



A Message From Pastor Dorn

We cannot believe how quickly this summer has gone by and we are gearing up to head into the 2012-2013 school year at Trinity Lutheran School. We are excited to provide you with a number of updates and announcements.

We are very pleased to announce that we have met an important goal in selecting Dr. Bill Like as the principal for the upcoming school year. He will serve this year in an interim capacity during which time a permanent selection will be made for the 2013 – 2014 school year. Dr. Like has 14 years of administrative experience in Texas schools with eight of those years in a superintendent role and six years in a campus leadership role. He has a teaching background with seven years of classroom teaching experience in Houston ISD and Austin ISD. In addition, he has served as an adjunct professor at Wayland Baptist University and Texas A&M University-Commerce, where he taught graduate level principal preparation courses in multicultural education, school business administration and advanced instructional techniques. He received his PhD in Educational Administration from The University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Like's wife of 24 years is also an educator in Houston ISD and they have two children attending the University of Texas.



Dr. Bill Like



Ms. Antoinette Strong

In addition, our 4th grade classroom will be led this year by Ms. Antoinette Strong. Ms. Strong has a solid education background including a Bachelor of Arts with a specialization in Education from Concordia University Texas. She is Texas Certified in Grades ECE-4th and California Certified in Grades ECE-8th. Her teaching experience includes serving as a 2nd grade teacher (as well as Substitute for K-6th and PE) at St. Mark Lutheran School and a 1st grade teacher at Modesto Christian School. We appreciate the time and wisdom of the Call Committee, who lead the research, interview, and recommendation process for this position.

We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Like and Ms. Strong to Trinity Lutheran School and are working toward filling a few more positions with additional quality people by the beginning of the school year. We are in the interview process for a school nurse, part-time art teacher, and Director of Early Childhood Ministries. We will also need to fill our part-time music teacher position as Mrs. Balog resigned due to time constraints. In addition, we have developed a new position to help promote Trinity Lutheran School Ministries. The School Ministries – Admissions Coordinator will coordinate and assist in the number of inquiries, visits, and applications as well as the retention of current families for enrollment across all areas (Early Childhood, School and Extended Care).

Pastor Lytle has served as Interim Principal for the last 3 months and I am very thankful for his ministry. In serving in a time of challenges for all of us, he demonstrated dedication to Trinity and its staff through humility, openness and integrity – always keeping Christ at the center. He will continue to work in helping Dr. Like with the transition as well

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as serve as the Pastoral Counselor for our School Ministries. Please join me in thanking Pastor Lytle.

You can have an opportunity to meet our newest team members - Principal Like, Ms. Strong - and all of the Trinity faculty and staff at Trinity Lutheran Church for Education Sunday on August 19 at any of our worship opportunities (8:15 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, or 9:31 and 11:15 a.m. in the gym). At that time, we will introduce this year's teachers, commission and install them, as well as pray for a successful school year for each one.

As we prepare for the upcoming year, we reaffirm our commitment to continually improve the campus and policies to ensure the safety of our students and families. We have updated policies and procedures to include an enhanced volunteer policy, child safety policy and student handbook. We have enacted a policy requiring every volunteer in both the school and church to complete an annual background check. We have also implemented an updated ID badge system similar to those in public schools. In addition, we requested the assistance of the Houston Police Department in doing a full and thorough risk assessment. We are confident that these improvements will better serve the students and families of Trinity Lutheran School.

Overall, we are truly looking forward to this school year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our Director of Ministries, Sylvia Schmidt, at 713-229-2962 or sschmidt@trinitydt.org.

On behalf of all the staff of Trinity, we pray God's blessings to you and your loved ones.

Yours in Christ,



Michael P. Dorn
Senior Pastor

Back to School Bonanza

All school families are encouraged to attend our Back to School Bonanza on Saturday, August 11, at 3 p.m.

The tentative schedule and agenda include:

- Opening Session at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
- Meet and greet and teacher presentations in each classroom
- Playground re-surface fundraising - *Paint a Ceiling Tile*
- Information regarding new hot lunch program through our new vendor
- Back to School "stations" in the TLEC multi-purpose room including Notary, gym clothes, yearbooks, spirit wear, planners, Bibles, health forms, Extended Care info, etc.
- Scrumptious BBQ meal in the TLEC Multi-Purpose room.



Confirmation

The Confirmation Program at Trinity provides teenagers with an in-depth study of Christian doctrine to prepare them to publicly confirm the faith into which they were baptized. Confirmation participants study the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism and have opportunities for fun and fellowship together. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. The majority of participants are 8th graders. However, high school students who have not been confirmed are also welcome. Pastor Dorn, Mary Oliver and Mary Mountford will be leading the class this year. A parent information meeting will be held on Sunday, August 26th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 124. The first class of the 2012-13 Confirmation Program begins on Sunday, September 9th at 9:30 a.m.



LCMS Texas District Convention Report

The Texas District Convention was held June 21-23 in Lubbock, Texas, with this year's theme "Live to Tell" based on Mark 5:3-20. I am pleased to report that this year's convention was filled with harmony and peace on the many issues and resolutions that were debated during the conventions proceedings. Texas District President Ken Hennings won reelection to another 3-year term.



