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WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY October 17, 2004



The ELCA World Hunger Appeal is making a “life-saving difference around the world through relief, development, education and advocacy.”

Relief efforts such as providing food, water, emergency shelter and medicine are all carried out with ELCA hunger funds.

Their goal is to help people help themselves through long-term development. These efforts help people break the cycle of chronic hunger and poverty.

Development include income producing resources such as learning, new farming methods, and cultivating the land in many remote farming communities around the world.

It provides opportunities for hunger education and advocacy efforts voice the needs of the poor and hungry in the United States and other countries.

Your contribution to World Hunger does make a difference. Let your gifts be an expression of your thanks to God for your blessings.

Please use the envelope provided with this newsletter for monetary donations. Your support and generous donations of food items to Christian Friendliness if greatly appreciated. You may also use the World Hunger envelopes in the church pews.

November 7th is “THANKSLIVING” Sunday!
**I request everyone who is physically able to participate in Worship on
 Commitment Sunday, November 7th.**

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 17, 2004 – 20th Sunday After Pentecost
Genesis 32:22-31 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

When we pray—whether regularly, as part of daily devotions; "on the fly," as we go about our usual chores; sporadically, as a friend or loved one comes to mind; or in the company of other Christians at worship—God will hear our prayer and grant justice to us, the chosen ones. We *can* pray with absolute confidence in God's goodness, justice, and mercy. We also *need* to pray—always. We cannot depend only on ourselves or rely on human resources. Rather, we turn to our loving God, who sent Jesus to heal a broken world.

October 24, 2004 – 21st Sunday After Pentecost
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

We are reminded daily of the brokenness of our world. Polluted waters and skies are signs that the relationship between humanity and the rest of creation is broken. Wars among nations and feuds within families reflect the brokenness of relationships among people. Our pathetic attempts to rely on ourselves and take charge of our own life are rooted in our broken relationship with God, who alone rules the universe.

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 21st.



The rosebud on the altar Sunday, October 3rd was in celebration of the birth of *Emma Nicole Williams*, daughter of *Dan & Laura Williams*, born September 29, 2004. Big sister is *Lauren*.

HINTS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

Look at the banners in the front of the church and talk about what your child sees. Let your child draw a banner of his or her own.

Hospitalized...
As of Monday, October 11th
Trinity West: Allan Johnson
 Beverly Verstraete

PRAYER CHAIN 762-3624

FLU SHOT CLINIC CANCELLED
 Call Julie Blew, Parish Nurse,
 if you have any questions, 762.3624.

HEALTH TIP
Could it be your pills?
 Many things can contribute to depression, including medications for other conditions. If you have been feeling down, ask your pharmacist to check your medications to see whether depression can be a possible side effect, and call your doctor. Effective treatment is available.

Connections
LYO News

❖ **Wednesday, October 20**
 Let's attend the WOW service with your parents at 6:30 p.m., then we'll meet in the LYO room for fellowship and conversation.

❖ **Wednesday, October 27**
 We will meet in the LYO room at 7:30 p.m., sharing our faith through conversation. We will also be putting teams together for the fall LYO clean-up day.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
October 20 – Adventure trip deadline deposit
October 30 – Fall Clean-up Day

Our Condolences to the Families of
Ruth Crowe, Age 101,
 who died Friday, September 17th,
 and
Eugene Creen, age 83, who died
 Thursday, September 16th. Father of
 Trinity member Dennis Creen.

ATTENDANCE

<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Total</u>
WOW Oct 6th			75
October 3rd	227	177	404
“Learning” Oct 3rd			180
October 10th	201	123	324
“Learning” Oct 10th			168



TRINITY SUPPER CLUB

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

Program: Barbershop Singers
Tickets available
Sunday, October 17th in
Founders Hall during fellowship time.
All ages welcome!

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 Monday, October 25th.

Contact Jan Baner with any questions or comments.

ERICSSON FUNDS NEEDED

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

Lucia Moore & Carole Bloeser

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.



FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

LYO will host a Fall Clean-Up Day for congregation members Saturday, October 30th. They will be available for yard clean-up and other light tasks.

You may sign up at the table in the west narthex if you would like our youth to help with light tasks around your yard and house. Please contact Jim Graham at 309.797.3591, or 762.3642 or by e-mail Jim at jimgraham@trinitylutheranmoline.org.

“The Healing Power of Faith: When Serious Illness Strikes”

On Tuesday, November 9th, Dr. Harold Koenig, a faculty member of Duke University Medical School, will speak at The Lodge in Bettendorf. There will be two duplicate presentations:

9:00–11:00 a.m. (Lunch)

5:30–7:30 p.m. (Appetizers)

Dr. Koenig has published extensively in the fields of mental health, geriatrics and religion. His books will be available for purchase at the conference. There will be a nominal fee for the conference.

