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July 11th–July 24th

- 11—Ruth Scott, Tane Temple
12—Jean Johnson, Elizabeth Thoms, Dane VanVooren
13—Tara Johnson, David Maccabee, Jason Wheeler
14—Jennifer Birnbaum, Carol Brockhouse, Erika Hankins, Douglas Lambert, Karen Nyman
15—Helen Clayton, Grey Giovanine, Amy Hultquist, Cindie McCallum, Kristen Young
16—Lee Garlach, Robert Leedy, Jane Tiedge
17—Ruby Rylander, Stuart Thoms, Mark Walker
18—Steven Birnbaum, Jon Oakleaf, Virginia Pearson
19—Mary Boster, Robert Bubbers Jr., Pam George, Karen Piff, Pamela Schulz, Todd Slothower
20—Lauren Judickas, Kshelle Roland
21—Margo Bensenberg, Michele Blew, Tina Kennedy, Maxine Neels, Clara Rogiers, Cindy Rohrer, Pamela Saunders, Stephanie Thoms
22—Barbara Newcomb, Laura Pickett
23—George Schlenker
24—Kristin Greene, Elaine Lundeen

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“THANKSGIVING IN JULY”

The summer months are especially difficult times for the Christian Friendliness Food Pantry. Not only are many faithful supporters of this important ministry away on vacation, children are also home from school, which means additional meals for families with children who depend on the Pantry.

Your gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs are especially important during this time, and we encourage you to be generous in your shopping.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Pantry during the months of April and May.



There were 160 requests made in April 2004, representing 481 needy people. And in May, 591 people were helped because of 186 appeals made to the Christian Friendliness Food Pantry.

Remember: Generic and “store brands” are just as nutritious as brand names and make your dollars for the Pantry go even further. Toilet paper, paper towels and diapers are also badly needed items.

July 18th is World Hunger Sunday. Please use the envelope included in this issue of the Trinity Visitor or find an envelope provided in the pew racks at church this Sunday.

MISSION STATEMENT OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA
Praise God – Serve Christ – Love One Another

Pastor LaCroix

Pastor Koppenhoefer

Pastor Meyer

THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS AT TRINITY

Worship Services: 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

July 11, 2004 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30.9-14 + Colossians 1.1-14 + Luke 10.25-37

God can be as near as a neighbor, and our opportunities to share God's love are as close as the words that leave our lips. The peace of Christ we exchange in this community we also take with us into the world to share with others.

July 18, 2004 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18.1-10a + Colossians 1.15-28 + Luke 10.38-42

Stay alert! You might be entertaining God! Today we are introduced to people who hosted God in their homes, although they were not always aware of God's presence. God comes close to us – even within us, as Paul exclaims.



Greetings, Trinity Lutheran Congregants!

My name is Tina Hayz and I am excited to join the fold as the new Director/Head Teacher of Blessed Beginnings Preschool. I am looking forward to an enriching year for all of our students and families.

I will be attending the 9:00 a.m. service Sunday, July 11th to meet and talk with you and to answer any questions you may have regarding the preschool program, but in case you can't wait, here are some details about myself to tide you over until then. I live in Moline with my husband, Dino, and my nine-year-old son, Atticus. I have a B.A. in

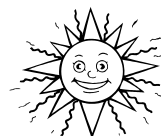
Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood from Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota. I enjoy reading, theatre and playing miniature golf.

I am excited to share my enthusiasm for children and teaching to Blessed Beginnings Preschool. We still have a few openings for Fall which we're looking to get filled. If you, or someone you know, has a three- or four-year-old looking for a quality Christian preschool education experience, please call us at 309.794.7220.

*Peace to you all,
Tina Hayz*

An informational meeting will be held July 18, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Rock Island, for a Lutheran Heritage and Mission tour in Germany and Poland in 2005. This trip is sponsored by First Lutheran to celebrate their 135th anniversary. There will be a slide presentation of the places to be visited. Please see the brochure on the bulletin board in Founders Hall for more information.

Deadline for articles for next *Trinity Visitor* is Thursday, July 15th.



Thank You...

...from Bev Verstraete

Thank you to all my Trinity family for prayers, calls and visits during my recent hospitalization. A special thank you to Pastor LaCroix, Julie, Pastor Chris & Jeanne and Pastor Laura. God bless each one of you!

PRAYER CHAIN 762-3624

Our Condolences to
the Families of:

Louella Carton, age 94,
who died Wednesday, June 23, 2004.
Services at Trinity June 25th.

and

Cal Zeiser, age 88,
who died Saturday, July 2, 2004.
Services at Trinity July 5th.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, July 12th is the deadline for requests to be considered at the second quarterly meeting of the Trinity Endowment Committee. Requests need to be received in the church office by that date. Questions? Call Jerry Lundeen, Endowment Fund Chair, 764.1108.

Reminder—The Trinity Endowment Fund provides one-time tuition grants of \$1,000 for full and part-time Trinity students who have completed at least the equivalent of 12 college credit hours with a C average or above. Applications are available in the church office.

Connections

LYO News

IMPORTANT DATES :

- ❖ **Wednesday, July 14**
We'll meet in LYO Room at 7:30 p.m. to plan our Fall Kick-off.
- ❖ **No LYO July 21st due to Leadership Lab Week.**

Dates to remember:

July 19-24, 2004. Leadership Lab –
It's not too late to register! See Jim Graham for details.

Sunday, August 8th – LYO Fall Kick-off 3:00 pm. at church.