Once again, this Convention had opportunities to participate in uplifting worship and Bible study opportunities. LCMS President Harrison addressed the convention delegates with his President's report on the first day of the convention and he also preached in the convention's opening worship service.

I am pleased to report that the Texas District continues to do very well in the area of planting new churches in the state. Our District continues to be well regarded and is recognized in the Synod as a leading mission-minded district.

In addition, one of the highlights of the convention came when delegates honored individuals with significant anniversaries, beginning with the 25th anniversary. Therefore at this convention, we observed anniversaries in 2009, 2010, and 2011. At Trinity we are blessed to have 10 of these men and woman honored, please join me in thanking God for their service and in thanking them:

Ordained Ministers' Anniversaries Celebrated in 2009-2011

50th Anniversary: Pastor Paul H. Dorn (1961)

40th Anniversary: Pastor John Kieschnick (1970)

30th Anniversary: Pastor David Leeland (1981)

Commissioned Ministers' Anniversaries Celebrated in 2009-2011

55th Anniversary: Rollin Cattau (1954)

45th Anniversary: Eva Zoch (1964)

40th Anniversary: Mary Mountford (1971)

35th Anniversary: Dorothy Burroughs (1975)

25th Anniversary: Gene Benson (1986)

25th Anniversary: Veloyce Dorn (1986)

25th Anniversary: Cynthia Struckmann (1986)



I want to personally thank Trinity Lutheran congregation for allowing me the opportunity to represent you at the convention. It was a great honor and I thank you so very much for allowing me the opportunity to attend. If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to call me at 713-416-0531.

To God be the glory, Nelson Schmidt

Ashley Maack Sings National Anthem

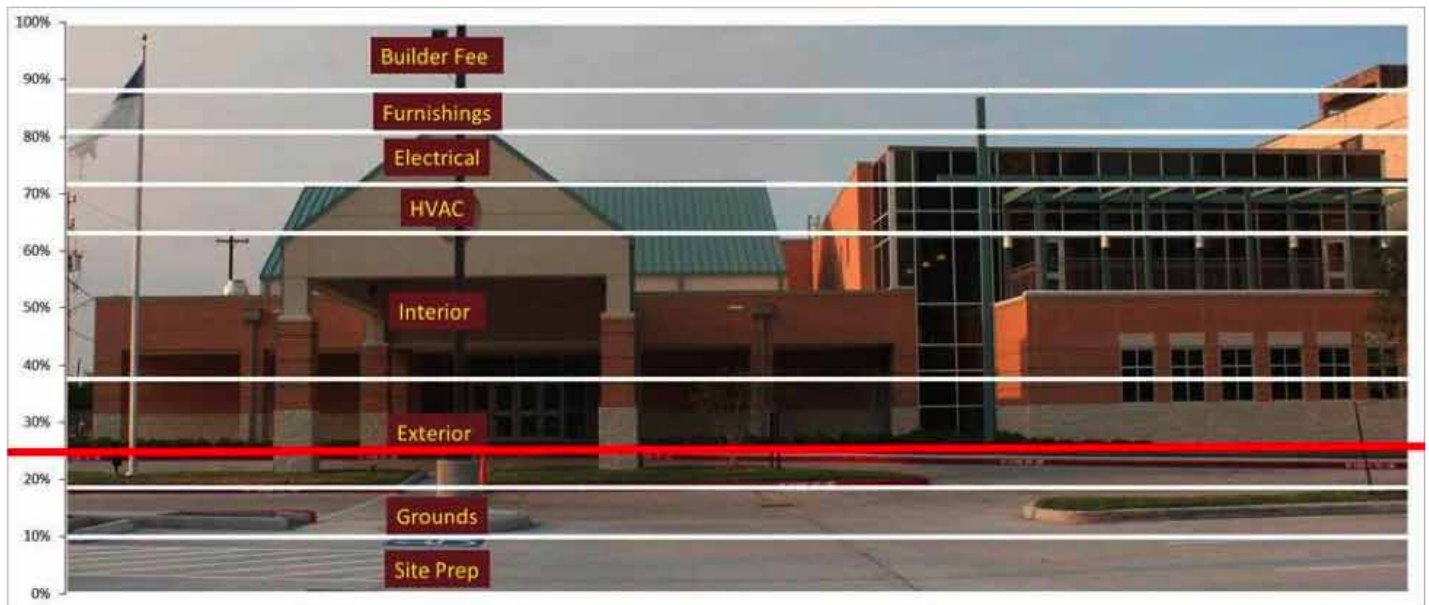


Fans gathered on Friday, July 6th at Minute Maid Park to watch the Houston Astros take on the Milwaukee Brewers. As the announcer invited the crowd to stand for the singing of the National Anthem, the stadium camera focused on Ashley Maack standing near home plate. Ashley is a member of Trinity, serves on the Early Childhood staff, and sings with the band in the gym for Sunday morning worship. She sang without accompaniment and did a fabulous job to the cheers of all who were present. Way to go, Ashley!

