



Partnership in the Gospel

Partnership! Ever wonder how many of us actually think of partnership when we think of church? St. Paul in writing to the Philippians speaks of partnership in the gospel. And that is exactly what we are, partners in God’s Kingdom, working to share His gifts with the world. What a fantastic way to view what we are about as the church. Partnership is exactly what God has created in the Body of Christ.

Our partnership is not based on our decision to join together as a church. It is God’s work in calling and gathering us together as His people in His Mission. We are partners because:

- We have shared in the blessings of God’s grace.
- In that we have all received from God the blessing of being forgiven our sins.
- God has brought us together as Trinity Lutheran Church and School to proclaim and teach Jesus, His Gospel, in our community.
- We have received gifts from God as individuals which He has brought together in this place to accomplish His mission.
- We are partners in the gospel because we are people who live under the Gospel, guided by God’s Word and His Spirit.

Our partnership in the Gospel means that each member of Trinity is an instrument which God uses for the furthering of His mission, the strengthening of His Church and the proclaiming of His Gospel. This includes our willingness to serve when and where God needs us as well as to take on tasks and willingly serve to meet the needs of the congregation. It means our stepping up to serve God and each other in love.

Please join the entire Trinity family on Sunday, May 27th, at all of our Worship Services where we will be recognizing with thanksgiving the partnership of the following staff members who will be completing their service at Trinity: Julie Bertrand, Amy Boatman, Vicki Helm, Dwaine Jones, Sheldon Oliver, and Leroy Taylor.

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
-- Philippians 1:3-6



Julie Bertrand



Amy Boatman



Vicki Helm



Dwaine Jones



Sheldon Oliver



Leroy Taylor

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Blood Donor Sunday

Our third Blood Donor Sunday for 2012 will be held June 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Mary & Martha Fellowship Hall in the basement. Signup sheets will be in the foyer, school hall near the gym entrance, and the narthex May 27 and June 3 if you would like to sign up ahead of time and save a special spot. Our Health Cabinet will also be calling all of those who have donated in the past to set up appointment times. Signing up ahead of time gives us and the Blood Center a better estimate of how many donors to expect and then they send out the appropriate number of workers. This allows our drive to run more smoothly. We had a successful blood drive in March even with us relocating to the Children's Education Center. Hopefully with us back in our normal spot we can have an even better drive this time. As always we will have the double red cell and combination whole blood and plasma machines available for those wishing to donate that way. Both count for two donations.



REMINDER!! The minimum donor age requirement to give blood is now 16 years old with a parent's permission. Weight must be 122 lbs. (still 110 lbs. for 17 and older) and in general good health.

REMEMBER: one unit of blood can save as many as three lives as it is broken down into three components – red blood cells, platelets and plasma. The Health Cabinet looks forward to speaking to each of you again so anticipate the call.

May our Lord keep you healthy so you can continue to contribute the gift of life!

Car Care - June 9

The Car Care Ministry team will be providing car maintenance and washes on Saturday, June 9th, from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

In order to better serve you and cut down on the waiting time, we are asking that everyone call the church office for an appointment. Those with appointments will receive high priority.



Trinity Member on Ballot

Did you know that one of our members is on the ballot for the May 29th Primary? Leif Olson is a candidate for the bench in the 151st Civil District Court in Harris County. Leif and his wife Johanna and their four children have been members at Trinity for the last seven years. Leif is on the usher team at the 11:00 am service.



"Every Husband A Hero!" Extends through Fathers Day!

By popular demand our Sunday morning class, *Every Husband A Hero!*, has extended to Father's Day, June 17th.

Join us for great fellowship as we eat donuts and kolaches and tank up on God's Word at 9:30 a.m. in the Mary and Martha Fellowship Hall. Being a Hero is hungry work! So feel free to just come. There's plenty of room for you!



2012 GOVERNING BOARD

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Camp Dermadillo

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for one of TLC Health Cabinet's ministries....and it promises to be a fun and easy way to help make a difference in the life of a child.

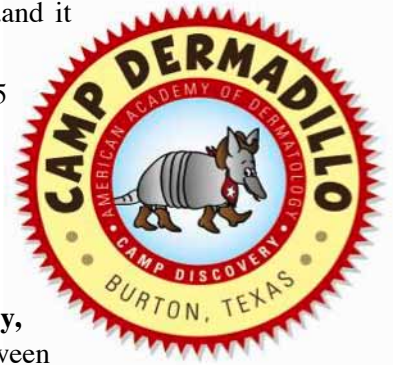
WHAT: **Camp Dermadillo** is a one-week camp for children and teens aged 9-15 held at Camp For All in Burton, TX (www.campforall.org) and sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology (www.campdiscovery.org) and Texas Children's Hospital. Since campers come from around the country, we need your help at the airport on the day the children arrive and the day they return home.