To register, call Kim at 779.2989.

Notes on the Journey

It has always fascinated me to think about what kids remember of their parents' activities as they are growing up. I remember Dad farming, and farming, and well, more farming. And, I remember Dad doing woodworking and playing with my brother and me. The best trick in the book was to catch him somewhere between the shed and the door to the house so he would play. He would pitch a ball to us, push us on the tree swing, or set us up with the go-kart. We remember Mom hanging clothes on the line, making cookies with us, and gardening. We also remember her studying late into the night, as she finished her bachelor's degree in math education when my brother and I were in grade school.

We also remember weekly worship and our parents' many activities with our church. They were always serving in one way or another. The Lutheran Brotherhood summer picnics were always held at our farm. What a hoot those were. Perhaps one memory is most vivid, because it spans the most years – Mom coordinating blood drives for the Red Cross. This wasn't a church-sponsored activity, but it flowed out of Mom's faith life. So, for our family, donating blood, and time, was just something we did.

About a month ago, those memories of blood mobiles came back to me as my husband Rod needed two units of blood when he was in the hospital. He doesn't have a particularly common blood type. I remember that when we prayed together later that evening, that we prayed thanksgiving to God for the people who donated that blood.

I hear about the trouble that the Red Cross and the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

have in getting donors – and it sounds like they're trying to pull teeth! But hey! Teeth are non-renewable resources! Blood is renewable!

Actually, I think that blood donation is a lot like wise stewardship. Those wonderful people who donated the blood that Rod needed had no idea when and where their blood would be needed – they just gave! And in no small way (as we are united in Christ) they gave back to Christ (though their brother, Rod) what they had first been given as a gift – their blood.

We do this kind of giving to little kids. We teach them the Lord's Prayer. We tell them Bible stories. We let them know about God's amazing love for them. When we do this, we have no idea where that love will be poured back out; we just pray that it will!

We do this kind of giving when we give benevolences to the Northern Illinois Synod. As a church we strive to give 10% or more to the synod to support the ministries of the ELCA around here and around the world. Did you know that over 50% of what we give back to God through the synod goes to missions?

It is hard to find words to express my gratitude for that blood that helped my husband. It is a powerful experience to be on the receiving end of that kind of selfless giving. As we look toward a December 6 Bloodmobile at Trinity, and a stewardship campaign, I know that my gratitude to God will drive my responds. Whether we give blood or time or talents or treasures, what we give is actually “life blood” for someone else. We love, because Christ first loved us.

*Confident in Christ,
Pastor Laura*

Learning For All Ages

Our first intergenerational Learning For All Ages is on October 24th! This is a great time to learn with the whole family – from grandparents to grandkids, aunts, uncles, nephews and sisters – everyone’s invited. Bring a friend! We’ll all learn about the Lord’s Prayer!

Journey of Joy Notes:

The first rotation is wrapping up and it has been a great one! I want to thank the teachers: Stephanie Stephenson for video, Kathy Meyers for art, Lori Doroba for kitchen, Brad Stribling for the game and Betty Johnson, Paula Tigerman and La Bartlett for music. Thanks to the Shepherds also, we couldn’t do it without you!

ATTENTION: 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders!

Mark your calendars – tryouts for the Christmas program will be on Sunday, October 31st at 9:30 in the Jesus Temple Room. We want all of you to be involved, so please plan on coming to tryout!

Confirmation Corner:

Mid-weeks are finished the 13th of October, and the 7th graders go on retreat the 23rd and 24th of October.

Watch for news about the GREAT CONFIRMATION COOKIE CAPER coming soon to the church near you!

The Confirmation program is looking for one room-sized (6-foot) Christmas tree. A previously loved and gently used tree would be a wonderful addition to our program. For more information please contact Anne Williams, Director of Christian Education at Trinity (762.3624).

Adult Learning News:

Second Rotation Classes (October 31st to November 21st) are as follows:

- ✓ Craig Tigerman will lead a Bible study on the Parables of Jesus.
- ✓ Pastor Laura and Pastor Joel will be leading the New Discipleship class for new members and current members who want a refresher on Lutheranism and Trinity Lutheran in particular.
- ✓ Bob Ruud and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be hosting presentations on transitioning into our golden years. Learn all about all the legal and financial issues affecting our futures.
- ✓ Faithfully Watching TV: this four week course will begin with two weeks with Wendy Hilton-Morrow, instructor at Augustana College in Media Studies, who will lead a conversation about television and "what's on." In week three, Dr. Dan Lee, also of Augustana (and a Trinity member) will begin a conversation about how to make ethical decisions about "what's on!"

TEMPLE TALKS

We continue with the last two in a series of “Temple Talks” as some of our members tell about what their faith and Trinity mean to them. Participants are:

- October 17th – Judy Rullman
- October 24th – Bob Blew

“Wednesdays at One” is Back

“Wednesdays at One” Bible Study continues in the Multi-Purpose 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!