It's Summertime and Everything's Coming Up Roses (in the HUG2 garden)

Our HUG2 campaign continues to be blessed by your giving and evidence of your faithfulness to God's stewardship command. Generally, summertime vacations signal a reduction in church attendance and in offerings, but HUG2 continues to surpass our expectations. We celebrate the good news below and ask that you also prayerfully consider your offerings to the home treasury during these summer months as the operating expenses and special needs of the Church continue throughout the year.

The chart indicates that we've raised funds that would pay for almost 25% of the total cost of building the Education Center if we were operating on a cash basis. Trinity signed the mortgage last November, so the unpaid balance accrues interest monthly. Even so, the HUG2 contributions in excess of the minimum monthly payment allow Trinity to pay down the principal faster than scheduled and save thousands of dollars in interest during the early part of the loan term.



The HUG2 fulfillment team set a goal to assist the congregation in reaching \$1.75 million by September 30, the halfway point of this campaign. This interim goal is within reach, although it seemed like a huge task just several months ago. New pledges at Recommitment Sunday in April and substantial memorial gifts in the past two months have allowed Trinity to continue to make those extra principal payments rather than dipping into the reserve funds as expected during the summer. A sincere thank you to members who honor the passing of loved ones with memorial gifts and to everyone who continues to fulfill their commitment with weekly offerings. It is also possible for HUG2 gifts to be made as honorariums to those living individuals who have inspired you or touched your life, so consider this alternate gift for an important occasion.

LSS (Lutheran Social Services) 3-Year Plan

1. Refinancing of debt.
2. Move beyond Lutheranism while strengthening our Lutheran core.
3. Foster Care design.
4. Significantly grow foster care in Texas.
5. Expand and make cost-effective senior services.
6. Building a new residential children's treatment center in Dallas County.

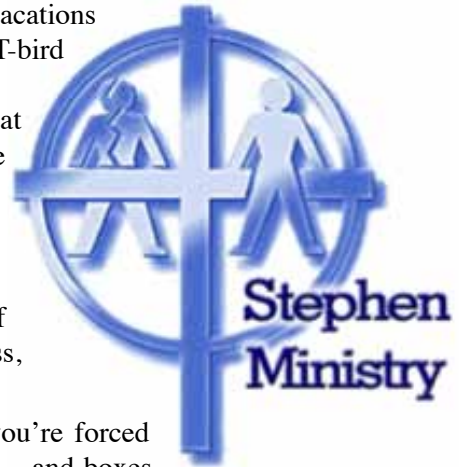


Here is a plan; let's pray God's blessings upon the LSS as its people move towards these goals in the three years ahead. God bless them!

Trinity Stephen Ministry

Summer is the season for relaxing picnics and swimming parties and great vacations and, in the words of the Beach Boys, “Fun, Fun, Fun 'til your daddy takes the T-bird away” or until you’re overcome by depression.

According to Dr. Ian Cook, director of the Depression Research Program at UCLA, summer depression is more prevalent than you might think. For some people, it has a biological cause but for others, misery comes from seasonal stresses. When everyone else is laughing and splashing, why can’t you?



Here’s a rundown of reasons.

- **Summertime SAD (seasonal affective disorder).** Symptoms of summer depression include loss of appetite, trouble sleeping, weight loss, and anxiety.
- **Disrupted schedules in summer.** Kids are home from school and you’re forced with the prospect of keeping them occupied all summer. College kids – and boxes and boxes of their stuff – may also be home for the summer. Late night ball games, sleeping in, even great vacations can all disrupt your work, sleep and eating habits and contribute to summer depression.
- **Body image issues.** Sometimes people feel self-conscious and embarrassed in shorts or a bathing suit, and since so many summertime gatherings revolve around beaches and pools, they start avoiding social situations altogether.
- **Financial worries.** Summers can be expensive. Vacation summer camps, extra babysitters and then there’s the vacation. And with the economy like it is now, some people even wonder “If I go on vacation, will the job be here when I get back?”
- **The heat. And don’t forget the humidity.** This is Houston – enough said.

Any of these things can contribute to summer depression. So what do you do about it?

Tips for Coping With Summer Depression

- **Get help.** If you think you’re getting depressed, no matter what time of year, get help. Talk to a therapist, like a psychiatrist, psychologist, or social worker. Here’s a place where a Stephen Minister might be able to help too.
- **Plan ahead.** Dr. Cook says there’s one advantage to a summer depression: you know when it’s coming. June is right there on the calendar. So if you’re feeling OK in the spring, think about the specific aspects of your life that become difficult during the summer and put intervention plans in place early. You’ll feel a lot more in control.
- **Sleep.** Not getting enough sleep is a common trigger for depression, so make a concerted effort to keep some kind of schedule and get to bed on time.
- **Keep up with your exercise.** Regular physical activity can help keep depression at bay. So even if it’s getting too hot for your normal activities, find other ways to stay active. Start earlier in the morning or later in the evening if you have to.
- **Don’t overdo dieting and fitness.** If you try an insanely restrictive diet or extreme exercise plan, you probably won’t be able to keep it up, and that “failure” will just leave you more demoralized and worsen your summer depression.
- **Protect yourself.** If you’re feeling overwhelmed, ask another relative to host the traditional family party. Don’t risk pushing yourself into a summer depression just to live up to tradition.
- **Talk to your doctor about adjusting your medication.** If you’re on medicine for depression, ask your doctor about adjusting it over the summer months.
- **Plan your vacation carefully.** Think it through and be sure your vacation plans are really YOUR vacation plans. You should come back rested and restored, not stressed and broke. Maybe a staycation is a better choice this year, or several long weekends instead of a 2-week road trip.
- **Be gentle with yourself.** Summer is a great time to slow down a little and appreciate the wonder of God’s creation – and know that you are one of those wonders. Give Him all the thanks and praise.

