Communion | 26 | 27 | 28 9:30am Property Board 9:45am Sunshine Ministry | 29 | 30 | 31 |