

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Newsletter

October, 2009



Planning Ahead

October 4th - Harvest Festival Breakfast - Serving from 9:30 - 11:30 am, (free-will offering). Join us for breakfast, no dishes to do and the second cup of coffee is free!

October 10th - Oktoberfest at the Lutheran Home in Moorestown. For tickets see Sandy Counsellor at 11:15 or Joanne in the church office.

October 25th - NEW MEMBERS' CLASS - We will begin with lunch at 1:00 p.m. and end approximately 3 p.m. Circle "N" on the pew card and place it in the offering plate if you are interested in becoming a member.

November 1st - All Saints' Sunday when we remember those from Trinity who died during the year.

November 8th - ANNUAL MEETING and Roast Beef Dinner - 3:00 p.m. Watch for the sign-up sheet located on the Johnson Ave. side.

November 22nd - Sunday School Harvest Home - 12:30 p.m. meet to pack Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the needy.

November 25th - 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Community Service at St. Teresa's.

November 26th - 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service at Trinity.



Pastor's Ponderings

Last June, my son Danny went to Cub Scout camp. This was his first over night camping experience. Because of their age, a parent is required to accompany their child at camp. Since I had commitments for Saturday and Sunday morning, Amy spent the first day and a half at camp. When I arrived Sunday afternoon, they were soaked, tired and hungry. I was regaled with horror stories about the food at the mess hall. To sum up the experience simply there was good news and bad news. The bad news was that the food was terrible. The good news was that there wasn't much of it. As a parent my first concern was for the boys, that they would be hungry during the week. However, I began to think that this was an important learning opportunity. After all, this is how most of the people of the world live. Millions of people every day are content to eat what little food they have even if it is not the best. Making a choice to eat what food was available, whether or not they liked it could be a character building moment. I was in the Scouts for many years and I camped all over the United States and Canada. During those trips and on the trails I learned to like food that I did not like (and in some cases I just learned to eat food I did not like). It is amazing how quickly your menu expands when you are hungry.

October is our pantry month, the month in which we make an intentional appeal to the congregation for funds for our food pantry. Yes, we collect funds and food all year long as people in our community are in need all year long. During October there is an added incentive for collecting food pantry funds. All money collected for the pantry during October is eligible for a matching funds grant up to \$1,250. That means that your gift will go even further toward helping those in need during the coming months. During these hard times it is ever important that we continue to show thanks to God for our blessings by sharing with those in need.

On October 18th we will have an opportunity to hear a report and view slides from C.J. Kochon's missionary trip to Sudan. C.J. spent the summer among the people of Sudan working with their children and showing them the love of Jesus through his service. The slides will be projected from his lap top computer to the large screen in the sanctuary so we all will have a great view. Make time to join us for this event. I am sure that you will be moved. I know I am looking forward to hearing all the new and wonderful things that C.J. now has on his menu (I've already heard about the fried white ants, yum).

As for my evaluation of the food at Scout Camp, I enjoyed it!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy

SERMON PREVIEWS:

Oct. 4 - PENTECOST 18

HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon: "**CALLED BY JESUS,
CALLED BY NAME**"

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Oct. 11 - PENTECOST 19

HOLY COMMUNION - 10 AM Only

SHARE SUNDAY/BAPTISMS

Sermon: "**TRASHY WEALTH**"

Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 18 - PENTECOST 20

HOLY COMMUNION - JUNIOR CHOIR

Sermon: "**THE CUP OF SERVICE, THE CUP OF
FRIENDSHIP, THE CUP OF LOVE**"

Mark 10:35-45

Oct. 25 - **FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION**

HOLY COMMUNION - PRAISE CHOIR

Sermon: "**THE GREAT 'WHITE OUT'
OF GOD**"

Romans 3:19-28



**FALL HARVEST
BREAKFAST**

OCTOBER 4TH

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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OCTOBER 10TH

At the Lutheran Home in Moorestown

For tickets see Sandy Counsellor after 11:15
Service or call the office at 939-4411.