Edited from an article by R. Morgan Griffin – full text available at <http://www.webmd.com/depression/summer-depression>

Acetaminophen Is in More Medicines Than You Think

“Acetaminophen is the most common drug ingredient in America. It is found in more than 600 different prescription and over-the-counter medicines including pain relievers, fever reducers, and sleep aids as well as cough, cold and allergy medicines.” (Most of you may be aware that “acetaminophen” is the drug ingredient in Tylenol).

If you take acetaminophen “as directed” it is considered safe and effective. However, there is a **limit to how much you can take in one day**. If you take more acetaminophen than directed it is **considered an overdose and this can lead to liver damage**.



Here are three (3) simple steps when using acetaminophen:

- **Always Read and Follow the Label** – **NEVER** take more medicine than the label says. Taking more acetaminophen than directed as stated above can have serious consequences.
- **Know if Your Medicines Contain Acetaminophen** – It is **very important** to check the active ingredients in all of your medicines to see if they contain acetaminophen. On over-the-counter medicines the word “acetaminophen” is listed on the front of the package or bottle and in the active ingredient section of the Drug Facts label. On prescription labels, acetaminophen is sometimes listed as “APAP,” “acetam,” or other shortened versions of the word.
- **Never Take Two Medicines that Contain Acetaminophen at the Same Time** – Always check the labels on your prescription and over-the-counter medicines to see if they contain acetaminophen. Again, you can take too much acetaminophen (and thus overdose) if you use more than one medicine that contains acetaminophen at the same time.

Contact your healthcare professional or your pharmacist if you have any questions to make sure you are **NOT** taking more than one drug containing acetaminophen. You may also visit KnowYourDose.org (Acetaminophen Awareness Coalition) for information.

SOURCE: Acetaminophen Awareness Coalition

PROMISE: “The Lord is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” Psalm 18:2

Julie Bertrand, Parish Nurse

Flu Vaccine Clinic

We will again be offering a **Flu Vaccine Clinic** for the 2012 - 2013 Flu Season through the Texas Vaccine Institute on **Sunday, September 23, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & Monday, September 24, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

The cost for the Flu Shot is \$20.00 and Flu Mist is \$30.00 (no change from last year) and free for Medicare recipients with **proof of Medicare Card**.

DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY for preventative health care. More information will follow in the September issue of “Trinity Today.”



“Life Quote”

“Sin produces consequences. But praise God, there is Hope! There is always Hope for those who love and trust God! This Hope died for our sin and rose to victory! Hope is Jesus Christ who covers the repentant sinner with mercy every morning!”

“Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life.



Pastor Black- A Few More Vacation Days

Pastor Black and Audrey have set aside August 15 - 19 as vacation days. No particular plans at this time.

Marriage First Weekend

October 12th & 13th - Here At Trinity!

Trinity's Marriage First Retreat has morphed into Trinity's Marriage First Weekend on-site in the Multipurpose Room of our Educational Center.

Our theme is: ***Happiness and Hope!***

Our Theme Verse is 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3: ² *We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,* ³ *remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.* [ESV]

Here's what you need to know to register for this Marriage First Weekend:

Schedule:

- Friday, October 12th from 6 – 9 p.m.
- Saturday, October 13th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location:

- Multipurpose Room of Trinity's Education Center

Cost:

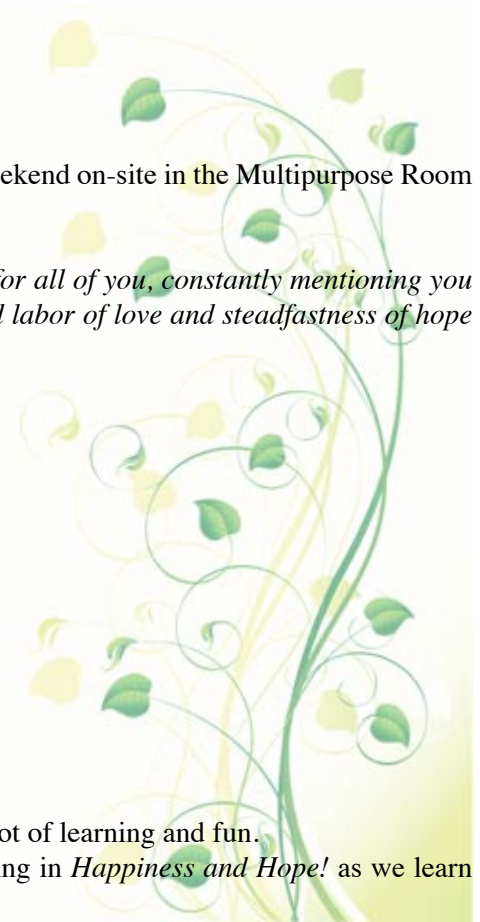
- \$50.00 per couple

Register:

- Online at Trinity's website: www.trinitydt.org or
- Email Suzanne Kurth at skurth@trinitydt.org

We start with supper Friday night with the evening ending by 9 p.m. after a lot of learning and fun.

