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“TACK SÄ MYCKET”... THANK YOU!

As we were discussing the spiritual meaning of “grace” in our Sunday morning study of Ephesians, I shared the story of my Grandma Nelson. My cousins and I would come from Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin to visit our grandparents and my mother’s family in St. Peter, Minnesota every summer. I was amazed how hard we would work on large and small tasks around the house just to hear Grandma Nelson say “*Tack sä Mycket*”. Her words of “Thank You” were all the encouragement that we needed to take on even greater tasks. We all like to hear a word of “Thank you.” Even a current TV advertisement rescues people in an awkward moment by entirely changing the mood by simply saying “Thank You” as if it were a “God moment.”

There are so many people to whom I would like to say, “*Tack sä mycket*”, Thank You for welcoming me into the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and to the Quad-Cities community. A bare apartment is now filled with generous contributions from members and friends coordinated by Carol Horstmann. Jim Graham and the LYO young people quickly emptied a van and U-Haul trailer at church and the apartment and then came over and sat on the floor on my first Wednesday for a house-warming party. The church council, staff, and leadership teams have worked overtime to ensure a healthy transition time into the next chapter in Trinity’s great future. The congregation has responded warmly and graciously to my first sermons, Bible study and my style of welcoming everyone into ministry at Trinity.

I would like to encourage everyone to say “Thank You” as many times as possible in your daily life with family, friends, classmates, co-workers, neighbors, merchants and even strangers. You might possibly become the highlight of their day. When we say “Thank you”, it is like a verbal smile on our face and a gift from a loving God.

As we approach our stewardship time we have the important opportunity to make a commitment to say “thank you” to God for all that we have in this life and the promise of even greater things to come in the next life. We say YES to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior for his life, death and resurrection. **Remember Jesus** and say “Thank you” with your time, spiritual gifts and financial resources.

Tack sä mycket, Gracias, Danke, Merci and Thank You!

**Your partner in Christ’s Mission,
Pastor Joel**

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

Pastor Bexell

Pastor Koppenhoefer

Pastor Meyer

THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS AT TRINITY
Worship Services: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

October 3, 2004 – 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

What would it be like to have more faith? Would it be easier to face hardships, such as declining health or the loss of a job or loved one? Would more faith help us "let go and let God" carry our burdens? If we had more faith, would we feel eager, rather than hesitant, when given an opportunity to witness to God's great love for us?

October 10, 2004 – 19th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

Ten lepers were healed; only one gave thanks. That one was the person Jesus' neighbors would least have expected: the Samaritan, the foreigner. But Jesus received the outcast's thanks and sent him on his way with a command: "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." Jesus assured the leper that God was at work in his life: "Your faith has made you well," he said. God offers us that same assurance. Through the welcoming waters of baptism, the good news of the gospel, the sweet taste of bread and wine, God creates faith in us, faith to make us well.

A CHILD'S WORD

October 3rd – *Standing Up* October 10th –

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 am – Traditional Worship
- 9:30 am – Fellowship in Founders Hall
- 10:00 am – Learning for All Ages
- 11:00 am – Contemporary Worship

Deadline for articles for next *Trinity Visitor* is Thursday, October 9th.

HINTS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

Pick up an activity bag for your child in the narthex of the church. The ushers will be glad to help you find them.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Put the fun and caring back in your relationship by attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Learn to understand the wants and needs of your spouse.

The next encounter weekend is October 22-24, 2004 in Bloomington, IL.

Registration deadline is October 12th.

To register or for more information, contact Dan or Charlotte Ricks at

Hospitalized...

As of Monday, September 27th:

Dan Griffith—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HOSPITALS

PRAYER CHAIN 762-3624

HEALTH TIP

“Five a day”

Try to eat a minimum of five fruits and vegetables every day. Serving sizes: ¾ cup juice, ½ cup raw, cooked or canned fruit or veggie, 1 medium apple or banana, 1 cup raw leafy veggie.

