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## Trinity Birthdays

- August 22nd–September 4th**
- 22—Derrick Fuller, Ashley Skiles, Jerry Wagner
  - 23—Christopher Ford, Janet Rusk, David Schriefer, Julie Trelstad
  - 24—Scarlett Ferguson, Charlotte Ortiz, Penny Weigandt
  - 25—Michael Bergren, Jan eClapp, Lucas Jones, Lois Olson
  - 26—Kevin Cavins, Donald Johnson, Matthew Marine, Jeffrey Maurus, Harold Rasmussen, Robert Schwieder
  - 27—Jonathan Nelson, Jill Rakus, Cindy Von Gillern, Nancy Zeidler
  - 28—Amy Bowling, Kirk Inersoll, Ardith Schafer, Cheryl Schmidt, Noelle Schriefer, Kristin Vana
  - 29—Eleanor Flatley, Joyce Ford, Douglas Johnson, Fritz Larsen, James Thatcher
  - 30—Zachary Elder, Sarah Kramer, James Scott, Candice Van Coillie
  - 31—Lois Lindgren
  - 1—Kristi Rumler, Jennifer Wieland
  - 2—Barbara Gregory, Alyssa Henderson, Jerry Lundeen, Alexander Ryser
  - 3—Lois Creger, Bruce Behbauer, Frances Johnson, Breanna Stice, Marc Vermeire
  - 4—Steven Bahls, Chantelle Thomas

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### CATCHING THE SPIRIT

Please join us on September 12<sup>th</sup> as our Sunday schedule changes.

- 8:30 a.m. — Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. — Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. — Learning for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. — Contemporary Worship

**Trinity YES!** 

**"Catch the SPIRIT!"**

**PLEASE SAY "YES!" TO OUR INVITATION  
TO WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE.**

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 22, 2004 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Isaiah 58.9b-14 + Hebrews 12.18-29 + Luke 13.10-17**

Early Christians referred to Sunday as the Lord's Day, the eighth day of the week, the day beyond time in which a new creation is born. We gather this day for new beginnings, eager to be recreated by the Word who raises us to new life. Jesus insists that the older Sabbath, too, is intended to be a blessing, not a strict rule.

**August 29, 2004 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proverbs 25.6-7 + Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 + Luke 14.1, 7-14**

Who is welcome in your community of faith? And how would they know that they are? Today's readings ask us to think about hospitality, especially as it is practiced at the table. The feast of God's radical grace calls us into this place and connects friends and strangers with each other.

**A CHILD'S WORD**

August 22nd – *Praying for Others*      August 29th – *Greeting Each Other in Peace*

**COME CELEBRATE**

On September 12, we will celebrate the ministry of Pastor LaCroix and Christine at Trinity. On this day, the Congregation Council and other church members are planning a day of recognition for them. They will be honored during both church services and at the coffee hour from 9:30-10:00 a.m., as well as after the 11:00 service. A gift from the congregation will be presented during both services. If you would like to participate in this gift, please make a check payable to Trinity and mail it to the church or place your specially marked envelope in the offering plate, no later than September 8th.

Please plan to attend on September 12th celebrating Pastor LaCroix's ministry and wishing God's blessings on the LaCroix family.

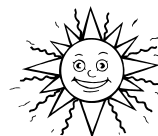
**WELCA FALL LUNCHEON**

Noon, Thursday, September 9th at Faith Lutheran Church, Moline  
Salads brought by WELCA Board. Just come and enjoy yourselves!  
Pam Turner, head of The Learning Connection (TLC), will be the speaker.  
Please contact Mariellen Ehredt, 774.3942, if you have any questions.

**Deadline for articles for next *Trinity Visitor* is Thursday, August 26th.**



The rosebud on the altar Sunday, August 15th was in celebration of the birth of *Sonja Waverley Bloeser* who was born August 4, 2004  
Parents: *Mike & Christy Bloeser*  
Grandmother: *Carole Bloeser*  
Great-grandmother: *Ardis Bloeser*



**Thank You...**

...from *Dawn Simmons*

Thanks to all those who helped with cleaning and organizing the Sunday

School education rooms and areas. It was truly appreciated!!!

.....from *Kimberlee Forber*

Many thanks to all of the Pastors, Julie Blew, 3-D, and Joyce & Quinton Ford, and for all the prayers from everyone during my stay in the hospital. It was wonderful to have so many people praying for me. So far it's been working! I feel truly blessed and thank you all. May God bless all of you.

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for requests to be considered at the third quarterly meeting of the 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 a 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**

❖ **Wednesday, August 25**

We will meet in the LYO room at 7:30, we will be spending time in faith filled conversation, as we continue to learn who we are.

❖ **Wednesday, September 8**

Let's all worship with our family at the WOW service at 6:15 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room and then we will meet in the LYO room at 7:30.

