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October 31st–November 13th

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1—Jean Biorn, Michael Crotty, Felicia Feldman, Valerie Groene

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11—J. Johnson, Meghan Lindell, Glen Schneider, Sherry Williams

12—Barrett Johnson, Ruth Stewart, Chris Volquardsen

13—Robert Anderson, John Bender, Jessica Boden, Susan Buckrop, Robert Jackson, Drew Meyer, Margaret Olson, Dean Schriefer, Amanda Scott, Jessica Wieland

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November 7th is “THANKSLIVING” Sunday!

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

All Saints “Thankful for Faith Pioneers” – Sunday, November 7th

Trinity has established a rich tradition of honoring those courageous faith pioneers who have gone on before us to live in God’s heavenly Kingdom. Who are some of the people who helped draw you closer to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? What personal traits did they share with you that encouraged YOUR faith development? Welcoming, warmth, compassion, generosity, love, joy, and peace may be some words that come to mind. Come this All Saints weekend to Give Thanks to God for your faith pioneers.

“Thanksgiving” as a Life Style”– Sunday, November 7th

My friend, Pastor Mike Foss, reminds us that there are 161 references to thankfulness in the Bible. This is one of the most frequently used concepts in all of the scriptures. The person of faith is one whose heart is filled with gratitude. Why? Because we worship a God whose very nature is to give.

The goodness of God is not only around us; it is within us as well. There are gifts planted within the human spirit that have come to us for God. **Thanksgiving** is a celebration of the ordinary and extra-ordinary in life. **Thanksgiving** is seeing the hand of God in our relationships, at work, our play, and yes, even in our times of struggle and loss. **Thanksgiving** looks for the blessings of God, counts them and shares them with others. No wonder thankfulness is so frequently the response of faith.

How is your “**Thanksgiving**” going? Are you counting and sharing the ever-present blessings of God? All we have is from the ever-giving God whom we know in Jesus Christ. All we ARE comes from the Creator’s touch.

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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 31, 2004 – Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

In today's gospel, Jesus invites himself to the home of a known sinner. This day God invites us into grace, even though we do not deserve it. "Today salvation has come to this house." Therefore, we always "enter God's courts with praise." Today the Lutheran church recalls its roots, the principles and actions that grew out of the sixteenth-century Reformation.

November 7, 2004 – All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

"With the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn," proclaims the presiding minister in the eucharistic prayer. On the festival of All Saints we remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith, among them John Christian Frederick Heyer, the first missionary sent out by Lutherans in North America, serving in India as a medical doctor and evangelist. All of God's saints are the sign of our hope and an image of the glory we shall inherit. Even more, they are worshipers with us this day as we sing the praises of the God who brings life out of death.

This Sunday, October 31st, is Reformation Sunday. Please join us for festival worship at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. Triumphant music with the Quad-Cities Brass, Timpani, and the Trinity Choir and organ will be featured at both services.

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Commitment "Thanksgiving" Celebration Sunday, November 7th

God's vision for Trinity in the 21st century depends on your "Thanksgiving" response. How you count and share your blessings of God will determine the health and future of our shared ministry. Who we touch with the love of God in the name of Jesus Christ will depend directly on our generous response.

Trinity's stewardship renewal will be based on the philosophy of the "need for the giver to give" for their own spiritual development, rather than the need for God's church to receive." We will hear an inspiring message on the theme of "Thanksgiving as a Lifestyle." In response to an ever-giving Creator God you will be invited to fill out an "Faith Response Card" indicating your generous financial commitment for 2005.

Your Partner in Christ's Mission, Pastor Joel



Congratulations

The rosebuds on the altar Sunday, October 24th were for:

Ellen Kay Tews, born September 30th.
Parents are David & Lisa Tews

Hannah Marie Irene Martin, born October 16th. Parents are Dr. Chris and Amy Martin, Saginaw, Mich. Grandparents are Roger & Bonnie Boostrom.

Emily Michelle Van Hyfte, born October 18th. Parents are Michael & Shelly Van Hyfte. Grandmother is Sharon Wynn, grandfather is Kelly Wynn.

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

We meet on Monday, November 22nd to discuss Dearest Dorothy, Are We There Yet? at 7:00 p.m. in Trinity's Lounge.

