

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

September Newsletter, 2009



September 8th - 7:00 PM
Sunday School Staff Meeting

Join us as we prepare for the new season.

**September 13th -. RALLY DAY -
PROMOTION SUNDAY**

7:00 P.M. - Confirmation Orientation - All 7th
and 8th grade students and at least one parent
are asked to give this one night top priority.

September 14th - 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation Classes begin.

September 16th - 1:00 & 7:30 PM, BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

The Gospel according to Luke
Join us!

September 20th - Teacher Appreciation Sunday will take place
during 10 am Service.

COMING IN OCTOBER

October 3rd - 9:00-11:00 A.M. - FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

October 4th - FALL BREAKFAST

Pastor's Page

Jake and Erica, both third year medical students were married in Montana in July. On the way to the reception they came upon a motorcycle accident in which a young girl was seriously injured. Without hesitation, the couple, still dressed in tuxedo and wedding gown enlisted their aid (although the state police were there, no medical help had arrived). Other members of the wedding party helped as well since most of them are in the medical profession. The fact that they were willing to devote an hour of their special day to help someone in distress is commendable. If you have seen the pictures of this story on the internet or on the television (the wedding photographer was there to catch it all on film) you cannot help but to be touched by these newlyweds working side by side in their wedding finery to help that young girl.

When I first saw this story I was reminded about a Bavarian custom in Germany called *Baumstamm Sagen*, or Log sawing. When the couple exits the Church, there is a log on a sawhorse and the couple has to cut the log in half. This symbolizes their commitment to accomplishing difficult tasks together that they will face in the future as a married couple. Every marriage has its challenges and whether or not the couple works together to overcome problems and support each other when tragedies occur determines the strength of the relationship.

Both scripture and the early church often used the image of marriage to describe the relationship between Jesus and the church. Why would such an image be used? We need only to look at the definition to understand. Marriage is a relationship in which two people have pledged themselves to each other in the manner of husband and wife or any close or intimate association or union.

1 On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles forever binding them to the Lord in a special way. This event is often referred to as the birth of the church, forever binding the church to the Lord in a special way. It is this unique union of the Lord calling the church into a special relationship with Him that brings us to the image of marriage. Because of this God makes a promise to everyone who passes through the waters of baptism. In return we pledge our loyalty and faith to the Lord.

As we gear up to resume our fall and winter programs, I encourage you to take a more active roll in your relationship with Jesus. As baptized believers we have promised to serve Him. It is our calling and a sign of our faith. I find great encouragement from the actions of the young couple on their wedding day. Their vocational calling is to serve and heal the sick and injured, and their willingness to serve, even on their wedding day, dressed in their finest clothing showed their commitment not only to work together as a couple, but to live up to their vocational calling in any and all circumstances. Are we willing to give that much to the Lord? Christ died for you, what are you willing to do for Him?

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy

¹ marriage. Dictionary.com. The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition. Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004. ="<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/marriage>"MACROBUTTONHtmlResAnchor<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/marriage> (accessed: August 17, 2009).

SERMON PREVIEWS:

Sept. 6 - PENTECOST 14
HOLY COMMUNION
Sermon: **"THE REV. LOU DUNKLE"**
Mark 7:24-37

Sept. 13 - PENTECOST 15
SHARE SUNDAY/BAPTISMS
HOLY COMMUNION - 10 AM Only
Sermon: **"GETTING IT RIGHT"**
Mark 8:27-38

Sept. 20 - PENTECOST 16
HOLY COMMUNION
Sermon: **"THE GREAT REVERSAL"**
Mark 9:30-37

Sept. 27 - PENTECOST 17
HOLY COMMUNION - 10 AM Only
Sermon: **"LIVING INTO FAITH"**
Mark 9:38-50

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



AND PROMOTION SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
10:00 A.M.**

**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION
SEPTEMBER 13TH - 7:00 P.M.**

Confirmation Classes begin
Monday, September 14th
7:00 P.M.



**New Bible
Study Series**

**September 16th
1:00 & 7:30 P.M.
The Gospel of Luke**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
10:00 A.M.**

Social Concerns Ministry

We hope everyone had a relaxing, enjoyable summer. Social Concerns was busy with the Pantry and some clean-up chores. Of course we got to gather to just relax and enjoy ourselves with a pool party at the Morris' on the 16th. Everyone brought a covered dish to share. The pool was a wonderful treat on a very hot and humid Sunday afternoon.