**Sunday, September 12**

**Take part in the two hour challenge:**

- **Worship at 8:30 a.m.,**
- **Fellowship from 9:30- 10.10,**
- **Learning for all ages 10:00- 10:50,**
- **Worship at 11:00.**

**Come be part of the excitement!**

**PRAYER CHAIN 762-3624**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Total</b>
WOW August 4th			<b>52</b>
August 8th	227	140	<b>367</b>
August 15th	176	138	<b>314</b>

## HINTS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

Sit in the front of the church so young children can see what is happening. After the service take your child up to the altar to smell the candle smoke and the flowers.

## A Note to Our College Students

All new or returning to college students, please let me know where you will be at school this year, and to send e-mail addresses when available. You may call me at home, 309.797.3591, or e-mail me at Trinity, [jimgraham@trinitylutheranmoline.org](mailto:jimgraham@trinitylutheranmoline.org).  
*Jim Graham*

## HEALTH TIP

### Playing Through the Pain

When playing sports, don't "play through the pain". Pain is usually a warning sign of an injury. Ignoring the discomfort can aggravate an injury and lead to longer term difficulties.

## Up 'N Adam, Eve

Wednesday, September 1st at 8:30 a.m.

Featuring Beth Carvey,  
Black Hawk Historical Site  
The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)  
Tickets \$3.00 available  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29th  
in Founders Hall between services

## "Journey of Joy" News



"Journey of Joy" orientation for Shepherds and Teachers will be Thursday, August 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge. We will have refreshments. That evening, we will hand out Teacher/Shepherd packets. There are a lot of exciting changes happening in our congregation, and we will answer any questions you may have about the upcoming Sunday School year. The spiritual growth of our children is very important and we thank you for volunteering your time and

talent to this process!!!!

## MY TURN TO LEARN

Sunday School isn't just for kids anymore! It doesn't matter if you're **3** or **93**, starting this **September**, there will be a place for **YOU** to deepen your FAITH while LEARNING and REFLECTING about God, the Bible, what it means to be a Christian, and how Christians interact with the world around them! It gets better! Sunday School isn't just on Sunday anymore! Be on the lookout for educational opportunities throughout the week.

For more information contact Anne Williams, Director of Christian Education by calling Trinity or by email: [annewilliams@trinitylutheranmoline.org](mailto:annewilliams@trinitylutheranmoline.org)

## Notes on the Journey

Welcome to our yard. Green grass. Brick path and patio. Borders of hostas and roses. New perennial tall blue grass struggling to stand at its full 6-foot height. Room enough to play catch or soccer or roast marshmallows over a fire pit. Thanks to the help of family and friends it has stayed tended and planted and even flourished this summer.

One welcome addition to the scene is a two seat covered swing. It's a wonderful shady respite for visiting or reading. However, the real fun has come in watching our backyard become a miniature "wildlife preserve." Maybe you have one of them too – complete with families of rabbits and squirrels and birds.

Early in the summer, we hung a bird feeder from a shepherd's hook in a pretty area out by the fence. It has been as much fun to watch the squirrels perform acrobatics on the feeder as it has been to watch the birds flock to it. We fill the feeder daily and then quickly step away and see how long it takes the birds (or whatever) to return. Out of curiosity, we started timing them – and we see birds return in less than 60 seconds! (I wonder if they do that just to reward us for our planning, hard work, and faithfulness. Hmmm...their gift to us?!)

But a few days ago, the best gift arrived. Hummingbirds. One corner of our deck has a wall of trumpet vine. I cut it back severely several times this summer to keep it "under control." Perhaps in spite of my pruning, the vine still blooms, and early one quiet morning I saw a hummingbird feeding in one of those long trumpet-shaped orange blossoms. All summer I had thought of getting one of those neat hummingbird feeders, but never got around to it.

But there one was – without so much as a plan or a feeder or anything. What a gift.

Then, I thought and prayed and remembered something important. Something about this fall. We, and I really mean WE – lots of people at Trinity – are working so diligently and prayerfully and faithfully to plan for wonderful worship and fellowship and education for this fall. It is hard for me to even imagine how we could be doing more! It is hard for me to imagine being more excited about the wonderful things that will happen as our congregation says, "Yes!" to growing in worship and learning and service!

And yet, with the arrival of that hummingbird, I remembered something important -- that everything we have is a gift from God. (Yes, all the birds and squirrels and rabbits, that we "plan for," for example!) But God has even more for us – like those hummingbirds. We can do our best to give to God and grow in wonderful ways, and God through the Holy Spirit will find even more ways to bless us and others through us...ways we can't even begin to imagine. Who knows who might grow in faith through our new worship and learning! Maybe all of us!

In John 14: 26 we hear Jesus say "...the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." I'm thankful for creative reminders of God's presence and love.... whether I'm reminded in the blur of hummingbird wings or the wings of the Spirit.

