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August 8th–August 21st

- 8—Linda Leaf
- 9—Jack Anderson, Linda Anderson, Amanda Johnson, Patty Jones
- 10—Rose Carlson, Melinda Carlson, Brian Croegaert, Matthew Dempsey, Brenda Flowers, Lois Patch, Donna Rynott, Tamara Sersland, Margaret Swenson
- 11—Ethel Johnson, Lois Meredith
- 12—Lori Doroba, Donna Pelligrini, Emily Welser, Cynthia Wieland
- 13—Patricia Boney, Lynn Denato, Sally Doran, John Turner Jr.
- 14—John Kiddoo, Annika Maurus
- 15—Jon Gellerstedt, Vito Lampasona, Jean Lundberg, Diane Swayne, Lisa Tews
- 16—Sandra Bergren, Angela Lampasona, Christopher Larsen
- 17—George Lindsey, Edward Meyer, Beverly Verstraete
- 18—Michelle Duval, Lisa Olson
- 19—Kristin Lamb, Lucile Noack
- 20—Jessica DeWitte, Sara Hansen, Lorri Larsen, Vicki Rossow
- 21—Blake Boster, Kaitlyn Carson, Eulalia Dunn, Loah Finks, Ashley Pearson

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Garbage Dumps: A Source of Income and Food?

I just returned from five weeks in Japan, Taiwan, China and Singapore. While hunger is not an issue in those countries, an article in the Singapore paper described a crisis in the Philippines. A depressing picture accompanying that article had the following caption: "Scavenging to live, these three children are among thousands of urban poor who risk their lives foraging for items at a rubbish dump in the suburbs of Quezon City." I have seen such situations in person in Mexico and India. For me such sights of people wading through mounds of garbage at large or small dumps out of desperation to find food or other items which can be sold to get some money are among the most powerful in stirring my emotions to wish to help those in desperate need.

Fortunately, in many communities in the world a variety of projects supported by the ELCA World Hunger Appeal are underway to help give some people a basic income and an adequate food supply. The money given to this appeal won't solve the world hunger problem, but it can make a BIG difference in the lives in some communities. Many of you already give to this appeal. On behalf of the World Hunger Committee, I thank you and hope you will continue your generosity. Yet, we also hope the rest of you will join in this thirty year program of the Lutheran church and put as much money as you can afford in the accompanying envelope. Two things happen when you give to this appeal: some people will be helped and you will have given a good witness of your Christian faith by sharing with others in special need. In so doing, perhaps a few less families will have to rummage through garbage dumps for food.

Also, remember our local Food Pantry needs. We thank those who gave to our "Thanksgiving in July" appeal. Unfortunately, there are needy people here in the Quad Cities who need food in August and September, too, so please leave some non-perishable food items and badly needed paper products in Founders Hall hallway.

*Norm Moline
 World Hunger Team*

**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.

August 8, 2004 – 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 15.1-6 + Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 + Luke 12.32-40

“Faith is the conviction of things not seen,” the second reading announces. “We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord.” the hymn by Albert Goodson proclaims. This day we gather as a community of faith and seek renewed vision, so that we might make our way more boldly into the world as bearers of God’s saving love.

August 15, 2004 – Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Isaiah 61.7-11 + Galatians 4.4-7 + Luke 1.46-55

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is traditionally believed to have died on this date. Faithful to the last, Mary has been important to Christian devotion throughout history because in her, the God-bearer, is seen a representation of the church itself. Mary’s song (the Magnificat) is our Gospel for the day. It is a powerful statement of justice, still apt for us today as we come with our own neediness to experience God’s justice and mercy in Word and Sacrament.

A CHILD’S WORD

August 8th – “Baptizing”

August 15th – “Welcoming”

Pastor LaCroix will preach at the August 8th Jenny Lind Vespers Service 7:00 p.m.

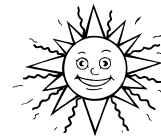
Vesper Services continue all Sundays during August at 7:00 p.m. in Jenny Lind Chapel, Andover, IL.

July 28, 2004

The Congregation Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Pastor Gary LaCroix at a special meeting on Tuesday, July 27. We are in contact with Bishop Wollersheim in regard to an interim Pastor. A time of farewell and thanks is being planned for Pastor LaCroix and you will be informed as it is developed. We thank Pastor LaCroix for all he has done and wish him and Christine well in their ongoing ministry.

