

EDITOR: The Rev. Joel L. Bexell, Interim Pastor
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS: The Rev. Laura Koppenhoefer, The Rev. Christian H. Meyer, Visitation Pastor; Jim Graham, Director of Youth Ministry; Julie Blew, R.N., Parish Nurse; Anne Williams, Director of Christian Education; Stephen Steely, Minister of Music; Jon Palomaki, Children's Choir Director; Tina Hayz, Blessed Beginnings Director; Karen Anderson, Secretary; Carmen Stout, Communications Coordinator; Natalie Condit, Bookkeeper.

Trinity Visitor (USPS 641-740) is published bi-weekly by Trinity Lutheran Church, 1330-13th Street, Moline, Illinois 61265-3099.
Periodicals postage paid at Moline, Illinois.

**POSTMASTER: Send address changes to
Trinity Visitor C/O Trinity Lutheran Church,
1330-13th Street, Moline, Illinois 61265-3099.**

Happy Birth-



November 14th–27th

14—Wanda Forber, Susan Johnson,
Kenneth

Lewis, Debra Phillips, Mark Smith,
Amanda York

15—Diane Beam, Ardis Bloeser, Donna
Klundt, Lindsay Magee, James
Schickel, Colin Sommers, Shawn Wynn

16—Andrew Boster, Kirby Marine, Janet
Pierce, Jeffrey Sandberg

17—Sara Flowers, Lee Foulk, Sandra Keller,
R. James Robb

18—Kyle Bohman, Daniel Dias, Brian Baker,
Amy Malmstead, Elizabeth Mohrman,
Lindsay Mumma, Haleigh Turner,
Thomas Von Gillern II

19—Sheri Ellefritz, Kenneth Knox, Henry
Neels, Damon Nimrick, Linda Polich,
Craig VanVooren

20—Lucille Almquist, Bonnie Boostrom,
James Darby, Jennifer Engstrom,
Casey Thomas, Brenda Turnbull

21—Brian Efflandt, Jacquelyn Grimes,
Angela Lindbeck, Elisabeth Maurus,
David Pierce

22—Dorothy Nelson, Laura Spidle

23—Jacob Stice, Stephanie Swanson,
Rhonda VanSpreybroeck

24—David Anthony, David Ruggles, Ricky
Schulz

25—Carol Barnes, Aline Johnson, Beth Neff,
Ry Schulz, Lucky Southerland, Kelly
Wynn

26—Karen Dowsett, Angela Natsis, Elizabeth
Swain, Victoria Swain, Don Welvaert

27—Darci Bert, Emily DeWitt, Rebecca
Roderick, Doris Thomas, Butch Trevor

Trinity Lutheran Church
1330—13th Street
Moline, IL 61265-3099
Address Service Requested

Periodicals Postage Paid at
Moline, IL 61265

Trinity Visitor

Volume 54
Number 23
November 13, 2004

1330 Thirteenth Street
Moline, IL 61265-3099
Phone 309.762.3624
FAX 309.762.3674

E-mail: office@trinitylutheranmoline.org
<http://trinitylutheranmoline.org>



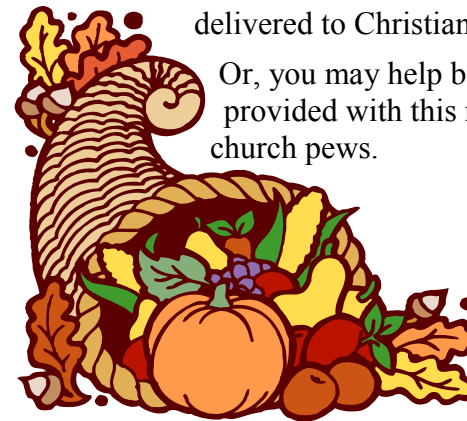
Please help us—who are so blessed—be a blessing to those in need at this special time of year. We can express our “Thanksgiving” by helping those in need in our community..

It is strange that in a country where we are blessed with such abundance—and many of us are counting calories and carbs—that there are still those who must struggle to provide basic nutrition for their families.

At Trinity Lutheran we have helped in the past by generous donations of food and paper products to Christian Friendliness Food Pantry. Canned goods, pasta, beans, cereal and other non-perishable food items are always needed. Paper towels, toilet tissue, bath soap and laundry detergent are also appreciated by those in need.

You can help by bringing your donations to the church and placing them in the hall downstairs outside Founders Hall. All of the donations will be delivered to Christian Friendliness by our World Hunger Committee.

Or, you may help by placing your contribution in the envelope provided with this newsletter. Envelopes also available in the church pews.



Blessed to be a Blessing

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.

November 14, 2004 – 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

Signs of the end time fill today's gospel. Christ will come again "to judge the living and the dead," we confess in the creed. How, then, shall we live, knowing that everything around us will one day pass away? We can live with hope if we know that history is heading toward the God who loves us. Yet we also live in the present moment ready for action, making the most of the time given to us as a gift.