We start Saturday morning with breakfast and have another great day growing in *Happiness and Hope!* as we learn from one another.



“Lovingly and Prayerfully Made”

Twelve tiny babies will be tightly swaddled in the first batch of baby blankets completed by the Trinity Crochet Group. Who knows? Maybe there will be an Andrew or a Peter or a Thomas in the group. Houston Coalition for Life gives these blankets to young women who visit their mobile pregnancy center – the one parked across the street from the Planned Parenthood facility which offers abortion services. Each woman who chooses to continue her pregnancy receives a baby blanket like these – lovingly and prayerfully made by Lutheran ladies.

If you'd like to participate in this project, come join us. The group is meeting the second Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in Room 205. Contact Beverly Meaden at dblmeaden@aol.com or Alice Kaspar at akaspar@sbcglobal.net if you'd like to know more.



Church Worker Grants Available

Trinity Ladies Circle Ministries is pleased to support the education of communicant members of Trinity Lutheran Church who are enrolled at a Lutheran college or university with the intention of entering full-time ministry in the church. Students wishing to apply for one of these grants for the 2012-2013 school year are asked to send a letter of application to Trinity Lutheran Ladies Circle, 800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007.



Church Worker Grants

It's Been a Busy Summer for Catalyst Youth!

Here are a few things we've been up to:

First up this summer was our trip to Carolina Creek Christian Camp. On June 9-13th, thirty-eight elementary and middle school kids traveled up to Carolina Creek's new camp called The Wild. At this new camp, the kids had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of



activities, some including the new water park, jungle gym, and the putt putt golf course. Along with these fun activities, the kids participated in daily worship called Keynote and Bible studies with their cabin mates. Each night, after worship, there was a fun activity planned for the kids. The first night was rodeo night, which included a petting zoo, roasting marshmallows, and riding ponies. The second night was glow in the ark, where the kids had a glow in the dark dance party which took place in the ark that was built in the camp. Overall, this experience was an awesome one for each kid!

Next up was Drills & Skills. On June 25-29, forty-five elementary kids came out to our gym at Trinity and participated in this basketball camp where the kids can learn and improve their game. A few of our high schoolers mentored at this camp and



assisted the coaches with teaching the kids certain drills and skills. Each day, at lunch, the kids also got a chance to participate in a devotion planned by one of our volunteers.



Next up was Window of Hope. On July fifth and sixth, 42 kids and four churches came together to serve those who have lost hope. This year was the first year we hosted an out-of-state church all the way from Oklahoma! Activities included making and passing out sack lunches to the less fortunate, worshipping, and enjoying each other's fellowship as we grew closer to Christ.

Next up, was Unique Week with Unique Student Ministries. Twelve of us middle schoolers and high schoolers got together to learn more about our call to be set apart and be the light of the world! This conference gathers over one thousand people from all over to worship and learn more about Christ. This week we hosted three churches all from around the Dallas



area. We all participated in service projects and camps all around Houston and gathered for worship in the evening. This conference can be a life changing experience for many!

Lastly, our high schoolers traveled to Pawleys Island, South Carolina, on July 14-21 for a leadership retreat with 3D Ministries.



Prayers and Promises by Pastor David Leeland

Melanie and I drove to Atlanta for my sister's wedding in June. We started out in sunshine but by the time we got to Beaumont, we hit torrential rain. I kept thinking, "We'll drive our way out of this soon. I can see sunshine just ahead." But, we didn't. It was a front that came south from Dallas and went east all the way to Georgia. Sometimes, the rain was so hard we almost couldn't see where we were going. Sometimes, the wash from the oncoming trucks would come across our windshield like a tidal wave. So with white knuckles on the steering wheel, we went from McDonalds to McDonalds getting coffee and taking stretch brakes all the way to Mobile.

That first day of driving took intense concentration and continuous prayer! As we went to sleep, I prayed for the LORD to give us a rain free day. The forecast projected more rain but I prayed for relief anyway. The next day, we started out with a sky totally filled with rain clouds but no rain. The sky stayed that way the whole way to my sister's but no rain! What a difference!

As our family gathered for the wedding, all we talked about was the rain we either flew through or drove through to get to Atlanta. The way we talked, you would have thought we all worked for the Postal Service, "Neither rain nor sleet nor snow will keep us from our appointed rounds."

And then the day of the wedding came. It was crystal clear, not a cloud in the skies, and cool, too. It was a perfect day for an outdoor service. We rejoiced in the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ who has given a real love to share for my sister and her new husband in their marriage. As the words of the Marriage Vows says, "... to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death parts us and I pledge you my faithfulness."

The LORD gives these words of instruction and encouragement from Ecclesiastes 4: ⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹²And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. [ESV]

May the LORD give you and your marriage strength to weather all storms and the joy to celebrate come rain or shine in Jesus' name. Amen!