Nov. 1 - **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon: "**THE REAL 'TOMORROW'**"

Revelation 21:1-6a

Nov. 8 - PENTECOST 23

HOLY COMMUNION - 10 AM Only

SHARE SUNDAY/BAPTISMS

Sermon: "**'MAKING' MONEY**"

Mark 12:38-44

Nov. 15 - PENTECOST 24

HOLY COMMUNION - JUNIOR CHOIR

JUNIOR BELLS

Sermon: "**PERSONAL CELEBRATION**"

I Samuel 2:1-10

Nov. 22 - **CHRIST THE KING**

HOLY COMMUNION - SENIOR BELLS

Sermon: "**FOREVER JESUS**"

Revelation 1:4b-8



**Membership
Class**

OCTOBER 25TH

We will begin with lunch at 1:00 p.m. and end approximately 3 p.m. Circle "**N**" on the pew card and place it in the offering plate if you are interested in becoming a member.



NOVEMBER 1ST

Social Concerns Ministry

In August and September, we saw quite an increase in the number of families coming to our Pantry. Our August Pantry had 65 families, with 9 being new and in September we helped 66 families, with 11 new families. Needless to say, we are so grateful for your donations that filled the shelves to the max for all those in need, *but* our shelves are more than bare.

We would appreciate donations of:

TUNA, MAC & CHEESE, SOUPS, HOT/COLD CEREALS, PASTA & SAUCE, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, CANNED FRUITS, VEGETABLES, TISSUES.

Also, we are putting out a call for the "not so usual" donation. One family told us that the husband has a spinal cord injury and they are in need of medium size depends and a bathing bench that fits into a tub. Please contact me if you are able to help with this specific need.

Plastic bags, paper bags, or canvas bags should be left in the barrel in the lobby.....we go through so many of these that our back-up supply is gone. This is an ongoing need.

The Clothes Closet will have a large container on the porch at 17 Knight Avenue to receive gently used and clean clothing and shoes for men and larger sized women appropriate to the season. All types of clothing and shoes were accepted at the Fall Clothing Drive for our ministry to the Light House Mission, that was held on Saturday, October 3. Thanks to those who helped and donated.

Next Pantry day is Thursday (always the 4th Thursday of the month), October 22nd. You do not need to be a member of the SC to help, please call me if you want to come out and help either in the morning or evening. As a recent new helper told me, I didn't realize how much goes on here, just on the Pantry night. I'm impressed.

Next regular meeting for SC will be Sunday, October 11th at 25 Knight Avenue (yellow house) at 11:30 AM. We sort and shelve donations, have a bite to eat, then meet.

Watch the bulletins for updates as there is always something happening. Like think feathers for November 1st.

Caring and Sharing,
Sharon Feters

"Because I have been given much, I, too, must give."



Youth News

September was a busy month for the Youth at Trinity. Rally Day, Confirmation for 7th & 8th Graders, and the start of Youth events in earnest.

Our first Youth Night was held on September 19th, with about 12 attending. Fun was had by all, and ALL YOUTH, GRADES 6-12 ARE INVITED. GUESTS ARE ENCOURAGED.