November 21, 2004 – Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

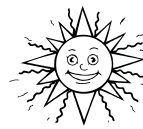
On this last Sunday of the church year, we honor Christ, who reigns as king from the cross. The effusive descriptions of Christ in the letter to the Colossians remind us of the absolutely central and vital role he rightfully claims in our life. All space and all time belong to the one who offers paradise to those who live and die with him.

“Class of the Month”

Kindergarteners and 1st Graders are being recognized as the “Sunday School Class of The Month” for November. Please look for their picture as you enter the sanctuary. The class is invited to worship as a group with their families on Sunday, November 21st at the 11:00 service. Please do be sure to greet them!



Deadline for articles for next *Trinity Visitor* is Thursday, November 18th.



Thank You...

To Pastor Laura for her devotion and faithful service to her flock; and to the friends who shared their love for Ralph. We had food, flowers and memorials. Our family was overwhelmed with your caring.

God be with you all.

Al Hansen & Family

To Trinity members for your many prayers for healing and support for David Dunn while he was recuperating from injuries incurred while serving in Iraq. While he still has more recovery ahead of him, his family reports that he is doing well and returning to normal activities of life.

Thanks be to God!

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Rod Koppenhoefer, age 46,
 who entered Eternal Life
 November 5, 2004

Services at Trinity November 9th

and

Lawrence Boster,
 Father of Drew Boster,
 who entered Eternal Life
 Friday, November 5, 2004

Hospitalized...

As of Monday, November 8th

Genesis West: Rev. Chris Meyer

Trinity West: Paul Boettcher
 Charley Hall
 Shirley Christianson

Connections

LYO News

❖ **Wednesday, November 17**

Let's worship with our families, then we'll meet in the LYO room at 7:30 for conversation and "Pastabilities" dinner planning.

❖ **Wednesday, November 24**

Let's worship with our families at Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. We will be weighing food donations and transporting it to the local Food Pantry.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, November 13 – Fall Clean-up Day (rescheduled). We will meet at Trinity at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 4 – We will meet in Founders Hall at 9:00 a.m. to set up for the Pastabilities Dinner.

Sunday, December 5 – Pastabilities Dinner 6:00 p.m. in Founders Hall. We will be there from set-up through clean-up.

PRAYER CHAIN 762-3624

ATTENDANCE

| WORSHIP | 8:30 | 11:00 | Total |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| October 31st | 257 | 159 | 416 |
| “Learning” | | | 72 |
| WOW November 3rd | | | 61 |
| November 7th | 220 | 169 | 389 |
| “Learning” | | | 110 |

HINTS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

During worship let children make a list of all the things they are thankful for in their life.

New Hearing Assist Devices are Here!

Five new hearing assist devices have been acquired to augment those already in service. As of now, all are in good working order and ready to be used. Our thanks go to Bob Hibbert for all of his time and efforts in bringing these five new units to Trinity. Please remember to return the hearing assist devices to their storage spot so that they are available for others who need to them during worship services.

HEALTH TIP

Great American Smokeout!

Trying to kick the habit? Why not join the Great American Smokeout on Thursday, November 18th. This annual event encourages smokers to give up cigarettes for 24 hours – and hopefully for the rest of their lives. Need help? Call me at the church - 762-3624, the American Cancer Society – 794-0601, or Trinity – 779-2000 or Genesis Medical Centers – 421-1095 for more information. Give yourself the gift of a longer and healthier life . . . your lungs will appreciate it!

Julie Blew, Parish Nurse



Good Coffee for a Great Cause

It's that time of year again!

Anna Unit of WELCA will be offering Equal Exchange Coffee for sale—the coffee that ensures third world farmers a fair wage.

What a great opportunity to help the less fortunate, check off folks on your gift list, and stock your own shelves as well. Chocolate bars that were popular last year will also be available.

To ensure that the kind and amount of coffee you want is available, pre orders will be taken November 14th and 21st in Founders Hall before and between services. Delivery and additional sales will be Dec. 5 and 12 or until the supply runs out. Call Judy Rullman at 762-5173 with questions or

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Next meeting 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.

Orpha Bergstrand, Trinity member for over 40 years, has moved to Louisville, Kentucky to live with her son. She misses her friends at Trinity and would like to correspond with them. Her new address is 6405 Cooper Chapel Road, Louisville, KY 40229.

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

On behalf of the Pastor Laura Koppenhoefer and Pastor Christian Meyer families, I want to express our deepest gratitude to God for all saints of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Quad Cities faith communities for your expressions of love and care over these last months and weeks. As you know, our friend in Christ, Rodney Koppenhoefer, entered God's promise of eternal life on Friday, November 5th while at home with his loved ones. The worship celebration service was held at Trinity on Tuesday, November 9th. Bishop Gary Wollersheim preached the Gospel, Pastor Joel presided at Holy Communion, family and friends shared memories and participated in the service. The “Community of Joy Praise Ensemble” of St. John Lutheran, Bloomington, IL and the “WOW” and “Contemporary Worship Praise Ensemble” of Trinity Lutheran celebrated the enduring presence and promise of God in music.