Trinity Women's Club

The Trinity Women's Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 in Room 205. Refreshments will be served from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and childcare will be provided. Please call Jan Case at 281.392.5899 to make arrangements.

Associate Members and Active Members are asked to attend our meeting this month. This is a very important meeting for we will start our planning for our Turkey Supper this year.

Guest speakers will be Sharon and Elizabeth Stoerkel and the topic will be on the LWML Convention.

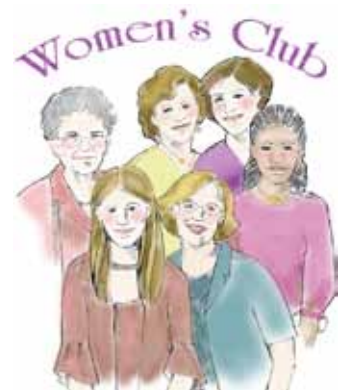
Our hostesses for August will be Connie Welch, Lorraine McKinney and Becky Lovdahl. Opening devotion to be given by Connie Welch and closing prayer by Lorraine McKinney.

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Sharon Smith (06-12), Julie May (06-14), Shawn Ullmann (06-21), Dolores Auffarber (06-22), Faye Faszholtz (07-01), Vickie Harkrider (07-08), Cathy Perry (07-09), Thelma Deterling (07-11), Kristin Fischer (07-21), Liz Blahuta (07-22), and Becky Lovdahl (07-23).

Happy Birthday wishes to Nicole Spaur (08-01), Veronica Freyer (08-02), Julie Bertrand (08-08), Lorraine McKinney (08-10), Dolores Rodgers (08-19), Linda Gray (08-23), Amber Wallace (08-23), Liz Gallmeier (08-25), Montie Callager (08-31), and Karen Maynard (08-31).

God's blessing to all.

Please remember to keep your Secret Pal in your prayers.



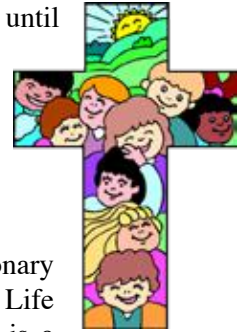
Middle School Sunday School Update

The Middle School age group consists of 6th and 7th graders; as well as 8th graders up until Confirmation, when they move up to the Underground High School class.

To get back to the basics for a moment, what is Sunday school? Dictionary.com explains it this way:

Sunday school *noun*

1. a school, now usually in connection with a church, for religious instruction on Sunday.
2. the members of such a school.



While we agree with the dictionary definition, we suggest it also includes Life Application. Our Sunday school class is a safe place for teens – one where they have an opportunity to grow their faith by learning the Bible and life application. Each week a Biblical lesson is shared with a goal of how each student can apply the teaching to their everyday living. Topics can include how volunteer opportunities can tie into Biblical principles, or how one might share their faith with someone who doesn't know Jesus. We are amazed at how the Holy Spirit works in each person's heart and the lively discussions that transpire. There can also be lively debate on which student gets the privilege of leading the class in prayer!

The teachers for this class are: Clinton Heine, Carl Glezen, and Delynda Cruz. This team has been leading the Trinity teens for many seasons. This year our substitute support has been provided by Steve Bell.

We know and teach that God's promises never change, yet in 2012 we have all experienced numerous changes since Jesus walked on this earth with His disciples. During lessons, we might discuss how Jesus survived without electricity, or cell phones, or iPods. A new technology that we incorporate into the classroom is the Bible online. Students are allowed to look up and read the designated reading using their cell phones or iPads. Of course, we have plenty of the Faith Alive Youth Bibles available for the students to use too. We have the opportunity to discuss how to handle temptation since some texting and other internet sites might be appealing to the students during class. :-D This allows for some chuckles



for the students that were not "tempted."

As leaders of the middle school Sunday school, we have all heard questioning from other adults on how and why we would want to lead this "changing" age of kids. I think we all have the same answer – God has blessed us with a heart for the youth and definitely He provides a sense of humor for us all!

This year has been an exciting one as we've been blessed at times with an overflowing classroom – it's an easy fix, just bring in more chairs! We always have room for more and all are welcome whether the student wants to get to know the basics of the Bible or if the student is advanced and wants to grow deeper in Christ Jesus. I cannot imagine going through the teen years without Sunday school!



Trinity Adult Studies for August

Crazy Love • Phyllis Brockermeier • Room 232 • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (06/24 - 09/09)

HE wants us to love others so much that we go to extremes to help them. HE wants us to be known for giving - of our time, of our money, of our abilities. HE wants us to live as HE calls us to live.

HE really isn't satisfied when people manage to fit Him into their lives in some small way. Instead, HE really commands everything from His followers. God's love is crazy but His command is clear - love one another.

Job • Dave Weinhold • Room 205 • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (06/17 - 11/25)

He owned 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, and 500 teams of oxen. He had 10 children, 7 of them sons. Job was abundantly blessed. Then he was forced to downsize. Raiders stole the oxen and killed the workers. Fire killed the sheep and the shepherds. More raiders stole the camels and killed the herders. A wind toppled his house and all his children were crushed. Then, Job himself was covered with painful, oozing boils from head to toe. What did Job do? Read Job 1:21. To learn more about why bad things happen to good people, join the 205 Class.