WHEN: The campers arrive on **Sunday, August 5th**, and return home on **Friday, August 10th**. Plan on dedicating approximately 2-3 hours anywhere between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the day you volunteer with more specific times assigned once we get closer to the date.

WHERE: Bush Intercontinental Airport

HOW: You will be assigned to help with one camper. On Sunday, you will meet your camper at their arrival gate. Once you collect their luggage, you will bring them to a dedicated conference room where they will be entertained by camp staff until they head off to a fun week at camp. On Friday, you will meet your camper at the conference room and then take them to get checked in and wait with them at their gate until their plane takes off.

WHY: This is a fun and easy way to help make a difference in the life of a child! Your airport parking will be free and some treats will also be provided!



If you are interested in helping out with this life-changing ministry or have questions, please contact Julie Bertrand at **281.498.5758 (H) or 713.229.2928 (O) by July 13th**. We will need the name on your driver's license and your date of birth to provide to airport security so appropriate name tags and gate passes can be issued. We will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 24th, during the Health Cabinet meeting, **6:30 p.m., Room 205**, for you to meet the Camp volunteer coordinators and to review the process of obtaining gate passes and other details. This information will also be provided on the day you volunteer if you cannot attend the informational session.

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

"We're a downtown church with a downtown school and a downtown cemetery," Pastor Black says often. Trinity is blessed to be able to offer such a wide range of ministries in the heart of the City of Houston. Our downtown cemetery is located



less than a mile from the church in the 600 block of Sawyer Street. The cemetery shares a border with Glenwood Cemetery. Currently we are working to make improvements to the cemetery. We have invited several companies to provide bids for new gates that will include a means of identifying the cemetery that belongs to the people of Trinity. New fencing will also be put around it. These steps are being taken to enhance the look of the cemetery and preserve it as a valuable resource of the congregation until the day of the Resurrection.

April 22nd

Homeless Meal

On April 22nd, Trinity congregation and Thrivent Financial provided a taco meal for approximately 60 guests. Along with the meal, Trinity volunteers welcomed our guests with smiles and offered prayer along with general conversation after a meal.

One of our guests said, "Trinity provides more than just a meal, they provide me with spiritual help and pray with me. I feel God in this place!"

Thank you to all who support this ministry!

Working through Him,
Penny Mickel

Shine With The 9!

Trinity Kids Camp's theme for this summer is "Shine with the 9!" This summer, children will learn about the Fruit of the Spirit and its importance. It is vital that we develop fruit of the Holy Spirit because these are the qualities of God's nature. These qualities of the Holy Spirit work in our lives to help us develop and mature, so it flows through them for the outside world to see. Kids can be a light in a dark world by walking in the fruit of the Spirit for those who may not yet know God. Our hope and prayer is that as kids experience the Holy Spirit, the grace and love of Jesus will be rooted in them, increasing joy and growth in sharing the Spirit's fruit.

We have weekly chapels, daily devotions, arts and crafts, organized play, field trips, pool days, outreach opportunities, and many other fun activities. We are open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., starting May 29th-August 10th. Our counselors are dedicated to making this a memorable and fun summer for each and every child.

For more information regarding Kids Camp, please contact our Kids Camp Director, Jennifer Horn; jhorn@trinitydt.org or 713.229.2967.

A large graphic for a concert. The background shows a bronze statue of a man in the foreground, with a building facade and a dome in the background. Overlaid text reads:

The Testament of Freedom

Houston Lutheran Chorale
Independence Day Concert
Wednesday
July 4, 2012 6:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
800 Houston Ave.
Houston, Texas 77007
For Tickets Call 713.229.2923
Visit online at www.hlc-tx.org

TLS Endowment Board

A special Thank You to everyone who participated in the Third Annual Pot Roast Dinner hosted by the TLS Endowment Board. Everyone was strengthened by both fine food and fun fellowship, and over \$3,000 was donated to the Endowment, which is a permanent fund dedicated to the sustaining support of Trinity Lutheran School. While the Pot Roast Dinner is the only fundraiser we do, the Endowment gratefully accepts donations any time. Just mark your check TLS Endowment.