Memorials may be sent to support the Contemporary Worship Ministries at Trinity Lutheran, Moline and/or St. John Lutheran, Bloomington; to an educational fund for Erica and Sarah Koppenhoefer; or the American Cancer Society. The Koppenhoefer home address is 1416 35th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201-3038.

Pastor Chris Meyer accidentally fell as he conducted a funeral on Saturday, October 30th. He is recovering at Genesis West from a broken hip and a broken wrist. Cards and letters may be sent to the hospital or to his home: 2606 E Central Park, Davenport, IA 52803.

I would also like to personally thank every member of the Trinity staff, Pastor Richard Priggie, Pastor Frank Samuelson, Craig Tigerman, the Trinity Church Council and the saints of Trinity for the excellent ministry provided while I was enrolled in a refresher Interim Intentional Ministry course at Luther Seminary, St. Paul last week. We are certainly blessed to have “saints go marching in.”

*Your Partner in Christ's Mission
Pastor Joel*

Something to Celebrate

One of the great artistic treasures in the Quad-Cities is the Casavant tracker-action pipe organ installed at Trinity Lutheran Church in 1974. This year, Casavant Freres is celebrating 125 years of organ building. Since November 1879, when the Casavant brothers announced the opening of their workshop in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, organs bearing their name have been built and installed all over the world in churches, cathedrals, educational institutions, and concert halls. Every week, thousands of people hear and sing to the accompaniment of a Casavant organ.

In commemoration of their 125th anniversary year, Casavant has commissioned American composer, Dan Locklair, to write a work entitled: "In Mystery and Wonder: The Casavant Diptych." This composition will be played all around the world this Sunday, November 14—including Trinity Lutheran, Moline—as organists representing many denominations in numerous places unite their hands in performance not just to commemorate the anniversary, but also to celebrate the common purpose of providing music for worship.

Steve Steely, Minister of Music

Journey of Joy Notes

Thanksgiving Stewardship

Please bring a non-perishable food items to add to our growing shopping cart. We will combine these items with Trinity's on Thanksgiving Eve to raise a ton of food for the local food pantry.

Parents: Mark your Calendars for the Christmas Program

December 19th at 4:00 p.m. parents of our 3rd and 4th graders will be in charge of setting up refreshments. Parents of 5th and 6th graders will do clean-up after refreshments. Parents, please call Dawn Simmons or Anne Williams to sign up. If we do not get volunteers, the children won't get refreshments. Thanks!!

Rehearsals on November 14 & 21 and December 5, 12 & 19

All 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders who have a drama part in the Christmas program: Don't forget about rehearsals at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Make sure your shepherd knows that you are here and then report to Trish Fox in the Sanctuary. Thanks!



PASTA-BILITIES

Trinity LYO's
Annual Pasta Dinner
Sunday, December 5th
6:00 p.m.
in Founders Hall

Pizza with the Preschool!

Wednesday, November 17, 2003
5-6 p.m. in Founders Hall,

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, when the Preschool Board and Staff Members will be blessed. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Hayz at 764-7220.

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.

TRINITY SUPPER CLUB

Tuesday, November 16th
In Founders Hall
Tickets available November 14th
in Founders Hall during Fellowship time.
All ages welcome!

UP'N ADAM, EVE

Wednesday, December 1st, 8:30 a.m.

"Christmas Remembrances"
By the Up'N Adam, Eve Planning Committee,
along with Larry Johnston's
Christmas Melodies.

Tickets available November 21st and 28th
in Founders Hall during fellowship time.
Or call either Julie at 762.3624
or Al at 762.1734

Advent Brunch

Saturday, December 11, 11:00 a.m.

The Quad City Chapter of Valpo Guild is sponsoring an Advent Brunch to be held at Trinity. Each table will be uniquely decorated with a Christmas theme. A mini-boutique will be available. Inspirational Advent Devotions led by Pastor Joel will follow the delicious brunch.

Call Judy Rullman, 762.5173,
for reservations.

Proceeds to benefit Valparaiso University.

Habitat for Humanity

Remodeling? Don't know what to do with those used (but still nice) cabinets, doors or light fixtures? Call Habitat for Humanity to see if your unwanted building materials can find anew life in someone else's home.

If you wish to volunteer, call 563-391-4949.. Location is 3629 Mississippi Ave., Davenport.

Trinity Churchmen's First *Advent* Breakfast For All Trinity Men Saturday, November 27th

- ❖ Come to Founders Hall
- ❖ Coffee served during gathering time.
- ❖ Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- ❖ Worship at 8:30 in Chapel.
- ❖ No reservation needed.
- ❖ Cost remains at only \$2.00
- ❖ We welcome "First Timers"!

If you have a guest for the weekend, bring him along. We will continue on Saturdays, December 4th, December 11th and end on December 18th.

"Wednesdays at One"

"Wednesdays at One" Bible Study continues in the Multi-Purpose Room, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Bring your Bible and join Pastor Joel for this weekly study of the lectionary texts used for preaching. Returning and new participants are all welcome!

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.