Nice Guys Finish Last—Men of the Kingdom Are Primal • David LeFevre • Fellowship Hall • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (07/15 - 08/19)

A new Trinity class for Men Only –What does a “good Christian man” look like? What does he do? Is he reckless? Did he settle down? Too often we see men leading lives of quiet desperation, blindly plodding through life, chasing the false security of money, title, position and power. Men who seek adventure in the Kingdom of God live differently. We are cowboys, warriors, kings and sages. Bringing the Kingdom to people is an adventure, and we need to be prepared for that adventure. This class will explore how.

1st Peter • Jim Cleary • Room 211 • Sunday • 9:30 a.m. (06/03 - 08/26)

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.

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.”

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

King 3! King Solomon was the wisest man on earth and he did the dumbest thing in the world. He broke God's first commandment; he worshipped other gods, and he had 700 wives too. Still, he ruled during Israel's glory days, and God's grace flowed through his life in so many ways. To find out more about this incredible Old Testament king, join the Chapel Class.

Sonrise Bible Study - Pastor Black • Room 124 • Thursday • 6:30 a.m. (ongoing)

Martin Luther said, “Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace...” and he encouraged – almost demanded – that we increase our faith through study of the Word. The Sonrise group does just that. This group gathers at 6:30 a.m. every Thursday morning to study God's Word. Most often the text is the scripture from the lectionary for the following Sunday.

TnT Bible Study - Dag & Rachel Calafell • Offsite • 1st & 3rd Fridays • 7:00 p.m.

This dynamic group of Trinity 20s and 30s, singles and couples, meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month for Bible study and fellowship. This fall the group will be studying the prophet Hosea, an incredible story of God's love (“my love will know no bounds” Hosea 14:4) and healing for His sometimes faithless people. The name Hosea means the Lord has saved us.

Please contact Dag and Rachel Calafell, rachel.calafell@gmail.com for more information.

Coming in September

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study • Audrey Black • Room 205 • 10:00 a.m. (09/11/12 - 05/28/13)

This year, the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study group will study Paul's New Testament letters of Ephesians and 1 and 2 Thessalonians. The letter to the Ephesians reminds us of God's generous and undeserved mercy and encourages us to love as Christ loved us and to keep His church pure and holy. This was as critical a message to the early church at Ephesus as it is to us today.

The letters to the Thessalonians are also encouraging and reassuring. Christians are urged to go on working quietly and wait in hope for the return of Christ. We are strengthened and inspired to stand firm in faith and to live a life that is pleasing to God.

Great Marriage! Class Starts Saturday, August 25th!

You've focused on the dresses, the reception, the honeymoon, and even the service. You've sent announcements, invitations, and e-mails. You've posted websites, asked your friends and families to participate, and have done all manner of things to make the occasion of your wedding great! It will cost you somewhere between \$15,000 and \$100,000. All of this is for one of the biggest transformational moments in your life.

Consider adding one more thing: Sign up and participate in Trinity's next *Great Marriage!* Class to prepare yourself for a great start to your *Great Marriage!*

Great Marriage! Class starts Saturday, August 25th from 9 a.m. - 12 Noon. This class is for you if you are getting ready to marry or want to enrich your marriage!

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

Great Marriage! Class is a combination of:

- Bible Studies and training in Praying Together
- Prepare/Enrich online Couples Inventory
- "Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts!" video program
- Couples Communication training in PREP [Prevention And Relationship Enhancement Program]
- And many handouts on *The Five Stages of Marriage*, *Brain Research and Gender Differences*, *The Apprenticeship of Marriage*, *The 3 Sides to Love*, *the Bell Curve of Marriage* and a whole lot more!



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

The class schedule is:

<u>Saturdays</u>	<u>Saturdays</u>
August 25 th - 9 a.m. - 12 Noon	September 15 th - 9 a.m. - 12 Noon
September 1 st - 9 a.m. - 12 Noon	September 22 nd - 9 a.m. - 12 Noon
September 8 th - 9 a.m. - 12 Noon	September 29 th - 9 a.m. - 12 Noon

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

The 39 Club

The 39 Club will meet in the foyer on Sunday, August 12, 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 are those who are single, 39 and over. For more information, contact Jean Minsch at 281.550.4752.

Car Care August 11

The Car Care Ministry team will be providing car maintenance and washes on Saturday, August 11th, 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.



Did You Know?

Thrivent designates Choice Dollars to Lutheran organizations including the Trinity Lutheran School Endowment.

However, it's not automatic. Thrivent Members have to actively designate their Choice Dollars.

Watch this space to learn how to make this happen, and mark your calendars now for a special Thrivent event, September 30 at 12:30 p.m. here at Trinity.



WORSHIP ONLINE AT live.ninethirtyone.org



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

Ladies Circle Ministries - August 2

The monthly gathering of the Ladies Circle will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, in Room 205, with fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. The program for the day will be a report from the ladies who attended the LWML Texas District Convention held in College Station June 28 - July 1.