LWML Texas District Convention to be held June 28-July 1

Members of the Ladies Circle Ministries and the Women's Club will attend the 37th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Texas District to be held June 28 - July 1 in Bryan/College Station.

Theme for the event is "Adorn Yourself with GOD'S WORD - His Wisdom Our Witness," based on Colossians 3:16a.

Delegates and guests will select new mission grants, study God's Word and worship together, participate in servant events, and enjoy Christian fellowship.

More detailed information about the convention can be found in the March 2012 issue of *The Lutheran Witness - Texas District News*.



Ladies Circle Ministries - June 7 Learn more about "Healthcare Fraud"

The monthly gathering of the Trinity Ladies Circle Ministries will be held in Room 205 at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 7. Guest speaker will be Kathy Bushman Anderson, Forensic Accountant with the Houston Division of the FBI. Kathy, a member of Trinity congregation, has been with the FBI for 24 years and will talk about Healthcare Fraud in the Houston area and how we can protect ourselves from being victims. Members and guests are welcome to attend and receive information about this timely topic.



The business meeting will include installation of the officers recently elected for July 2012 to June 2013. They are President - Linda Banes; 1st Vice President - Christine Bergsieker; 2nd Vice President - Ethelene Marshall; Recording Secretary - Kim Flaviani; Treasurer - Carolyn Tennison; Corresponding Secretary - Sylvia Schmidt; Christian Growth - Audrey Black; and Board Members - Lynn Bedner, Lil Hohle; and Blanche Martinez.

Following the program and business meeting, a covered dish birthday luncheon will honor April, May and June birthdays.

In recent months the Circle has been blessed to receive three new members - Rebecca Linne-Brown, Virginia Linne, and Iva Herrera Coon. We invite more Trinity women to join us for Christian growth, service, and fellowship on the first Thursday morning of each month.

For additional information, please call Linda Banes, president, at 281.450.1517.

Thank You From Ladies Circle Ministries

For many years Ladies Circle Ministries has had the privilege to serve grieving families by providing food. We recently served the Gravesmill, Wagner, and Hohle family. The Ladies Circle wants to thank the many Trinity members who volunteered to bring food. It was a joy to see the Trinity family step up and give needed help to our ladies.



Gifts from the Heart Ingathering



The LWML Texas District Convention will be held the last weekend of June in Bryan/College Station, and at that time a collection of personal items will be accepted for distribution to selected recipients.

Items being gathered: Canned food items, household items, cleaning supplies, wash cloths, dark towels, twin size sheets and blankets, tooth brushes, tooth paste, school supplies, back packs, plastic shoe boxes, underwear & socks (no pull-ups), adult diapers, Chux (underpads), diapers (size 3&4), baby formula, baby wipes, baby lotion, baby powder, pacifiers.

If you would like to donate some of these items, bring them to church by June 24th and give to either Sharon Stoerkel, Audrey Black or Thelma Deterling. For more info call 713.643.5845.

WORSHIP ONLINE AT
live.ninethirtyone.org

Broadcasts
every Sunday
9:15 & 11:00 a.m. CT



Third Graders are a Joy to Teach in Sunday School!

“The Word of God is living and active! Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12) This verse encapsulates the heart and soul of our Third Grade Sunday School lessons at Trinity. Children at this age (8 and 9 years old) have the ability to read, think, reason and ask lots of questions—fabulous questions! With their openness to spiritual truths and the help of God the Holy Spirit, the children are learning and engaged in studying the most exciting and important book in all of human history, the Bible.



Most of these children already know a great deal about the Bible and its wonderful stories. Our mission is to build on that and teach them something they don't know, to clarify some misconceptions, to connect the dots and place these true stories of Moses, David, Jesus, Paul, etc. into history and God's plan of salvation from Adam and Eve to the return of Christ. Not only do we discuss the who, when, where, and what, but more importantly, the why! We work with historical timelines and maps to discover that the Bible talks about real places and real people and how a real and loving God has come to rescue mankind. Sunday School is a special time and place set aside for this specific age group to learn at their level, their vocabulary and their pace. Although we teach the parables and analogies of agriculture, fishing, and shepherds, we also use modern technology comparisons, such as electricity, light bulbs, and computers, to teach spiritual concepts.

Each class begins with the Bible verse Hebrews 4:12 because it highlights God's Word given to man and how each person is created and functions. We talk about the parts of our being that are visible (body) and most importantly the parts that are invisible and eternal (soul and spirit). They learn about good thoughts and attitudes and also bad or sinful ones. When he or she chooses to sin, fellowship with God is broken. But after confession of sin, God through Jesus Christ restores that child (1 John 1:9). God the Holy Spirit, who indwells each child of God, enables and empowers that child to continue to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and to do good works for Him (Colossians 1:10).