HEALTH TIP

Pitch the Ipecac!

Ipecac, a staple in homes since 1965, has been used to induce vomiting in children who have swallowed poison or accidentally overdosed on medications. The American Academy of Pediatrics' new recommendation is to throw it out. Why?

- 1) Poisoning deaths have dropped dramatically due to better prevention techniques in the home.
- 2) Ipecac has been shown not to work for everyone and outcomes haven't shown a good outcome—there are better ways of dealing with poisoning now.
- 3) There is an incidence of improper use of Ipecac.
- 4) There are some circumstances where vomiting is not recommended. What to do: Keep the poison control phone number handy—800.222.1222

Practice home prevention!

BIX WEEKEND JAZZ SERVICE

Join us and bring your friends and neighbors to the annual Bix Weekend Jazz Services at Trinity on Sunday, July 25th as we praise the Lord in a special way.



Both the 9:00 and 10:30 worship celebrations will feature music by a professional jazz quartet.

Trinity's generous donations in the past have been appreciated. Again this year, our music ministry invites your special contributions to fund these popular services. Please mark your gifts: "Jazz Service."

Thanks!
Steve Steely



Blessed Beginnings Preschool

.....a ministry of
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1330 13th Street
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2004-2005 Classes start
Tuesday, September 7, 2004

To register your three- or four-year-old,
call 309.764.7220



The rosebud on the altar
Sunday, July 4th was
in celebration of the birth of
Jake Robert Nelms,
who was born June 2nd.

Parents: *Robert & Tracy Nelms*
Grandparents: *Don & Nancy Faust*

Anyone interested in contributing to a memorial for the late Dr. Robert Berntsen, former Trinity member, is welcome to send a donation to Augustana College c/o Robert Berntsen Family Memorial.

TRINITY SENIORS DINNER

Tuesday, July 20th
at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets available in Founders Hall
between services July 11th & 18th.

Mark Schwiebert, Mayor of Rock Island, will speak of his experiences on his recent trip to Israel involving archaeological excavations.

ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP	9:00	10:30	Total
June 27th	170	112	282
July 4th	134	93	227

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Next discussion July 26th on the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander Smith. On Monday, August 23rd, Mount Vernon Love Story by Mary Higgins Clark. Why not grab a good read and join us in some lively discussion!

Notes on the Journey

As I look out my study window here at Trinity, it looks like another summer rain is coming. Rain was a constant on our vacation, but that wasn't necessarily a bad thing. The temperatures in Mississippi were moderate. The occasional showers provided ample time to nap, or read, or play pool, or play cards with my family. And, when one wears a swimming suit most of the week anyway, it's not such a big deal to get wet!

As a family, we actually depend on water for a good vacation. We ski or kneeboard or "tube ride" behind the ski boat. Some of us fish. (I guess it is still "called" fishing, even if the fish aren't biting!) We (my family of four and my brother's family of four) even made our annual pilgrimage to a waterfall, which is about an hour or so away from our cabin by boat. On our way, we had our annual discussion of barges and their huge wakes. We had our annual discussion of the size of the catfish at the bottom of the 60-foot deep channel in the river. We had our annual "watching-of-the-people-who-climb-the-30-foot-rock-wall-and-JUMP-over-the-waterfall-and-into-the-water!" And, we had our annual boat lunch of cheese, fruit, crackers, and pop. Then, we raised anchor and boated back to the cabin.

My favorite part of that pilgrimage is really just being with my family. That long boat ride home provided its usual "multi-sensory experience." The boat engine offered its loud hum. The water sprayed. The wind blew in our faces. The sun warmed us and shimmered off the lake, making tiny rainbows in the boat's spray. The towel-wrapped family members seated beside me buffered the gentle bounce of the ride. And in the midst of it all, I sat still, and I prayed my thanksgiving – for sun and sea, wind and water, and family.

The psalmist calls out the voice of God – "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps. 46.10)

Be still? Sit still? Slow down? Be aware? Yes. In the midst of sun, and sea, and surf of life, know that God is our God. Know that we are washed in the water of new life. Splash around in the water a little. Float on it. Feel it support you. Drink it. Feel it cool you and refresh you. When you are dirty, use it to wash. And daily (not annually!), be still, give thanks, and know that God is our God.

Confident in Christ,
Pastor Laura



...AND HEEEEEEERE'S.....KAREN!

The warm, pleasant voice we hear saying, "Trinity Lutheran Church, this is Karen" belongs to Trinity's new secretary, Karen Anderson. Her first day at Trinity was Monday, June 28th. She says a big challenge will be to learn everyone's name.

A single mother, Karen moved to this area ten years ago. Her two sons are Ben, 14, and Eric, 18. Born in New Jersey, Karen graduated from Rutgers University, and now she and her sons live in Rock Island. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rock Island, and they find the Quad-Cities a very pleasant place to live. She is impressed with the warm reception she has already received from staff and members at Trinity.

Karen was a part-time church secretary at St. John's for over eight years. After that she worked at Luther Social Services in Davenport for seven months, but really missed being in the parish. She feels "called" to be a church secretary. Qualities she feels are important for her position are courtesy and "people skills", knowledge of administrative procedures, and projection of hospitality to all who call and/or visit.

She has just completed her second three-year term on the Northern Illinois Synod's Outreach Committee, serving with Trinity members Jim Ribbeck and Art Milton. Reading is her hobby, and she is re-reading her favorite book, Gift from the Sea, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

Welcome, Karen. The congregation is happy you are here!!