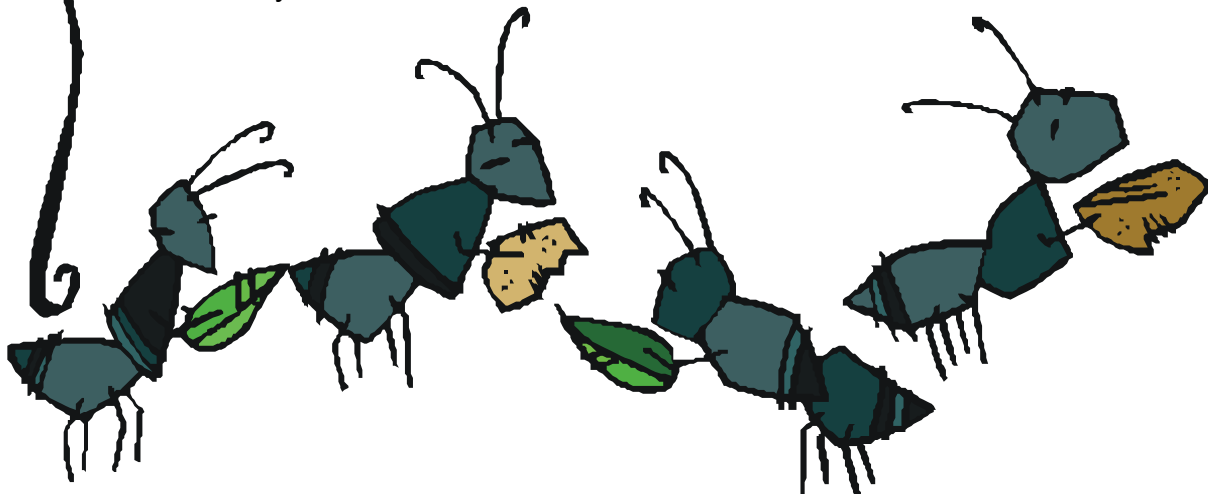
The first meeting was also held for Senior Youth interested in planning and participating in activities, and are excited about planning and attending their own events.

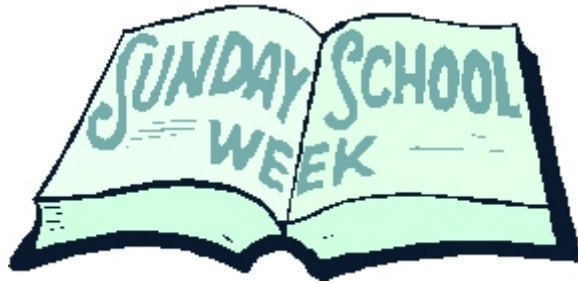
All youth 6-12 grades are invited to help at the Lutheran Home Oktoberfest Celebration October 10th. Please contact Jim Eberts through the Church Office.

Our second Youth Night will be held October 24th, 7-10 pm. Activities will be planned.

A Senior Youth hayride event has been tentatively planned for October as well.

A shout-out to anyone interested in being an advisor for this growing Ministry, HELP IS NEEDED. Anyone interested in helping in any way, please contact Pastor Andy or Jim Eberts.





SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

"God is our loving, reliable guide for life."

What a terrific Rally Day our Sunday School classes had on September 13th! All the classes met in the Fellowship Hall for a big celebration with the theme "Jesus is the Light of the World." Each student received a little lighted flashlight that they shone while we sang "This Little Light of Mine."

A fun time was had by all as we played Bible based games. Prizes for all were given, as well as juice and pretzels. Many thanks to Karen, Elaine, Cindy and Paula for all the planning.

Our Fall Session is in progress with lessons being taught each Sunday from our new material called, "Shaping Hearts with God's Word." This material helps to show our students that Bible learning is fun! The teachers and their classes are enjoying their time together working with the workbooks.

We have decided to help C.J. Kochon again as our Missionary Project for the year. He is planning to go to Africa after he graduates from college next Spring. Once again we will be filling dime folders for this project.

The next staff meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Have a Happy Fall and remember: *"Time with God is the most worthwhile time of all."*

To God be the glory,
Pat Henry



Sunday, October 11th has been designated as Pantry Day here at Trinity. In addition to our monthly material offerings as part of Share Sunday, this month (and the only time during the year) we can use an envelope provided in the bulletin October 4th and October 11th to make a financial contribution to the Food Pantry. In response to our giving, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will donate a monetary gift to Trinity to match up to \$1,250.00 to assist our Food Pantry.