Whether the child knows a little or a lot about the Bible does not matter. Each new class of students learns the basics, which starts with God himself. We learn who God is (3 in person, 1 in essence); we study His characteristics and His gracious and marvelous works for man from creation to salvation. He has given each person a purpose in this life and these children begin to realize what that is and that they are able to fulfill it in the simplest ways in their everyday life. The entire Bible reveals the person and work of Jesus Christ. It is exciting to make the tabernacle, temple and Levitical offerings come alive as a means to teach about the coming Messiah. We discover prophecies in the Old Testament and the amazing fulfillment of those prophecies hundreds and thousands of years later in the unique person of the universe and at God's appointed time in history. We study God's covenants and promises. We learn about angels (both elect and fallen) and the special blessing of guardian angels to care for us. *(continued on next page)*



Sunday School! *(continued from previous page)*



Third graders ask amazing questions which spark great discussions: “What if Satan apologized? Can God bring someone up to heaven after he is in hell? Are we angels when we get to heaven? Could Jesus sin? Why did He (Jesus) have Judas as a disciple? Why didn’t Jesus come in the time of Noah? Wouldn’t it have been best to come in Medieval Times where everyone was in the church? Did Jesus kill anyone? Jesus went to hell—why? Did He do something bad? If we don’t get baptized, are we a child of God? If you kill yourself, do you go to heaven? Has anyone besides Jesus seen Satan?” And of course—“Do dogs go to heaven?” And most of these questions were not related to the lesson at all. But we address them and start with what is on their minds. Sometimes we remind them of what they already know so they are able to answer their own questions. Sometimes we simply answer the questions and of course that raises more questions. Other times, we have to say: “We’ll get back to you on that.” The children are inquisitive, thinking and engaged. It is a wonderful learning experience to hear each other’s questions and answers,

not only for the children, but for the teachers also! For those parents who are always waiting at the door as we run past 10:30 AM, now you know why 45 minutes is never enough time! Thank you for your patience!

Joyfully sharing God’s love,
Carla Barrows and Janice Barrett

New Stephen Ministry Class Now Forming!

If you’re interested in becoming a Trinity Stephen Minister, this is the time! The next 50-hour training class is forming now and will begin in September. Please prayerfully consider this ministry, and let Joanne Husser know if you’d like a place in the new class. You can also email stephenministry@trinitydt.org or visit with any Trinity Stephen Minister.



The 39 Club

The 39 Club will meet in the foyer on Sunday, June 10, following the 11 a.m. service. On this second Sunday of the month we will proceed for our monthly lunch to an agreed upon location.

The 39 Club people are those who are single, 39 and over. For more information, contact Jean Minsch at 281.550.4752.



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Summer Volleyball Camp

Girls, Ages 8-10

June 18-22, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Learn the skills and basics of volleyball for beginners!

Pick up a flyer in the school office or register online at www.trinitydt.org.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$65

Deadline to register: June 6

Questions? Contact Donna Rabel
713-229-2918 or drabel@trinitydt.org

Trinity Adult Studies for June

1st Peter • Jim Cleary • Room 211 • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (06/17 - 07/22)

When he heard that the early churches in Asia Minor were being persecuted and alienated for the sake of righteousness, Peter wrote to encourage them to remember and to live in their baptism, to stay focused on the goal of heaven. He counsels richly about the practical duties of a holy life and calls on Christ as our role model. Peter describes the people as God's people – chosen, holy and supremely precious to the chief Shepherd, the Lord Jesus. Today, Jesus still thinks of His People – of us - that way.

Daily Victory, Daily Joy • Dana Stoerkel • Room 206 • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (04/1 - 06/24)

Daily prayer and Bible study are our strongest weapons against the battles of temptation, trials and discouragement. This study guides participants to strengthen their use of God's tools of prayer and His Word. This class is also hosting the new Zumba class. Look elsewhere in this *Trinity Today* for more information.

Every Husband a Hero • Pastor Leeland • Mary Martha Fellowship Hall • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (04/15 - 06/17)

This class for men only looks at the biblical basis for being a strong husband. The group will also make breakfast together. Come hungry!