Connections

LYO News

❖ **Wednesday, October 6**

Plan to attend WOW with your parents at 6:30 p.m., we will then meet in the LYO room for faith filled conversation and fellowship.

❖ **Wednesday, October 13**

We will meet in the LYO room at 7:30 p.m. We will have a movie, please bring a munchie to share.

IMPORTANT DATE

An important date to remember – Saturday, November 6th, LYO will host a congregation fall clean-up day.

Our Condolences to the Family of Ruth Crowe, Age 91, who died Friday, September 17, 2004. Services at Trimble's Funeral Home Monday, September 20th.

ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP	8:30	11:00	Total
WOW Sept 15th			72
September 19th	211	135	346
“Learning” Sept 19th			208
September 26th	189	144	333
“Learning” Sept 26th			189

Up 'N Adam, Eve
 Wednesday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m.

Eleanor Anderson
 "Revisiting Tanzania"

Tickets available
 Sunday, October 3rd
 in Founders Hall.



TRINITY GOLF OUTING

Sunday afternoon, October 10th
 Sunrise Golf Course
 in Pleasant Valley

Sign up Sunday, October 3rd
 in Founders Hall.

For more information, contact
 Larry Carson, Chuck Allen or Jim Wells.

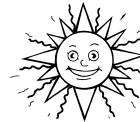


TRINITY SUPPER CLUB

Tuesday, October 19th
5:30 p.m.

Program: Barbershop Singers

Tickets available
 Sundays, October 10th & 17th in
 Founders Hall during fellowship time.



Thank You...

...from Steve Steely

My humble thanks to all who
 planned, contributed, and surprised me at
 the kick-off party for the fall season at
 Trinity!

A special thanks to Rose Andresen for
 her remarks; to Judy Dwyer for the
 beautifully decorated cake, and to all who
 made the delicious supper.

The Waterford Crystal presentation
 bowl is magnificent. I will treasure it
 forever, as I remember your faithful
 services as music ministers at Trinity
 Lutheran Church these past twenty years.
 May God bless us all as we continue our
 music ministry together in the years ahead!

Sincerely,
 Steve Steely, Minister of Music

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

We meet the fourth Monday of each
 month at 7:00 p.m. in Trinity's Lounge in
 October and November, then from
 January 2005 through June 2005.

Next book discussion, Peace Like a
 River, by Leif Enger, is October 25th.

Contact Jan Baner with any questions or
 comments.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Ericsson School needs volunteers who can spend a small amount of time each week helping with classrooms and/or library. Some of the students need extra help on a one-on-one basis. It is not difficult, but very much needed.

If you can help, please contact Lucia Moore (359.8124), who will tell you what is expected of the volunteers.

Notes on the Journey

I remember years of telling jokes as a kid. Well, maybe not so much telling jokes, as buying joke books from the school book fairs, and then reading aloud from them to my parents. To this day, I only remember about two jokes a year. But, one joke I will never forget.

My brother (then about 4 or 5 years old) would say to our mom, "Mom, would you still know me if you didn't see me for a minute?" "Sure," Mom would reply. "Mom, would you still know me if you didn't see me for an hour?" "Sure." And this would repeat, through a day, a moon-a, (his word for month), and a year. "Sure, sure, sure." Then came the kicker. He says, "Knock, knock." Mom says, "Who's there?" He says, "Hey! I thought you said you'd know me!"

Wow. That would really get my little brother rolling. That joke. That word – "moon-a." All of those things still gets us rolling. And, it's just a little thread that connects us with an earlier time. Really though, it is a part of the fabric of our lives.

What my brother heard in that joke was the assuredness that he would be remembered. The thought that anybody so close to us as our mom could forget us was the furthest thing from his mind. Then of course "trapping" mom into saying "Who's there?" like she didn't know – that was worth it all—the epitome of 4-year-old humor.

That's where knowing that God knows and loves us begins. When we know that parents and grandparents know us and won't forget us, then we can learn about our God who knows us and won't forget us.