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

Executive Board members are reminded that there will be a board meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 30.



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Bumper Stickers for Older Adults

1. "Wave if you love my driving!"
2. "My other car is a walker!"
3. "Caution: Grandparents on Board."
4. "I may be slow, but I am ahead of you!"
5. "Honk all you want; I can't hear you anyway!"

(To be continued next month, from the pen of Dr. Rich Bimler, "Engaging the Aging" - Summer 2012)

Betsy Dossman Retirement

St. John Lutheran Church, Cypress, will be honoring Betsy Dossman and her retirement on September 2, 2012. Part of the celebration includes a Reunion Choir of children Betsy may have taught during her 50 years of music ministry. If you or someone you know may be interested in being a part of this special choir, please contact Miriam Dexter (mdexter20@gmail.com or 281.320.0193).

Houston Lutheran Chorale Rehearsals Resume

The Houston Lutheran Chorale is seeking new singers to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ in music and song.

Who: All who love to sing – no auditions are required.

When: Rehearsals begin August 26 and are from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. two Sunday afternoons each month.

Performances will be December 1 & 2.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church Downtown

For more information: call 713.229.2937 or visit our web site at www.hlc-tx.org.



SCHOOL/TLEC

Interim Principal	Dr. Bill Like713.229.2964
TLS Secretary	Julie May713.229.2901
Interim Director of Early Childhood Program	Victoria House.....713.229.2932
Director of Extended Care & Kids Camp	Jennifer Horn.....713.229.2967

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CHURCH REPORT

June 18 - July 15

BAPTISMS

July 1

Abigail Joy Flaviani



July 14

Charlie Edward Belcher and son, Noah C. Belcher



July 15

Cooper Alan Davison



July 15

Alexis Marie Davison



July 15

Amariah Faith Lytle



TRANSFERS IN

- Sheri Koneman with daughter, Kyra, and granddaughter, Karree from Memorial Lutheran - Katy, TX
- David Lawrence LeFevre from St. Matthew Lutheran - Lee's Summit, MO
- Debbie Stellas from Immanuel Lutheran, Broken Arrow, OK
- Dr. Nikki Polnick Kokel from Grace Lutheran, Brownwood, TX
- Daniel and Kathleen Krueger from Faith Lutheran, Collierview, TX
- Douglas and Tawnya Mitchell with children, Samantha, Miranda, Ryan & Victoria, from Salem Lutheran - Tomball, TX
- Jeffery and Paula Fradette with son, Zachary, from Christ Lutheran - Houston, TX
- Don Gehring from Australian Lutheran Church

TRANSFERS OUT

- Chris and Tina Uschold with children, Riley & Reese to Living Word - Katy, TX
- Delores J. Rogers to First Congregational Church of Winter Park, FL

DEATH

June 26

Johnnie Sacaris

MARRIAGES

July 1

David Albert Conner III & Kristen Ann Bolick

July 14

Ronald James Hartmann, Jr. & Jennifer Nichole Zoch

REVENUE UPDATE

Year to Date through 07/15/12

Total Receipts \$2,028,774
 Budgetary Needs \$2,015,000

HUG2 UPDATE

Year to Date through 07/15/12

Total Contributions \$1,654,282
 Pledged to Date \$2,979,206

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTALS

	<u>1-8</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Adult</u>
06/24	47	18	118
07/01	36	11	116
07/08	37	5	122
07/15	53	6	127
Total Offering	\$145.28		

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	<u>8:15</u>	<u>9:31</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>11:15</u>	<u>Online</u>
06/24	235	241	166	65	16
07/01	251	148	185	58	17
07/08	226	157	125	65	NA
07/15	264	170	216	77	NA

2012 GOVERNING BOARD

- Jim Baccus (Elder)
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- Michelle Vanderwater
- Charles Volek (Elder)
- David Weinhold (Elder)



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Sack Lunch Ministry - Toiletries Needed

Trinity's Sack Lunch Ministry's purpose is Jesus' words, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I needed clothes and you clothed me." Matthew 25:34-36.

Our Sack Lunch Ministry serves up to 100 lunches daily, five times a week, to homeless men, women and children. Because of the Thrivent grant money we received we have been able to give out toiletry items and fruit. When the grant money is depleted we will be totally dependent on the congregation's generosity for these items.

Our most requested item is the disposable razor. The items we do not buy are toothbrushes and toothpaste, for which we have many requests. Sometimes your dentist may have extra samples they would be willing to donate and some dentists of our congregation have been quite generous and donated in the past. At present we are out of both toothbrushes and toothpaste. Other items the homeless need are travel size soap, shampoos and lotion, which may be purchased or collected from your hotel room when you travel. All these items, of course may also be purchased from stores and brought to Trinity for distribution by the volunteers of the Sack Lunch Ministry, or you may donate money to the Sack Lunch Ministry with the notation "Sack Lunch Toiletries" in the memo line.

As always the Sack Lunch Ministry needs extra hands. If you are able to help out occasionally between 9 to 11:30 a.m. weekdays please contact Rick Berg at 281.455.5413 or Pastor Black at 713.229.2917.