Peter: Learning to Be Like Jesus • Jim Cleary • Room 211 • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (03/18 - 06/10)

Peter – he demanded that Christ wash his head as well as his feet; he wanted to build three temples; he swore he'd never betray Jesus, and then he did just that three times in the same night; he fell asleep while Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Even with a track record like this, Peter was part of Christ's most inner circle. He followed Christ like we do, and sometimes, like Peter we struggle with doubts and fail. Still we are loved and forgiven.

Simon Peter was a follower like us. He wanted to be like Jesus, but he struggled with doubts, and at times he failed. This study on the life of Peter will show us how God used Peter to advance His Kingdom. He uses us too.

Shepherding a Child's Heart • Lori Roesel and Linda Banes • Room 214 • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (03/11 - 06/24)

All parents want to guide their children to understand themselves and the world they live in and to live in healthy, positive relationships with one another. To do this effectively, parents must do more than just tell kids what to do. Through open communication, self-disclosure and intentionally living out their own values, parents can truly shepherd their children's hearts. From the author: "The central focus of parenting is the gospel. You need to direct not simply the behavior of your children but the attitudes of their hearts."

The Book of Acts • Dave Weinhold • Room 205 • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (ends 11/25)

The 205 Class continues their study of the Book of Acts. As the church spread from Jerusalem to Rome, it was clear that its development was truly the manifestation of Jesus Christ in the lives of the apostles, and so the church continues to spread the Good News today. The Book of Acts records the first-century progress of God's mission to reach everyone everywhere – even in downtown Houston - with the promise of forgiveness and everlasting life in Christ, and it compels us to continue that mission today.

Twisting the Truth • Phyllis Brockermeyer • Room 232 • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (04/15 - 06/17)

Some lies are little and white, but some are big enough to ruin our relationships, our professional lives, even our eternities. "Twisting the Truth" is a study that examines four highly destructive lies about authority, pain, sex and sin. We'll see how to exchange these lies for the eternal truth of God's love and forgiveness.

We Three Kings • Bill Fischer • Chapel • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (ongoing)

King David is crowned! The Chapel Class continues their study of Saul, David, and Solomon – three of the strongest kings in all history. God's love and forgiveness for them are His gifts to us as well. To find out more about these incredible Old Testament kings, join the Chapel Class.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study • Room 205 • 10:00 a.m. (06/12 & 07/17)

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study group will meet twice for Summer Movie Mornings this summer: June 12 and July 17. We'll gather for a short time of prayer, devotional and fellowship and then watch something inspiring like *The Ultimate Gift*. It's great fun! Come join us!

Wednesday Women's Study - Living Prayer • Mary Oliver • Room 205 • 6:30 p.m. (06/13 - 08/08)

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study group will be "In and Out" this summer. Some weeks we're meeting at Trinity in room 205. Some weeks we're going out into the city to meet in public parks and gardens. We'll be studying Living Prayer, an active scripture study wrapped in an active prayer life. If you can come one week, please come. If you can come every week, please come. Watch the Sunday worship folder for our location each week because, well, we'll be in and out this summer!

Contact Mary Oliver, Delynda Cruz or Suzanne Kurth for more information.

Sonrise Bible Study - Pastor Black • Room 121 • Thursday • 6:30 a.m. (ongoing)

There's no better way to start a day than with time in the Word with fellow Christians. The Sonrise group meets to study God's Word closely and deeply. Each week this group studies the Scripture from the lectionary for the following Sunday.

A Brand New Class Beginning in July

The Book of Romans - Craig Chancellor • Room 206 • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (07/08 - 09/02)

Join us for the study of Paul's epistle to the church in Rome. Luther describes Romans as the "purest gospel" wherein is found "the things that a Christian ought to know, namely, what is law, gospel, sin, punishment, grace, faith, righteousness, Christ, God, good works, love, hope and the cross; and also how we are to conduct ourselves toward everyone... even toward our own selves."

If you are not active in Bible study, please begin praying now about becoming a founding member of this new class.

Are Sleepless Nights Ruining Your Days? (Part 2)

If you are one of those unfortunate individuals who have trouble sleeping or who fall asleep at inappropriate times during the day, it is highly suggested that you change your daily routine. Here are basic facts which we know (verbatim from the article):



- **Go to bed and arise at the same times each day.** Your circadian clock, which maintains your sleep-wake cycle is made stronger by regular sleep-wake time.
- **Establish a bedtime routine.** Take a warm bath, read a book or listen to soothing music.
- **Create an environment conducive to sleep.** Make your room dark, cool, quiet. Minimize noise, light, and excessive room temperatures when preparing for sleep. Use the bedroom only for sleep and “married couple” activities.
- **If you can’t fall asleep in 15 or 20 minutes** – get out of bed and do a relaxing activity in another room until you become sleepy.
- **Have a comfortable mattress and pillow.**
- **Remove anything unrelated to sleep from the room.** That includes computers and televisions.
- **Avoid eating meals for two (2) to three (3) hours before bedtime.** This can cause you to wake up during the night. (I can identify with this!)
- **Exercise regularly.** Finish your workout at least a few hours before bedtime.
- **Avoid caffeine, alcohol, dark chocolate and nicotine close to bedtime.** These can keep you awake or disrupt sleep.