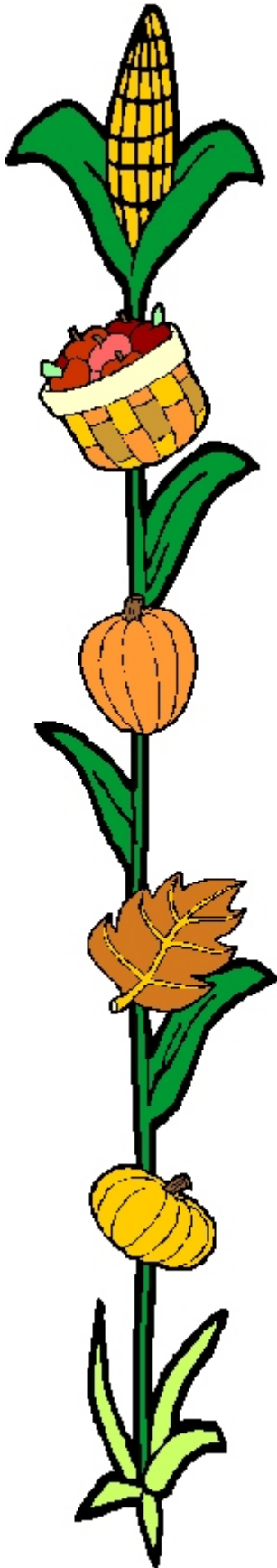
In addition to staples donated by our members and various community groups, money is needed to purchase additional perishable items. Chicken, eggs, cheese, bread and margarine are some things purchased each month for the families we serve. (Fo the month of September we had 65 families).

We truly appreciate each gift donated throughout the year: be it material or monetary. Recipients are often brought to tears by your generosity.

During this time of economic uncertainty we realize you are aware of costs escalating in you own budget. We urge your prayerful consideration to this project. When using your PANTRY envelope, be sure to include your offering envelope number and the amount of your offering.

Thanking you in advance,

Pat Schmidt
One of Trinity's Congregational Coordinators
For Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



Junior Choir News

Having a fall vacation means being away when everyone else is coming home! Pastor Ed and I had a wonderful time touring New England and then showing South Jersey and Philadelphia and Lancaster-Amish country to our friends from California. Now it is time to "get back in the swing." Truthfully I have missed getting together with everyone in the Junior Choir before now.

October 18th we will be doing a spirited song, "*Jesus is the King*" with a tune to make listeners want to join right in as we sing about Jesus being the King of our heart, thoughts and life.

Looking forward to November, we will be singing the third Sunday and on Thanksgiving morning so be sure to mark your calendars!

Beginning a new Junior Choir season means that we will be eager to add some first graders and other children who have not chosen to be a part of us before now. Know that anyone in grades 1-6 is welcome: Confirmation class members who have been in Junior Choir are welcome to come back to support us!

Reminder: rehearsals are held each Sunday from 9:45 - 10:00 and in order to learn the words to songs a letter is sent out each month to choir members. (The children have learned to watch the mail for their envelope with a frog on the front. Reminder: **Fully Rely On God!**)

Love to all!
Mrs. Schmidt

WANTED

Ringers for both the Jr. and Sr. Handbell Choirs.

No experience necessary.

Will train.

If interested, see Mrs. Adler or join us on Thursdays.

Juniors meet from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Seniors meet from 6:30 – 7:20 p.m.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



We would like to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry at Trinity. The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice which embodies our thoughts and prayers for the receiver. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. Made in prayer, the shawls are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart. "Shawls...made for centuries are universal and embracing. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles." You may have friends who knit or crochet but are not members of our church. They are all welcome. All you need are knitting needles or crochet hooks. There will be patterns available for both. We will have a meeting to discuss this further and decide what day and time is best for everyone. Possibly, we will meet once a month for fellowship and sharing and work on our shawls at home. Our first meeting will be on Friday, October 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. If you would like to start now, visit www.prayershawlministry.com where you will find more information and a couple of patterns.

I received a prayer shawl when my son, Jim, passed away in July. It was sent from my friend, Pauline Forster's Presbyterian Women's Organization, located in Salt Lake City, Utah. It was a surprise and of much comfort. I would like others to feel the way I did upon receiving my shawl. Please help us with this ministry.

God Bless You,
Carolyn Lunn

LUTHERAN HOME NEWS

Well, it feels great to be back in the swing of things! The Lutheran Home has a lot of great activities lined up for this year and I'm excited for us to be a part of it.