In July we helped 51 local families and in August another 50++ with food and non-food items. So, needless to say, our Pantry is looking a little bare. Some of the items we would appreciate for the September Share Sunday (September 13th) are: cereal, mac & cheese, canned fruits & vegetables, pasta & pasta sauce, boxed potatoes, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter & jelly, soup, toilet paper. Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated.

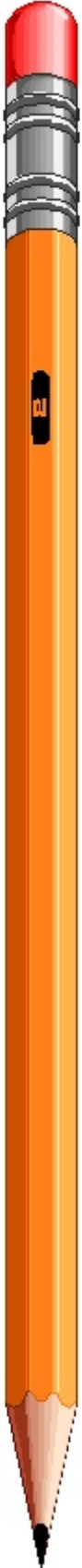
The Pantry is opening a Clothes Closet at the 17 Knight Avenue house (the blue house) to help provide clothing and shoes to our Pantry families. The grand opening is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th at 6 PM. That ministry is in need of men's clothing, women's clothing size 12 and above. Please, only season appropriate items (fall/winter) as storage for the clothing is very limited. Any questions, contact Karen Bal at KB08012@yahoo.com especially if you have a few hours of your time to donate to sort and set-up donations.

Yes, we will still be doing the twice a year clothing drives. The next one will be held on October 3rd.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a name or know someone who has placed a name on the Military Prayer List, could you please contact the office with a CURRENT APO address? Our ministry would like to send "Care Boxes" to our men and women serving overseas to let them know how much we appreciate their service to our country. If you prefer, drop the name and a CURRENT APO address in the offering plate.

Caring and sharing,
Social Concerns Ministry
Sharon Feters





Sunday School News

"The Bible is the story of God's love and mercy."

How true these words are for all of us. Each Sunday our boys and girls learn about God's love and mercy as they study the lesson within our curriculum. Don't you forget to read God's word each day, and stay focused on Him.

We begin our Fall Quarter on Rally Day, September 13th. On this day, the entire Sunday School will be involved in a big celebration using the theme "Jesus is the Light of the World." Karen and Elaine are in charge of this event, and I know it will be a terrific "kick off" for the year.

Our Sunday School classes enjoyed listening to C. J. tell of his experiences witnessing to the boys and girls in Sudan. He gave an interesting talk about his work there, and answered many questions the students and teachers asked of him. We all are looking forward to a "get-together" to see the pictures he took while in Sudan. Karen, Elaine and Cindy did a great job in planning this program. Oh, yes, we had pretzels and juice, too!

The next scheduled staff meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.

A final thought: *"Find time for being still with God, and you will find deliverance."*

To God be the glory,
Pat Henry

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Take a look at this line of type:

GODISNOWHERE

Did you read it as "God is nowhere"? Or are you an optimist who read it as "God is now here"?



Junior Choir Notes

September 27th marks the beginning of a new season of rehearsals for the Junior Choir! After hearing so many of our young people singing so well at Bible School this year. I am expecting some new faces.

The first Sunday we will be singing in church is October 18th when we will do *"Jesus Is the King."* We will be accompanied by Mr. Kraemer again, for which all of us are delighted!

On some Sundays before October 18th we will be asking children in some grades to come down to the choir room to try on robes. Each summer we seem to grow and "flood robes" aren't comfortable to wear or be seen. Please wait until you are told to come down.

For those who are entering first grade this year we will be delighted to have you join us. Letters are sent each month to choir members so that they can begin to work on the words for the following month or so. This gives the child an opportunity to impress grandparents or their great Aunt Fannie's uncle's cousins with the ability to sing a song they may not know.

Look forward to seeing YOU on September 27th at 9:45 a.m.! Remember it is just 15 minutes before Sunday School so you need to get up just a few minutes earlier than your regular schedule.

Will be thinking of all of you as you begin a new school year. Have fun and enjoy seeing all of your friends again.

Love to all,
Mrs. Schmidt



Vacation Bible School Report

“STUDIO GO! GAME SHOW!”

How many of you missed our closing program for VBS on Friday, August 7th? If so, you missed a different VBS, as this was a “Reality Game Show” and a change from the usual VBS play.

We had only one week for teachers and students to learn Bible verses and songs, and what a terrific job each department did in presenting their Bible verses and songs. Each day classes were given a lesson on how to: Go Lead - Go Risk - Go Tell - Go Obey and to Go Serve.

Our “Studio Go! Game Show” was a big hit with everyone. The cast included Kyle Lloyd, Tracey Hummel, Elaina Ranck, Caroline Krause, Greg Knause and Sammie Lunn. They were all the contestants in the “Show” - with our VBS students giving the correct answer to the questions.