It is also suggested that **DURING THE DAY:**

- Wake up at the same time each morning.
- Start the day with a nutritious breakfast.
- Limit caffeinated beverages early in the day because the effects of caffeine can linger. It is not only in coffee and tea, but also in some soft drinks, medications and foods. **Avoid caffeine after lunch and cut down on your total daily use.**
- Exercise between lunch and dinner; exercising late in the evening may keep you from feeling relaxed at bedtime.
- After dinner do something relaxing.
- Have a “light” healthy snack before following your regular bedtime routine.

SOME COMFORTING THOUGHTS FOR A GOOD NIGHT’S SLEEP!

Psalm 4:8: “I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.”

Psalm 121:3-4 “He will not let your foot slip—He who watches over Israel will not slumber; indeed He who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep.”

Julie Bertrand, Parish Nurse

LSS News

Last year more than 400 children found a safe haven at Bokenkamp

Children's Emergency Shelter where they could heal physically and emotionally. All of them had stories to tell and here is a sampling of just one:

Once Felipe, age 17, was safe at Bokenkamp, staff noticed that he cried every day at mealtime. The counselor discovered he felt guilty for eating the meals that were provided by Bokenkamp, because as he enjoyed this good food his brothers and sisters back home were starving. - *from Lutheran Social Services of the South (LSS) News- Winter 2011*



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HUG2 Recommitment Sunday

On April 22, the HUG2 capital campaign looked back to the past, reviewed the present, and dreamed of the future. Members of the congregation demonstrated their faith in HUG2 by placing commitment cards in the offering plates at all Sunday services.

A video showed the steady progress of gifts to HUG2, which exceeded \$1.4 million by the one-year anniversary of the campaign. It also showed scenes from the Commitment Service held last April under the big tent, including the baptism of Gabriel David Galmiche. Major events and evidence of growth, both at the Trinity Lutheran School and within our congregation, were highlighted.

Tim Grady, a co-director of the campaign, explained that through HUG2, Trinity is planting a tree whose shade we may not enjoy, but which will grow and serve generations to come, just as our current church and school are possible through the faith and giving of prior members. The recommitment service allowed members to re-assess their pledges and adjust them as guided by the Holy Spirit.

The Fulfillment Committee is encouraged by the results of the HUG2 Recommitment Sunday. Most members confirmed their current pledge levels. Five new pledges were received and two one-time gifts were given. The net result is to add \$36,462 to the committed level for the three-year HUG2 program. Recommitments/new pledges are still being accepted.



“Lovingly and Prayerfully Made” - Summer Crochet Class

Look closely at these baby blankets – especially at the finely crocheted edges. These blankets are given to young women who visit the mobile pregnancy center that’s owned and operated by the Houston Coalition for Life. The bus parks next to the Planned



Parenthood facility, which offers abortion services, and the staff at the bus offers free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, confidential counseling and referrals along with other services that encourage women to choose life for their unborn babies. Each woman who chooses to continue her pregnancy receives a baby blanket like these – lovingly and prayerfully made by Lutheran ladies.

So, can you crochet? Would you like to learn how? Trinity is offering crochet classes this summer. Two Mondays: June 4 and 11 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Room 205. After two classes you’ll have the skills to crochet the edges of these blankets. Please bring two crochet hooks, a 6 and a G. All other materials will be provided. This is a great activity for moms and daughters too. Please let Suzanne Kurth – skurth@trinitydt.org – know that you’re coming.

Passing on My Faith Legacy

“Older adults with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren want the answer to two important questions. How do I go about influencing the faith of my family? How do I practice my faith in their presence?”



“Here are some ways it can be done:

- Host family gatherings from time to time; play cards and games; spend much time in conversation.
- Send devotional booklets, magazines, and other reading material.
- Reach out in service to others to set an example for them.”

This concludes an article that began in last month’s *Trinity Today*. The “Passing on My Faith Legacy” article is from “*Engaging the Aging*” - Winter 2012 issue.