On behalf of the Council,

Tom Ribbeck
 Council Vice-Chair



Thank You...

...from Miriam Retz

Dick and I want to thank Trinity members for their calls and prayers at the time of my heart attack and hospitalization in June. I especially appreciated having Pastor Laura bringing me the Eucharist in the hospital; thank you also for the altar flowers. Being on the prayer list brings a feeling of hope and wholeness. I am most thankful to be feeling ever so much better. We also want to thank for the all the cards and calls at the time of Dick’s mother’s death in April. It is wonderful to be part of this Christian community!

...from Sarah Turner

Thank you to Pastor Laura, Pastor LaCroix, Julie Blew, and the members of the Prayer Chain for all their prayers and support during my surgeries and treatments for breast cancer. It was a rocky road at times, and I know all of your prayers and talks helped me and my family make it through. I feel so blessed to be a part of the Trinity Family! I thank God for all of you in my prayers.

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Please join us in a lively discussion Monday, August 23rd, of Mount Vernon Love Story by Mary Higgins Clark, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library.

HEALTH TIP

Going That Extra Mile

Take that extra step; walk an extra mile a little bit faster. As it turns out, being able to walk a mile in 16 minutes as opposed to 17 minutes can improve your chances of living longer by 12% according to *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Connections

LYO News

IMPORTANT DATES :

- ❖ Saturday, August 7th
 Trinity will overnight a youth group from Sleepy Eye, MN.
- ❖ Sunday, August 8th
 - ▶ Sleepy Eye youth will worship with us at 9:00 a.m., then fellowship with us, before heading back to Minnesota.
 - ▶ We will do some sharing of our summer trip during Sunday Worship services.
 - ▶ We’ll meet at 3:00 p.m. for LYO Kick-off, welcoming TLC Freshmen.
- ❖ Wednesday, August 11th
 We’ll meet in LYO Room at 7:30 p.m. and then continue to get to know each other through faith-filled conversation and a fun-filled time together.
- ❖ Wednesday, August 18th
 Let’s all meet in LYO Room at 7:30 p.m., then carpool to Whitey’s for ice cream and conversation.

PRAYER CHAIN 762-3624

ATTENDANCE

<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 25th	188	170	358
August 1st	178	110	288



**TRINITY SENIORS
DINNER**

Tuesday, August 17th
5:30 p.m.

Roger Ericson, brother of TLC member Beverly Verstraete, will speak words of wisdom to us.

Tickets available between services in Founders Hall Sundays, August 1st, 8th & 15th.

Questions? Contact Lucille Almquist.

**Colorectal Cancer Screening
in August**

Colon cancer is still the third most common cancer among Americans. 106,370 new cases were diagnosed in 2003. Early detection remains the No. 1 key factor in successful treatment and cure.

During the month of August, Trinity Medical Center is offering its **FREE** Hemocult screening kits to aid in the early detection of colon disease or colon cancer. Participation is easy – just pick up a test kit, fill out the registration card, collect the samples (in the privacy of your own home) and mail in the envelope provided.

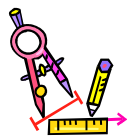
Stop by my office and pick up your kit today! For more information, please call me at 762-3624, or Trinity’s MyNurse at 779-2000.

Julie Blew, Parish Nurse

MY TURN TO LEARN

Starting this **September 12th**, there will be a place for each age group to learn what it means to be a Christian, and how Christians interact with the world around them! Be on the lookout for educational opportunities throughout the week.

For more information contact Anne Williams, Director of Christian Education.



Ericsson School Supplies

The new school year is almost here, and once again we’ll be assisting Ericsson School to assure each child has the supplies he or she needs to be successful in learning. Listed below are supplies that are needed. Items may be left at Julie Blew’s office anytime. If you have questions, call Carole Bloeser, 794-3153, or Julie Blew, 762-3624. The staff and students at Ericsson really appreciate your help and support. Thank you!!