Where we still need the work, the help, is in being the body of Christ and demonstrating that kind of knowing and not forgetting. I've been here at Trinity just over a year and still am in those growing pains of knowing you and remembering names. As I watch Pastor Joel work to know you as well, I pray that you will continue to reintroduce yourselves – especially when you see me away from Trinity (e.g., at a Jewel Osco, a hospital, Rock Island Fitness Center, Ben Butterworth Trail, etc.) – that is, if you recognize me when I'm not wearing my pastor alb and stole!

I am reminded as I am in ministry with you that even within Trinity, many people are still meeting people who have belonged here for dozens of years. Hopefully this will be a welcome "side effect" of our Learning for All Ages! Hopefully we are all wearing nametags, because they help everybody. And, hopefully we can all go beyond just knowing names, and enter or renew relationships of mutual caring, where we learn about who is good at growing gardens (and wants to share zucchini), or has growing teenagers (and now has an empty nest), or is growing faith (by trying Bible Study for the first time), or has growing concerns (because a loved one has been called up to active duty), or is growing tired (because of illness or care giving responsibilities).

Will we remember each other in a second? A minute? An hour? A "moon-a"? A year? Yes, with God's help. Better yet...let's care for each other, really know each other, and share God's love.

• *Confident in Christ,*
Pastor Laura

Member Care Ministry Team

Over the past weeks many of you have asked how you can be of help to Pastor Laura and her family, and many have been generous with gifts of time, talents and resources. In discussions with Pastor Laura and Rod, the Council has recognized the need for a more coordinated approach in helping the Koppenhoefers. Additionally, we recognize that there are others within our congregation who from time to time may be in need of care from the Trinity community.

For this reason, we have formed the **Member Care Ministry Team**, who will coordinate assistance to the Koppenhoefer family and others within our congregation with a financial gift. There are also many areas where volunteers can sign up to help in a variety of ways, including providing transportation, making visits, sending cards, and many others. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, in lieu of meals or other prepared food, you can assist the Koppenhoefers by providing them with gift certificates to Hy-Vee, Jewel, gas stations, Target or Wal-Mart. These gift certificates can be dropped off at the church office at any time to Karen Anderson, who will coordinate the distribution.

If you have any questions, you may contact Laura Ford (764.0122) or Al Hansen (762.1734). Stay tuned for updates from this team as to how you can be of assistance. Please include this new team in your prayers.

COOKBOOKS READY TO SELL!!

For 25 years, the dear ladies of Goodwill Circle put together small, 64-page cookbooks and sold them for 50¢ each...until production prices forced them to 75¢. The profits all went to the former Lutheran Hospital. Some years, as many as 4,000 were sold!

Now, these little cookbooks have been photocopied and printed up into one large cookbook. This cookbook will be dedicated at the beginning of Trinity's 8:30 a.m. worship service next Sunday, October 3rd. And then they will be sold—for \$15.00 each—in Founders Hall. It is planned to sell them for at least three Sundays in October.

Thanks are in store for the 46 women who contributed the recipes for the original small cookbooks which grew into the large cookbook. Special thanks to the 16 women who helped put the 2004 Cookbook together: Bobbie Anderson, Carole Bloeser, Marie Darby, Karen Dowsett, Carol Horstmann, Fran Johnson, Elaine Lundeen, Carolyn McGehee, Lucia Moore, Deb Robb, Jarilyn Rosenberg, Pat Schluter, Bonnie Stephenson, Barbara Steigman, Marcia Wetzel, and Karen Zweifel.

Learning For All Ages

Journey of Joy News:

This year we are going to be highlighting one Sunday School class per month. Watch for more information!

Intergenerational Sunday School:

Our first intergenerational learning event will be October 24th. We'll be learning about the Lord's Prayer.

Adult Learning:

Coming Attractions for the second rotation (October 31st to November 21st):

Transitions: Bob Ruud and Thrivent will be here to discuss important issues such as estate planning, wills and helping our loved ones.