The “Game Show” included two games: “Let’s Make A Deal” in which Ashley Hobgen, Staci Jones, and McKensie Yurcaba were contestants. The other game “The Wrap Race” consisted of the following teams: Matthew Kemery and James Snyder, Jocelyn Shenseki and Destiny Glaze, and Helen McAleer and Sammie Marrone. You really missed seeing the fun they had!

We also needed the assistance of Cooper our mascot, played by Ray Alcorn, our “Applause” carrier was Josh Lunn, and our “On the Air” person was Maddy Barr.

Many thanks to the dedicated staff, both teachers and helpers who were there every day. They kept busy with teaching Bible stories, doing crafts, learning songs, and above all, helping their students to learn more about Jesus.

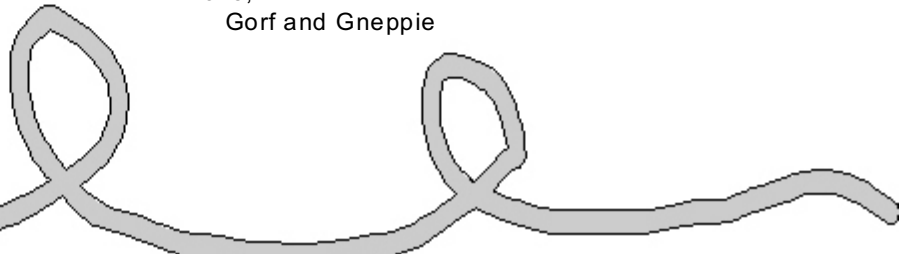
Once again, we were blessed to have the “young ladies” of the Sunshine Class help in the kitchen. They prepared our snacks of cookies, pretzels, and juice everyday. What a great bunch of gals!

Many, many thanks to all who brought juice, cookies and pretzels, as well as monetary donations to VBS. We appreciate your generous gifts, as we were able to pay all bills with some left to help our Sunday School account. Our Lord has truly blessed Trinity with such a giving congregation.

As this article comes to a close, it is time for Gneppie and Gorf to retire. We want to thank everyone for letting us be a part of VBS these many years, and we have many fine memories of our time together with all the boys and girls and the staff. Gorf will now be able to go back to the South Pole and be with his friends, while Gneppie will go to his favorite pond and hope to find lots of flies - yum, yum!

God bless each and every one.

Love,
Gorf and Gneppie



Youth Group News

The Trinity Youth had a quiet summer, but we did have a pool party in August. Fun was had by all playing in the pool, playing games, and of course, eating snacks.

A busy fall is being planned. Youth Nights will be starting up again on September 19, as well as other fun and service activities for all youth 6-12th grades. Keep your eyes peeled!

The Senior Youth (Grades 9-12) will have opportunities to not only participate in activities of their own this year, but to be involved in planning them as well! We are encouraging all Senior Youth to be involved. There will be an organizational meeting in September for **all** Senior Youth who are interested. Again, keep your eyes peeled!

Please contact Jim Eberts or Pastor Andy for more details.

In HIS Name,
The Youth Advisor Team



LUTHERAN HOME NEWS

Lutheran Home Auxiliary doesn't meet over the summer so I really don't have much to report at this time.

I thank you for your continued donations and support to the Home over the summer and look forward to reporting more to you once we get into the fall season.

I look forward to going back up to the Home and seeing all the improvements. I am sure that the construction is nearly finished by now and we should soon be having Open House and other celebrations of this accomplishment. I will keep you informed.

Again, thank you for your faithfulness to the residents at Lutheran Care - Moorestown.

I pray that you had the perfect summer and that together we will have a wonderful Fall as well.

Sincerely in Christ,
Sandy Counsellor

"For I am with you, says that Lord of Hosts" Haggai 2:4.

Special dates

- Labor Day, September 7, 2009
- Patriot Day (remembrance of Sept. 11), September 11, 2009
- National Grandparents Day, September 13, 2009
- National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, 2009
- First Day of Autumn, September 22, 2009



The Altar Guild is looking for Welch's Grape Juice coupons. One of our Guild members graciously donates all of her juice for Communion services. She has been buying a case of 24 10 oz bottles, but they are now getting harder to find. Target, Acme, Rite Aid and Shop Rite carry 10 oz bottles, but only in 6 packs, which end up costing more money.

If anyone should have Welch's coupons and would like to donate them to the Guild, please put them in an envelope with my name on it and place it in my bin in the kitchenette. We always appreciate your help.

In Christ's Service,
Terry Paradise

- "God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but he expects us to do the baking."

-William Arthur Ward

- "Education is an investment, not a cost."

-Eddie Basha