Fall Great Marriage Class! Meets on Saturday Mornings!

Now's the time to register for Trinity's Fall *Great Marriage!* Class. This class begins on Saturday, August 25th, from 9-12 Noon.

Here are a few questions to consider in coming to this class. Did you know:

- That Marriage is the most complex and sophisticated thing a woman and a man can do together?
- That there is a Bell Curve to Marriage?
- That Fun is essential to a healthy Marriage?
- That male and female brains are actually wired differently by God's design?
- That every *Great Marriage* is blessed with agape love? (What's *agape* love?)

Great Marriage! meets for six sessions on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon.

Here is the class schedule:

Saturdays

August 25th – 9-12 Noon

September 1st – 9-12 Noon

September 8th – 9-12 Noon

Saturdays

September 15th – 9-12 Noon

September 22nd – 9-12 Noon

September 29th – 9-12 Noon

Get ready for a *Great Marriage!* Strengthen a *Great Marriage!* Come and have some fun by sharing and learning together!

Please connect with Suzanne Kurth at skurth@trinitydt.org to register or get more information.



Spring Food Drive

This year our Spring Food Drive will be Sunday, June 17. Please pray for the success of this important ministry. It is a blessing working with St. Joseph's by helping to provide food to the area by our church. We will be collecting your gifts in the Bells' van on the parking lot. Please bring a bag or two of non-perishable groceries. Also, cash gifts are appreciated. You can make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and indicate Food Drive in the memo section. Any questions, call Steve or Tana Bell at 713.461.1676.



Partnership

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At Trinity, it is important to remember, to uplift, and to mark this change in a way that honors God and who we are as God's people. If you would like to contribute toward a gift in their honor, please place your check in an envelope marked "Staff Recognition & Thanksgiving" and put it in the offering plate, drop it off in the church office, or send it via mail.

As we continue in our partnership in the Gospel while working together we will continue to serve God. We will continue to reach out through the church and school into our community sharing God's gifts of forgiveness and salvation. And as with the Philippians, we too can be assured that God Who has called us into partnership, will bring this good work to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Godspeed to our faithful partners: Julie, Amy, Vicki, Dwaine, Sheldon and Leroy!

ZUMBA Your Way to Better Health!

Trinity Health Cabinet supports whole person health initiatives - spiritual health, emotional health, physical health - so the Health Cabinet and Trinity's First Place 4 Health group is delighted to announce ZUMBA, a new and energetic dance fitness party.

Our own Lisa Velazquez will lead the fun on Tuesdays from May 22 through July 31, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., in the Mary Martha Fellowship Hall.



Congratulations and God's Blessings to Our Trinity Lutheran School Class of 2012!



Jean Alves
Waltrip HS



Trevor Banes
St. Thomas



Robert Choate
St. Pius



Athena Co
Houston Christian



Nathan Davis
St. Thomas or
Summer Creek HS



Casey Edeiken
HSPVA



Maria Escamilla
Lutheran High North or
KIPP Academy



Mary Forsyth
Young Women's College
Prep Academy



Christopher Hanna
Lutheran High North



Elizabeth Hopmann
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Dylan Jackson
Lamar HS



Roger Khuu
Lutheran High North



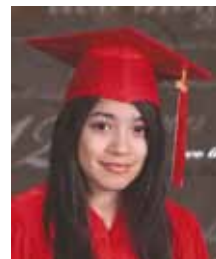
Robert Landry
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Jack Leitner
Lutheran High North



Oscar Mireles, Jr.
Lutheran High North



Kayla Montano
Lutheran High North or
Waltrip HS



Nicholas Nash
Lutheran High North



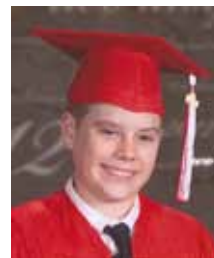
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Forman School



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St. Pius



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Lutheran High North



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Lutheran High North

Prayers and Promises by Pastor David Leeland

Years ago, *Focus on the Family* had an article in their monthly publication written by a court news reporter that gave a description of a particular couple's divorce case. It began with the courtroom scene of the judge granting their divorce and then it faded back in time to the couple's courtship and wedding.

This article told how they were so in love with one another and delighted in each other in the beginning. They had such fun! They were such great friends! And then, over time, reality hit. They disappointed one another. They failed to meet each other's expectations. They wounded each other with their words and hurt each other by their deeds.