- Crayons: 24 count
- Watercolors: Crayola brand
- Pencils
- Washable marker
- Colored Pencils
- Folders with pockets
- Tissues
- Erasers
- Scissors (Fiskars)
- Rulers: centimeter and inch
- Glue: Elmer’s School Glue *only*
- Loose-leaf paper (wide-ruled)
- Spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)



**Unable to shop?
Cash donations are used to ‘fill
in’ needed supplies.**

HELP WANTED!!!

Clean-up in the Sunday School classroom area,
Thursday, August 12th at 2:00 p.m.

PLEASE COME AND HELP.

WE CAN CERTAINLY USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!

If you’d like to help in this effort, please contact Dawn Simmons.

Notes on the Journey

The other day I was talking with Julie Blew, our parish nurse, about the colorectal cancer screening test kits that she has available for the congregation members each year. We both wondered if she might even need more kits this year. Colorectal cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, lung cancer, and leukemia—all of these illnesses and more have been in the minds and hearts of many of our Trinity members and friends.

Ever since April 30th when my husband, Rod, was diagnosed with colorectal cancer, we have had a new perspective on what it means to have and live with a severe or chronic disease. Even as we pray for his healing, we pray for all who suffer and all who are caregivers. We pray our thanks for scientists and doctors who search for treatments and cures. We pray for comfort for families who grieve. We rejoice with those who are in remission or have been cured.

You may remember my friend, Diane, from seminary. I talked about her in a homily during Lent this year. She has had stage 3 ovarian cancer. I talked about her “family” at the McDonald’s in her hometown, and how they have been the body of Christ, caring for her. You can join us in prayers of thanksgiving as her cancer is in remission!

We know the importance of hearing these stories of hope and healing on the way. Because of my nursing education, and certainly because of the impact of a cancer diagnosis on our lives, I have been pretty bold lately to tell people to take care of themselves! Get a colorectal cancer screening kit. Do self breast exams and have a

mammogram. Wear sunscreen. If you don’t exercise, start. If you do smoke, quit. In fact, I’m also bold to tell caregivers to take care of themselves, too. Around the time Rod was diagnosed, I had my annual health checkup and my doctor ordered a mammogram. I’ve had them before and will again, however, I hadn’t scheduled my test because I was too busy with Rod or church or whatever. But yesterday, I scheduled it (and I went through all the hoops to have my previous films and reports sent in from my doctor back in Dubuque).

The other thing I will tell you is that there is more to health than screening kits, annual exams and leafy green vegetables. I know that unless I’m spiritually healthy, not much else matters. My relationship with God needs to be tended every bit as much as my relationships with my husband and family, and myself and you all. I can’t imagine what our lives would have been like on April 30th and every day after, if my family and I hadn’t already tended to that primary relationship with the One who calls us “Child of God.”

Are you ready to be healthy? Not just free of disease, but really healthy? Are you pretty healthy but want to be even more so? I am. Try something new. Pray every day. Start a prayer journal. Read scripture every day. Worship every week. Learn something new. (Participate in Christian Education on Sunday mornings starting September 12th!) Find a friend who will companion with you to grow in faith. Check in with each other on your progress. Be accountable...and be healthy.

*Confident in Christ,
Pastor Laura*

Deadline for articles for next *Trinity Visitor* is Thursday, August 12th.

The Family Table

Eating with children can be a messy business. Children tend to spill things and hold their spoons wrong and interrupt the conversation. Dinnertime would be quieter and more elegant if we could just feed the kids in the kitchen every meal and then settle in for a nice candlelit meal for adults only.

But eliminating family dinners would eliminate one of the most important times for strengthening the family. And if they didn't eat with adults, how would children ever learn table manners and how to carry on a civilized conversation over a meal? So parents spend years eating with children, urging them to try new foods, correcting their manners, but also creating traditions, laughing together and bonding as a family.

Bringing children to worship is something like that. I learned long ago that sitting by a wiggly 3-year-old makes it harder to concentrate on the sermon. But we started taking our children to worship Sunday after Sunday by the time they were three—old enough to learn how to fold their hands for the prayers, stand up for the hymns, gaze in wonder at the stained glass, and fill their ears and hearts with the music of the church. Because while Sunday School classes are wonderful for teaching children about God, it's in worship that they actually meet God. I always considered it one of my sacred obligations as a parent to teach our children how to worship. And they learned.