The Good Book Club meets the fourth Monday of each month from January 2005 through June 2005.

Contact Jan Baner with any questions or comments.

PRAYER CHAIN 762-3624

Hospitalized...

As of Monday, October 25th

Trinity West: Shirley Christiansen

Trinity East: Lynn Denato

Connections

LYO News

❖ Wednesday, November 3

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, November 10

We will meet in the LYO room at 7:30 p.m., to watch a movie.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 30 – Fall Clean-up Day. We will meet at Trinity at 8:30 a.m.

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Danny Mark Griffith, age 52,
who entered eternal rest
October 13, 2004.

Beverly Verstraete, age 75,
who entered eternal rest
October 17, 2004.

Ralph Hansen, age 76,
who entered eternal rest
October 19, 2004.

ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP	8:30	11:00	Total
WOW Oct 20th			60
October 17th	182	128	310
"Learning" Oct 17th			179
October 24th	193	155	348
"Learning" Oct 24th			185

HINTS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

Smile at children near you at worship and learn their name. Try to greet them on future Sundays by name!

COOKBOOK NOTES

The popular Goodwill Circle Cookbook will be sold again during fellowship time Sunday, October 31st. To those who attend the late service and have missed out on the cookbook sales during fellowship time: The books are available at the church office during the week. Karen Anderson, the church secretary, will happily sell them to you. If that is not convenient, call Lucia Moore (359.8124) or Carole Bloeser (794.3153) and they will help you get the cookbooks.

“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.

WELCA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



The annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held Thursday, November 11th at 12:00 noon in Founders Hall. Lunch will be provided by Lydia and Ruth Units. The scholarship money is used to help Trinity students and/or staff in their theology studies.

This year's program is about Christians on the battlefield. Debbie Caldwell, a Civil War re-enactor, will present a program about the United States Christian Commission formed during the Civil War to assist Union and Confederate chaplains and soldiers. She will also discuss life as a woman following the Union Army. She and her husband Chuck have been active in the 8th Kansas Volunteer Infantry Re-enactors for over 18 years.

Both men and women are welcome to attend. Feel free to bring a guest. A babysitter will be provided upon request. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale Sunday, October 31st and Sunday, November 7th during fellowship time in Founders Hall. Or, you may call Marcia Wetzel, 764.6471.

“ THE ILLUSION OF RACE – THE POWER OF RACISM”

To assist congregations in addressing the attitudes toward race and racism in our society, the Multicultural Ministry Team of the Illowa Lutheran Coalition is offering a workshop Saturday, October 30th at Trinity. The workshop is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30; the workshop ends at 3:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Al Hansen.

Thank You...

Please accept our going thanks for your love, support and prayers. Your support is overwhelming—from food to gift cards to lawn mowing and hedge trimming...and on and on. We thank our God every time we remember you.

*In Christ,
Pastor Laura, Rod, Erica & Sarah Koppenhoefer*

NEAR & FAR: TRINITY STUDENTS SHINE

Close to home and halfway around the world, Trinity members in college are studying, serving and enjoying in many ways.

KC Lester is a freshman at Augustana College here in town, living on campus and loving it, but also enjoys having her home so nearby. A pre-vet major, KC says "Augustana is great. I have so much fun, and I love it here!"

In contrast, 90 miles to our north, Meryl Eckermann is in her final year at Loras College in Dubuque. Her list of activities fills an entire page! She is Habitat for Humanity treasurer, the school paper's assistant sports editor, Brownie troop leader, and much more. This fall she gave a public show at the Heitkamp Planetarium on the Cassini-Huygens mission to Saturn. Impressive!

175 miles to our southeast, University of Illinois freshman history/education major Matt Buckles has discovered the "huge transition" between high school and college. Matt says he reads 4 to 8 hours a day! He, Matt Nimrick and Jeremy Saunders have joined a fraternity. He is in the "Orange Krush" basketball cheering section, and says he is looking forward to seeing everyone at Thanksgiving.

And way "down under," sophomore Sarah Hultquist is studying international finance this semester at the University of Melbourne, in an overseas program of Washington University in St. Louis. Sarah has made sure to see some exotic sights while she can, including Port Douglas, the Great Barrier Reef, Fiji, the Daintree Rainforest, Sydney, Brisbane, and the South Island of New Zealand. "This is an experience that I will remember forever," she exclaims.