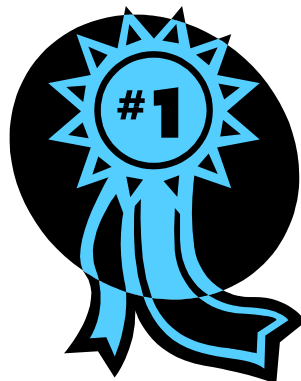
*Confident in Christ,  
Pastor Laura*

## Congratulations, Matt!!!

Matt Buckles is the recipient of the 2004 Heartland Youth Volunteer of the Year Award, given by Thrivent Financial. Matt was awarded a check for \$250 to be given to a charity of his choice.

Matt chose to give this to the Casa Hogar Orphanage in Neuvo Laredo, Mexico, the orphanage we visited in Mexico this summer. Congratulations Matt and we wish you well as you begin your studies at the University of Illinois.

Trinity is blessed with youth that are sharing their faith in our community and the outside world, in many different ways.



## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Anne Williams, Trinity's new Director of Christian Education, believes that "growing in faith" is her goal for Trinity's Christian Education ministry. Increasing the quality of the existing programs through faith building is one of Anne's objectives.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Anne spent her freshman year of higher education at Carleton University in Ottawa. As a sophomore, Anne transferred to Augustana College and graduated from Augie in 2001. From there, she entered the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado and earned her Master of Arts degree in May 2004. She says she is "genetically" Lutheran and feels her desire to pursue a career in Christian Education occurred during her stay at Iliff. She feels that Lutherans, along with other mainstream churches are committed to learning but don't necessarily live it out and demonstrate it.

Anne loves to read and recommends two non-fiction books by Karen Armstrong: "The History of God": and "The Battle for God—a History of Fundamentalism." She also enjoys reading fiction and has especially enjoyed Leif Enger's "Peace Like a River." In her free time, Anne loves to attend movies and concerts, go bicycling and watch ice hockey (a true Canadian!)

Diligently working with Dawn Simmons on "Journey of Joy" Sunday School curriculum, she is pleased to say it is exciting, interesting and thought-provoking. She has been collaborating with Jim Graham concerning the youth program and is pleased with its activities. Anne feels a Junior High Youth group needs to be organized and that Adult Education needs to continue to develop.

With Anne's energy and enthusiasm, Trinity's Christian Education ministry is on the threshold of unlimited possibilities. Welcome to Trinity, Anne!! We are delighted to have you on board.

*Submitted by Barb Johnston,  
Communications Ministry Team Member*

## SPANISH LESSONS

Interested in learning Spanish? You can study with other Lutherans? Beginners, intermediate and advanced students welcomed. Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning September 30th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Moline. To register, call 755-1018 or email [ilc@derbyworks.net](mailto:ilc@derbyworks.net).

## ATTENTION BRIDGE PLAYERS

The Trinity Bridge Marathon is being organized for the 2004-05 year. Anyone interested in joining the group may contact Jim or Joan Ribbeck (788.8058) by September 1st.

## TRINITY MEMBERS ATTEND "GLOBAL MISSION EVENT"

Jim and Joan Ribbeck, Co-chairs of the World Mission Ministry Team, were among 1,200 Lutherans from 30 states, Canada, and several other countries who attended the Global Mission Event (GME) of the ELCA, July 29–August 1 at Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Under the theme "Claimed by God's Grace for the Sake of the World", the GME provided opportunities for attendees to learn about global and local mission, take part in a variety of workshops, hear inspirational speakers and enjoy music from around the world. The event was sponsored by the ELCA Division for Global Mission with the support of other ELCA units.

Featured speakers at the General Sessions were: (1) Presiding ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson; (2) Rev. Rafael Malpica, executive director of the Division for Global Mission of the ELCA; (3) Rev. Ann Helmke of the ELCA supported Peace Center in San Antonio, Texas; (4) Rev. Santiago Rodriguez of the Lutheran Church of El Salvador; and (5) Rev. Chandran Paul Martin of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India.

In addition to the General Sessions and Global Sing-Alongs, 118 different workshops and seminars called "Global University Sessions" were highlights of the GME. Examples of the topics covered in those sessions are: "Missionaries by the thousands, and Still Coming," "Proclaiming God's Grace through Global Health Ministry," "Life and Mission in South Africa After Ten Years of Democracy," "A Continent of Empty Churches," "International Adoption: Becoming a Global family," and "Tortured Logic: A Peace Worker's Reflections on Iraq."

GLOBALFEST was another highlight of the GME. It gave attendees the opportunity to explore Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, and North America through games, music and dance. Many wore dress from various parts of the world.



## Blessed Beginnings Preschool

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2004-2005 Classes start  
Tuesday, September 7, 2004  
To register your three- or four-year-  
old, call 309.764.7220.

## TRINITY GOLF OUTING

Plans are being made for Trinity's  
annual golf outing  
Sunday afternoon, October 10th.  
Watch the *Trinity Visitor* for details.

## THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Join in the next discussion, of Mount Vernon Love Story by Mary Higgins Clark, in the church library Monday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m.