Children need both education and worship—so do youth, and so do adults. I've never understood this thinking that church members are done with Christian education once they finish confirmation. There's so much to learn! Adult education is about spiritual development, and we all need that. From what I've seen of the adult education electives in the works for next year, the challenge will be choosing which ones to attend.

So I'm excited about the new Sunday morning schedule that'll begin September 12. Emerging from Vision 2000, it's a plan whose time has come: two worship services (8:30 and 11:00) offering two engaging ways to worship God together. And in between, we'll have half an hour for fellowship (9:30) and an hour (10:00) just for education. Choir members will finally get to attend classes. The class schedule will be coordinated throughout the church so teachers can lead Sunday School for one five-to-six-week block and do a complete adult education elective the next. We'll have opportunities every five weeks or so for children, youth and adults to learn together. And children who've been missing out on worship will have a chance to join the family at the table.

Come, let's worship, serve and learn together!

Jane Bahls

Dear Trinity Family,

As many of you are aware, Dan will be having a bone marrow transplant on August 13th. Dan was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia last October and was being successfully treated. Unfortunately at his last visit to University of Iowa Hospital, we discovered the medication was no longer effective and his disease had entered the accelerated phase. We were advised that the sooner Dan receives a bone marrow transplant, the better his chance for recovery. We tested all family members and were not able to find a match. Dan has been on the prayer list at Trinity and fortunately our prayers have been answered. The National Bone Marrow Program has found a donor and he is being admitted to the University of Iowa Hospital on August 4th to prepare for the transplant.

Please continue to provide your prayerful support. We are so thankful for our friends and family and firmly believe in the power of your prayers. (August 13th is also the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life").

Pastor Laura and Julie Blew will be conducting a brief Service of Prayer for Healing at noon, on Friday, August 13th for Dan and for all who are in need of healing and hope.

Please come and share in this ministry of prayer for healing.

*Yours in Christ,
Kat Griffith*

Brian Schou's Temple Talk from Sunday, July 25, 2004

Though my task is to talk about the quickly approaching changes in our worship schedule, I would first like to talk about...wine.

There are many connoisseurs out there who can give you a much more detailed description, but I wanted to give a quick explanation about one way to make variations of wine. After the grape is picked from the vine, it is pressed to extract the liquid, and then put into barrels to ferment. In the early part of the fermentation process, the skins of the grapes can be removed completely to create white wine, or the skins can be left in to create red wine. The longer the skins are left in, the deeper the red becomes. What is amazing about this is the same grapes off the same vine can create such totally different varieties of wine.

Beginning September 12, Trinity is going to be offering some variation, not of wine, but of worship. As you may already know from all of the ways we are trying to spread the word, the new worship schedule will feature a traditional worship service at 8:30 (which will be the wonderful service you are already accustomed to with Steve Steely, the great Trinity Choir, and lots of talented soloists); an education hour at 10:00 that is multi-generational (there'll be opportunities for everyone to grow in their knowledge and faith); and a second hour of worship at 11:00 that will feature contemporary music with a new choir and praise band, which I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to lead, along with Steve. Of course, our Worship on Wednesday (WOW) continues on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

In your mail, you should have received a letter from Pastor Laura outlining these changes and giving you a form to fill out and return to us to let us know how you can best serve in praising God here at Trinity. (*If you didn't receive one let a staff member know, and we'll be thrilled to get you a copy!*) Whether it be singing in one of the choirs, playing handbells, playing drums, helping prepare the altar, ushering, or simply saying "YES!" to the two-hour challenge of attending both worship and education, we ask you for your support in these changes that are being led by the Spirit and implemented by many people expending tremendous amounts of time.

A lot of time goes into making wine, also, and would you believe that some people don't like one variety or another? In fact, at my house it's hard to share a bottle of wine when my wife is a white-wine drinker and I prefer red. The same will be true with the worship styles here—some people will prefer traditional worship, some contemporary, and some, like me, will enjoy both. It's important for us all to know there is nothing wrong with that! Whichever setting you're comfortable praising God in is the right one.

Just as red and white wine can come from the same vine, so can our worship services come from the same vine. As Jesus says:

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower...⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.⁵I am the vine, you are the branches... (John 15)

We look forward to many exciting changes here at Trinity starting September 12, as we all continue to grow on the vine that is Jesus Christ.