The Trinity Lutheran Church family is proud of all of its college students. We wish you the very best of health, happiness and success during these precious years!

The Trinity Communications Team

Deadline for articles for next *Trinity Visitor* is Thursday, November 4th.



Seniors and Preschoolers – A Perfect Match

Blessed Beginnings Preschool would like to invite any interested seniors to come spend some time with our four-year-olds at our monthly **Friendship Friday**. We meet in the Multi-Purpose Room and share a craft activity, snack and fun conversation with some of our preschoolers. Our next meeting time is **Friday, November 12th** at 10-11:15 a.m. or 1:00 -2:30 p.m.

Also, if you have other talents that you would like to share with the preschoolers (e.g. music, a hobby, other interests or talents, etc.), we would love to hear from you as well.

If you would like more information or would like a calendar of the year's dates, please call Mrs. Tina Hayz at the preschool at 764-7220.

“PIZZA WITH THE PRESCHOOL!”

Join Blessed Beginnings for dinner on Wednesday, November 17, 2003 from 5-6 p.m. in Founders Hall, as we celebrate Trinity's Preschool Ministry. Freewill donations will be accepted at the dinner (matched by Thrivent). These dollars will benefit the preschool's **Trinity Opportunity Program** Scholarship Fund.

Following the dinner, the Blessed Beginnings Preschool 4's will sing at the **Worship On Wednesday** service (6:15-7:00 p.m.) in the Multi-Purpose Room, and the Preschool Board and Staff Members will be blessed. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Hayz at 764-7220.

TRY-A-TITHE SUNDAY WAS A SUCCESS

Trinity members made TRY-A-TITHE Sunday a success. The offering received was \$2,609. Try-A-Tithe Sunday reminded us of the Biblical directive that we strive to tithe. By increasing their regular pledged weekly offering to a total equaling 10% of their weekly income, many members tithed that Sunday. **We thank God that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit many were able to experience tithing. We thank those who made that commitment of faith that will help support Trinity's mission projects around the world!**

World Mission Ministry Team

SUNDAY SCHOOL “CLASS OF THE MONTH”

The three- and four-year-olds are being recognized as the “Sunday Class of The Month” on Sunday, October 31st. Please look for their picture as you enter the sanctuary!

The class is invited to worship as a group with their families on October 31st at the 11:00 service. Please be sure to greet them!

ENDOWMENT REQUEST DEADLINE is Monday, December 6th for requests to be considered at the fourth quarterly meeting of the Committee. Requests need to be received in the church office by that date. Scholarship funds available to Trinity members; you may pick up a form at the church office. Questions? Call Jerry Lundeen, Endowment Fund Chair, 764.1108.

UP'N ADAM, EVE

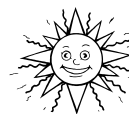
Wednesday, November 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

Featuring Jeanne Olson:
‘Angels’

Tickets available Sunday, October 31st
In Founders Hall during fellowship time.
Or call either Julie at 762.3624 or Al at 762.1734

“REFORMATION TRAIL”

Bishop Gary Wollersheim and Polly are planning a historic visit to Germany July 11-25, 2005 and would like to invite members of NIS and their friends on this unique travel opportunity. There will be an informational meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 9th at St. James Lutheran Church in Rock Island. Brochures and more information available by calling 815-964-9934.



Thank you notes

Thanks to all who so generously donated money to the RIF fund for books for Ericsson School. The goal was met so each child will receive three books during the school year. The first book give-away is scheduled for November 2nd and will be on the theme of “Voting for Books!” We are so grateful for the good people of Trinity for supporting this government grant with matching dollars to make it a reality.

Lucia Moore & Carole Bloeser

Thanks to your generosity we were able to purchase and decorate over 50 sweatshirts. The students at Ericsson really look forward to these warm incentives for their good school work. A special thanks to the Friday painters.

Deb Slothower

CPR CLASS

There will be a CPR class Wednesday, November 20th, starting at 9:30 a.m. For more information please contact Parish Nurse Julie Blew, 762.3624.

STATE- MENT OF OWNER- SHIP

Member Care Ministry

We continue to accept 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.

REMEMBER
to set your Clocks



“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!