Our first auxiliary meeting of the season was held at 11 a.m. on September 10th. Elise Korman did a wonderful job running her first meeting with us as president. We are so grateful to have Pastor Steele back with us. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers for continued good health. We also continue to grow in number.

The final total for the Spring Fair is \$5,289.19. Again, thanks to all of you for your generous donations and support in so many ways. It is surely appreciated.

The Oktoberfest will be held on October 10th this year with seatings at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

I've never been able to go to the Fest due to my work schedule, but this year I am off and so my daughter and I will be off to the Oktoberfest and possibly some others from Trinity will also attend. We understand that the food should be good and that there is an accordion player with lively German music.

If any of you are unable to attend and would still like to support this fund-raiser for the residents, you can purchase a ticket(s) to pay for a resident who may not otherwise be able to attend. Tickets can be purchased by contacting me after the 11:15 Service or Joanne at the church office.

Anyone who wishes to donate homemade cupcakes for the residents' Halloween party can leave them on the counter in the church kitchen on Sunday, October 25th. I will freeze them and deliver them to the Home on Friday, October 30th.

NEEDED:

Volunteers to help stuff birthday bags one Friday a month.

Note paper, writing paper, cards of all kinds, current calendars, combs, small tissue packs, toothbrushes, toothpaste (small size), get well, birthday, anniversary stickers, all kinds to be placed on envelopes of cards sent to the residents.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 10/2 - Residents trip to Greek Agora, Cherry Hill - 11:00 a.m.
- 10/10 - Oktoberfest - 4, 5 & 6 p.m. seatings
- 10/25 - Homemade cupcakes to church for delivery on 10/30.
- 10/27 - Residents' birthday luncheon - 12:15
- 10/30 - Residents' Halloween Party - 1:30 pm
- 11/12 - Volunteer Lunch - 12:00 noon

A Volunteer Lunch will be held on November 12th at 12:00 noon. If you are a volunteer at the Home and wish to attend, please contact me so I can rsvp to the kitchen staff.

Sincerely,
Sandy Counsellor

"Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God"
I Corinthians 10:31.





SUNSHINE CLASS NEWS

Although Sunshine Class doesn't have meetings over the summer, we do have our summer luncheon. We met at the Adelpia. We had a wonderful lunch and it gives us a chance to catch up on what is happening with our members.

We had our first meeting for the fall on September 15, 2009. Our hostesses were Dot Offer and Lois Lyszkiewicz who supplied us with lots of sweet treats. This was the first meeting that Lois was able to attend since her "broken hip" and she is doing quite well.

Our next meeting will be held on October 13th @ 12:00 pm. Grab a sandwich and come out to join us. We will supply the coffee, dessert and the fellowship. We are always looking for new members.

God's Love at Work,
Pass it on.
Linda Brown



FRIENDLY CIRCLE NEWS

Six members of the Friendly Circle gathered around the table for the first meeting of the Fall with Jane and Lottie serving as hostesses. The table centerpiece looked lovely with a tall glass vase containing a display of purple and white blossoms. Jane led devotions with a reading titled: *"Let God's Will Settle It."* In the business part of our meeting, we agreed to give a donation to the Bible School Fund. After, we enjoyed some delicious desserts and chatted until closing time.

Our second meeting of the month on September 24th with eight members present, had Anne and Charlotte serving as hostesses. Their centerpiece was an unusual biscotti/wine jar filled with an arrangement of various fall flowers. We enjoyed the snacks of mini Hershey bars and cheese straws. Reports from the secretary and treasurer were read and a monetary donation was made to the Pantry Fund. Devotions included a reading based on Romans 12:2 titles: *"Not of This World."* Jane shared an article titled *"Your Burglar Won't Tell You"* which was quite interesting. We all enjoyed our desserts of apple and pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream. Pastor Andy joined us for a short visit before the end of our meeting.

Thought for the day: *"Happiness is often the result of being too busy to be miserable."*

Rachel Joyce