ANNUAL SWEATSHIRT DRIVE

We will once again be decorating sweatshirts to be used as rewards quarterly for the students at Ericsson School. WELCA Sarah Unit will accept donations of sweatshirts—red, white and blue—Sunday, October 17th, or you may make a monetary donation to buy sweatshirts to be decorated. Look for our booth in Founders Hall during fellowship time Sunday, October 17th. We will be decorating sweatshirts Friday, October 22nd starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. All are welcome to help decorate. Contact Deb Slothower (764.8738) for further information.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

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Communications – Eric Sandberg explained the Council’s request for input on goals for 2005 and introduced the form distributed to teams and to members of the congregation. Another effort will be made to expand the number of households which receive the *Trinity Visitor* via e-mail—eTV. Craig Tigerman’s e-mail letters to college students have resulted in excellent responses and will be summarized in future *Visitor* issues. The vital roles of the *Visitor* and of the Trinity Lutheran web site were discussed, along with ideas to maintain them as effective means of communication.

REFORMATION PILGRIMAGE

Members of Northern Illinois Synod are invited to a pilgrimage along the Reformation Trail in Germany. This would include a visit to Wittenberg Center and various historic Luther sites. Bishop Wollersheim and his wife Polly will be travelling with this group. Dates are July 11-20, 2005. Informational meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at:

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
2715 S. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL
Tuesday, October 19th

First Lutheran Church
303 S. Galena Ave., Freeport, IL
Thursday, October 28th

St. James Lutheran Church, Rock Island
Tuesday, November 9th

For more information, contact Northern Illinois Synod at 815.964.9934.

Member Care Ministry

This new ministry is seeking volunteers to assist members of our congregation needing support. Volunteers may sign up in a variety of ways, including providing transportation, making visits, sending cards, and many others.

If you would like to join this new ministry, come to the next meeting Monday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Trinity's Lounge. If you think you may be interested but cannot attend the meeting, please call Patty Tillman, 762.3201.

We continue to appreciate all financial gifts, as well as gift certificates to Hy-Vee, Jewel, gas stations, Target and Wal-Mart. Financial gifts should be mailed or dropped off at the church office.

Please continue to pray for the Member Care Ministry.

COOKBOOKS STILL SELLING

The Goodwill Circle ladies will sell their 64-page cookbook through the month of October Sundays in Founders Hall.

This cookbook is a culmination of recipes included in cookbooks the group has printed and sold during the past 25 years.

Pick up your copy soon!

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MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

October, 2004



World Mission – The Endowment Committee granted the WMMT's request for \$2000 for Lutheran World Relief aid to Sudan. Death squads have forced African villagers into squalid refugee camps, creating the worst current humanitarian crisis in the world. Members of this team delivered 50 AIDS/Hospice kits and 50 midwife kits to Global Health Ministries along with 50 school kits and 102 health kits to Lutheran World Relief. Fifty of the health kits were assembled by the confirmation classes.

Worship and Music – This team plans to constantly evaluate the new schedule of services and will develop a survey for input from the congregation. One major goal is to develop a feeling of "oneness" in Trinity. Many gifts of money have already been provided for equipment for the Music Program.

Evangelism – The group discussed changes made for meetings to bring in new members, renaming the classes "New Discipleship". Current members will also be welcome to join these classes which will meet during the Learning Hour on Sundays.

Stewardship – The theme of "TRINITY YES! Catch the Spirit" is defined by Worship, Learning, Service, and now SUPPORT. The support is defined as our response to Christ's compassion and care. A major goal is to increase the percentage of members who commit with a faith response. A detailed plan includes temple talks, letters, and the conclusion will be the Faith Response Sunday on November 7 – All Saints' Sunday.

Congregational Life – Activities being planned include an ethnic potluck dinner and a Martin Luther film night.

Buildings/Grounds – The team repaired the pastors' door lock entry system. They discussed future needs for a janitor with flex hours in order to meet the needs of the church on week-ends. A back pew was cut in order to allow a communion setup in the back of the church. On September 11 a group of scouts spread mulch for the playground and assisted with cleanup of landscaped areas. John Scott installed direction signs in several locations in the church. The group discussed sanctuary needs.

Health and Wellness – CPR training for staff, ushers, and members is being planned. This will include an introduction to a defibrillator. Hygiene kits are being prepared for Ericsson School. The flu shot clinic originally planned for October 21st has been cancelled.

Learning – Attendance figures at new learning sessions were discussed. The focus of the first Intergenerational Learning gathering on October 24 will be The Lord's Prayer. The second rotation will be from October 31 to November 21 and themes will be publicized soon. The team discussed various current issues for the adult module on Faith and Life.

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