...One Hour Back
Sunday, October 31

NURSERY NOTES

Hello, my name is Alison Daugherty. I am the new nursery attendant and am looking forward to meeting the members of Trinity. Right now I want to share a little bit about myself. I am 18 years old and currently attending St. Ambrose University. In December I will be moving back to Illinois to attend Black Hawk College. At present I have not decided on a major in college, but all my options involve working with children.

I have always lived in the Quad-Cities and have been active in my community. I am a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in East Moline. During the past four years, while I was a student at Alleman High School, I worked with St. Mary’s Sunday School program as the second grade teacher. I have done a lot of babysitting in the community for a number of different families. I enjoy being around and taking care of children of all ages.

I invite you to use my services in the Trinity nursery at your convenience. My hours will be: Sunday 8:00-noon; Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; First Tuesdays: 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.; First and third Wednesdays (WOW nights) 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you can give one Sunday every two months, that would be greatly appreciated. You may contact me at ChildCare@trinitylutheranmoline.org or at 309.269,3916. Or you may contact Anne Williams, Director of Christian Education, at annewilliams@trinitylutheranmoline.org.

Thank you all and I hope to meet you very soon.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES October, 2004

Visioning : To continue the positive directions begun this year and to enable planning for next year, Council has asked for input from the ministry teams and staff. Eric Sandberg reported on the initial responses.

Guests Pastor Mike Stadie presented the Illowa Coalition report. The vision of the Illowa Lutheran Coalition is Mission in Community, and Pastor Stadie asked for continued financial support from Trinity. Jim Graham, Youth Minister, reported parking lot skateboarding. The committees recommended that signs be installed in the playground and parking lot that will prohibit skateboarding and roller blading, noting that Trinity will not be responsible for accidents. The Council approved installing these signs.

Old Business

Constitution Update – Eric Sandberg reported that a revised version of the proposal with five more adjustments has been submitted to Sandy Musch in the Northern Illinois Synod office for review. A special congregational meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, November 21, 2004. If the amendment passes at this meeting, the constitution would then be presented for ratification at the Annual Meeting in January, 2005.

HR Committee met to discuss an “Organization Chart” for reporting responsibility. Tom Thoms asked that the Council empower HR to develop such a chart for the Council to review. Re: Reid Estate, Council approved the appointment of a task force to receive suggestions and options for dealing with this generous gift to the church. Pastor Laura was appointed the convener, with suggested members to be Al Hansen, Richard Prigge, Ted Thoms, and Patricia Fox.

Member Care Ministry Team - Patty Tillman reported that a letter has been sent to all members indicating the ten teams involved, and currently there are 25 volunteers. The next meeting is Monday, October 18th. Council voted to grant authority to the Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Parish Nurse to distribute funds from the Member Care fund only for the specific purposes of this ministry. Council retains administrative control over the fund, and a record of all distributions from this fund will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Church Council.

New Business

Council approved the two nominees given by the Endowment Committee—Mark Petersen and Paula Tigerman. Church income in September was 22% (\$13,000) less than the \$60,000 budgeted. Church income for the nine months year-to-date is 8% (\$45,000) lower than the budget of \$552,000. Council voted to authorize the Treasurer and Bookkeeper to use monies from designated funds to pay general expenses during this period of temporary shortage of general funds. If there is still a shortfall in the general fund at the end of the calendar year, the Council authorizes the Treasurer to take out a loan at the bank and incorporate the loan payments into the 2005 budget. Financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2004, were approved, subject to audit.

World Missions Team – Al Hansen reported that the committee has met their goal of \$7,500 after receiving \$2,400 on Title Sunday and \$5,200 on Global Mission Appeal.

Pastor Laura’s health insurance has been changed to add Rod to her coverage in the ELCA Health Benefits Plan as of October 1, 2004.

Council approved Pastor Joel’s housing allowance of \$3,350 per month (\$39,000 annualized).

Good Fruits – Thanks to the 100+ adults involved in the Sunday Education Program. Thanks to Al Hansen for her treats at Council meeting and to Carol Horstmann, secretary, for taking accurate minutes at the long meetings. The staff sent thanks for the recognition awards.

*Submitted by Carol Horstmann, Secretary
Summarized by the Communications Team*