YOUTH MINISTRY MINUTE

What a summer we have had! Twenty-three youth and three adults spent a week in San Antonio, Texas, doing mission work. Some of us were working in a low-income neighborhood, doing home repair. Others were working in underprivileged preschools and day care centers. We all had our eyes opened to the needs of others and learned what it truly means to serve others. We took a day trip to a mission and orphanage in Laredo, Mexico, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church. The poverty there was beyond our belief. I urge you to take a moment and look at the pictures of our trip on the bulletin board in Founders Hall.

A week ago I, along with Anne Williams and ten youth from our congregation, attended the Leadership Lab in Macomb, Illinois (a ministry of the three synods of Illinois). This is a ministry that through worship, celebrations, games and workshops, provides leadership skills to youth to take back to their congregations. It also provides opportunities to meet other youth from the synods of Illinois and other areas of the country. The relationships built there last well beyond Leadership Lab. Being a staff coordinator allows me the opportunity to network with Pastors and youth leaders, making it very helpful in planning our summer trips and youth events.

The youth of Trinity are blessed to have a congregation that has kept youth ministry a priority and are always eager to support them. On behalf of the youth, thank you for your support of this very important ministry—a ministry that makes a difference in the lives of our youth and the ministry that they provide to our congregation and missions we serve. I am sure the programs we served in Texas will attest to that.

Jim Graham

Teachers Needed

It is that time again and I am looking for Shepherds and Teachers for the 2004/2005 Sunday School year. I am excited to announce that we are adding the Kindergarten class to our *Journey of Joy* rotation! The classes this year will be Kindergarten/1st grade combined; 2nd/3rd grade combined; and 4th grade, 5th grade and 6th grade classes. I am looking for several shepherds for each class so if one shepherd is interested in attending an adult education rotation, the other shepherd can fill in.

We also need teachers for the three-year-old and 4-year-old Sunday School classes. Anyone interested in being a *Journey of Joy* teacher for the coming year, please contact me.

Don't miss this great opportunity to be a spiritual adult influence in our children's lives through our Sunday School classes!

Dawn Simmons, *Journey of Joy* Coordinator
309.658.2022 or 309.269.1387

Or drop me a line at dawnsimmons@trinitylutheranmoline.org



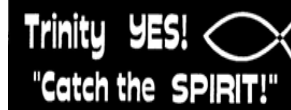
Blessed Gift from the Reid Estate

It is with joy and thanksgiving that we announce a recent gift from the Estate of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Reid. Trinity is truly blessed to have received a bequest from the Reids in the amount of \$225,000.00. Forrest and Betty were a part of the Trinity family for 50 years. Truly of God's people they also gifted a similar amount to the ELCA Endowment for World Hunger.

In order to celebrate these gifts of God and His Word the Council has approved to tithe (10%) this gracious gift to the *Northern Illinois Synod Capital Development Fund for New Church Starts*. This action demonstrates the commitment and leadership that is a hallmark of Trinity. As a newly developed fund by the Synod, these monies will assist developing churches with property acquisition and construction.

As exciting, is the fact that Thrivent will match \$1 for every \$2 that is contributed for the first \$100,000. Therefore our contributions will grow from \$22,500 to \$33,750 instantly. Mission and opportunities abound! Most importantly, the Church's actions meet the terms of the bequest that require the money be "used for missionary outreach only" and not be "used for church improvements or payment of compensations for church employees or consultants."

The remaining balance of approximately \$202,500 has been placed in short-term interest bearing accounts. Given the magnitude of this gift the Council will use the days ahead to consider the most appropriate place that the funds should be placed to honor the requests of the Reids and more importantly honor their memory. We ask for your prayers as we reflect on this gift and its best use to advance the missionary outreach of Christ's Church.



CATCHING THE SPIRIT

Please remember to fill out the survey recently sent out regarding Trinity's September 12th Sunday schedule changes. Place them in the offering plate or leave it at the church secretary's office.

Please say "YES!" to our invitation to worship, learn and serve!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

This session is for *new* and *returning* confirmation students and their parents/caregivers will be held Monday, August 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.



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