New Members Class:

Pastor Laura will be leading our new members class. Current members may participate in the course for a refresher in TLC and the Lutheran Tradition.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Learning For All Ages

Adult Learning – First Rotation

September 19-October 17 10:00–10:50 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY ON EPHESIANS

With Pastor Joel Bexell
In Blessed Beginnings classroom

LUTHER AT THE MOVIES

Facilitated by Quint Ford
In Multi-Purpose Room

JOURNEYING TOGETHER FAITHFULLY

Facilitated by Craig Tigerman
In Trinity Lounge

GOD IS MY CEO

Facilitated by Larry Johnson
In Trinity Chapel

Confirmation Corner

Midweeks continue through October 13th.

We meet from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

The Lord's Prayer retreat for first year confirmation students and those who did not go last year will be October 23rd and 24th. Permission slips went out on September 29th. If you did not receive one or need scholarship help to cover the cost, please call Anne at Trinity (762-3624).

Please return the permission slip and payment as soon as possible.

"Wednesdays at One" is Back

"Wednesdays at One" Bible Study will resume on October 6th in the Multipurpose Room. The study will last from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Bring your Bible and join Pastor Joel and Pastor Laura for this weekly study of the lectionary texts used for preaching. Returning and new participants are all welcome!

CHOIR SEASON IS HERE!



The Trinity Choir, Celebration Ringers, and Alleluia Ringers began their season of music ministry with a special dinner held in Founders Hall. Everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship and anticipation for the fall season.

Steve Steely, Minister of Music, was honored with a beautiful tribute, including a cake and a gift as he begins his twentieth year at Trinity.

If YOU are interested in becoming part of our church's varied music ministry, please give Steve a call at 762.3375!

ERICSSON FUNDS NEEDED

Good news!! Ericsson School has again been awarded a RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) grant, which means if we can raise approximately \$400 from Trinity members, the government grant of nearly \$1200 will be Ericsson's for the purchase and distribution of three new books for each child at the school during this school year.

This is a very important program for Ericsson students, as so few of them actually own any books. The program also helps to stimulate interest in reading and helps them discover the excitement of a good story.

Carole Bloeser and Lucia Moore will be accepting donations in Founders Hall during fellowship time Sunday, October 3, 10 and 17. We thank you for your past generosity and pray it will continue.

Lucia Moore & Carole Bloeser

THE KEY INGREDIENT TO TITHING

This coming Sunday is "Try-A-Tithe Sunday." It's decision-making time for members of Trinity. **Those of us who haven't been tithing on an annual basis will need to decide if we will have the tithing experience this Sunday.** How do we go about making that decision?

The key to making a decision in favor of tithing is to open the door to allow the Holy Spirit to work through us. How do we do that? There are many ways, prayer being the most effective. However, it's important that we look back at the many blessings God has bestowed on us this year and throughout our past. Recognizing God's blessings is a good way to help us make the decision to Try-A-Tithe this Sunday.

We have to make our own decision as to whether we will take part in "Try-A-Tithe Sunday." **Whatever we do, it's essential that we get God involved in our decision making.** If, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we look back and count God's Blessings, we'll make a decision that is pleasing to Him, to us and to our families.

For those whose annual pledge is a tithe, we thank God that the Holy Spirit working through them has enabled them to reach this Biblical goal. Should they wish to make a contribution toward Trinity's global mission projects, they are encouraged to do so in a "Try-A-Tithe Sunday" offering envelope.

Try it, you'll like it...and so will God!

TEMPLE TALKS

Trinity starts the Fall Stewardship Faith Response on "Try-A-Tithe" Sunday, October 3rd. We continue with a four-week series of "Temple Talks" as some of our members, each in their own way, tell about what their faith and Trinity mean to them. Participants are:

October 3 – Katherine Priggie

October 10 – Chris Ford

October 17 – Judy Rullman

October 24 – Bob Blew

Look for the first mailing this week for further details.