There was sorrow in their hearts along with the hurt and anger but it was the sorrow of being wounded by the other and the anger at what was received by the actions of the other. There was no sorrow over their own words and no repentance for the things they did and shouldn't have; nor for the things they failed to do and should have. No one confessed his/her sins of commission (I'm sorry, I did it!). No one confessed her/his sins of omission (I'm sorry, I failed to do it!).

Therefore, there was no forgiveness, nor reconciliation; no renewal, nor deepening of love. In their absence of love, there were only power plays and punishment.

How sad it is when any married couple comes to such an end! How sad when she says, "I can't believe how I ever loved you!" And he says, "What did I ever see in you!"

Is there a way out of such an end? Is there a way back into love? Is it possible that life can be given to what the couple has killed? Can there be any hope, any possibility, any glimmer that they can renew their love and restore their relationship? Can they heal the hurt, assuage the pain and not only remain married but truly find joy again in their marriage?

The LORD tells a story in Ezekiel 37:1-14 of *The Valley of Dry Bones*:

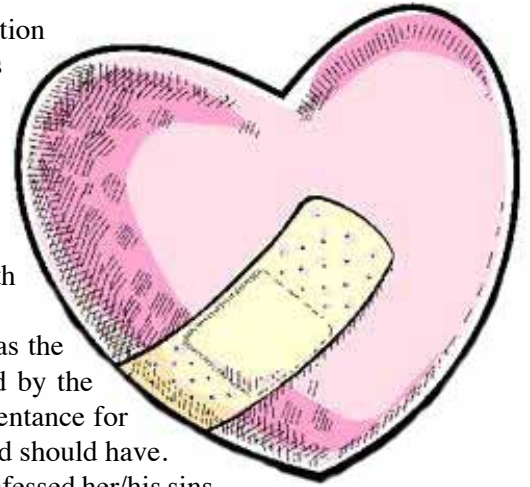
¹ *The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." ⁴ Then He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹ Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. ¹⁴ And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."*

The answer we see pictured here in the words of Ezekiel is "Yes" with the healing power of God who gives life to dead marriages and turns the graves of our relationships into a living land where love thrives.

Can the Lord Jesus Christ put the bones of your marriage back together; can He put on flesh to this skeleton; can He restore life by the power of His Holy Spirit so that you may live again and love again and rejoice in this new love and life? Yes! Yes, He can! Yes, He does! Divorce does not have to be the inevitable end.

And the healing begins when we pray: "*Lord Jesus, take these dry, dead bones of our marriage and give us life. Breathe new life in us. Give us new love. Forgive us for the mess we've made of our marriage and by Your forgiveness, teach us to confess and forgive each other by the power of Your saving name, Jesus. Amen.*"

Because God is love and through His love, we CAN find our way back into love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



CHURCH REPORT

April 16 - May 13

BAPTISMS

May 6

Jack Rose Morton



May 9

Casey Christine Edeiken

DEATHS

April 29

Barbara Elaine Darling

May 12

Stephen Waters

REVENUE UPDATE

Year to Date through 05/13/12

Total Receipts \$1,422,340

Budgetary Needs \$1,415,500

HUG2 UPDATE

Year to Date through 05/13/12

Total Contributions \$1,545,682

Pledged to Date \$2,931,544

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTALS

	<u>1-8</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Adult</u>
04/15	45	14	129
04/22	46	13	136
04/29	54	14	130
05/06	36	8	120
05/13	46	14	143
Total Offering			\$275.85

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	<u>8:15</u>	<u>9:31</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>11:15</u>	<u>Online</u>
04/15	235	223	161	76	55
04/22	233	298	159	105	22
04/29	282	200	200	51	36
05/06	311	166	162	71	20
05/13	286	214	207	79	42

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“Life Quotes”

from Lutherans For Life

“When we view abortion through the lens of our Christian faith, we do not see a moral issue that needs correcting or a political issue that needs strategizing. We see a spiritual issue that takes priority. The child in the womb belongs to God, formed by His hands and purchased by His blood. Abortion not only assaults human life, it assaults the Creator and Redeemer of human life.” - Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life



Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit

**18 HOLE SCRAMBLE benefits the
Krause Children's Center in Katy, Texas**

Monday, June 25, 2012

7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Black Horse Golf Club, Cypress, TX

Come play golf for a great cause!
All funds raised directly benefit
the abused and neglected children
at the Krause Children's Center.
Register at <http://www.lsss.org/golf/krause/2012>.





June 2012

Trinity Lutheran Church





Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday


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