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Up 'N Adam, Eve
June Mini Hostel 2005
Augustana College Campus

What's Your Story?
June 8th
 "A Comparison of Old Testament and New Testament Stories"
 Ritva Williams, Religion Professor, Augustana

June 15th
 "Story Telling and Writing"
 Ann Boaden, Adjunct English Professor, Augustana

June 22nd
 "Writing and Journaling"
 Jane Bahls, Professional Writer

9:30—11:30 AM with lunch following
 \$25.00/person for the session

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TRINITY CARES!

Worship and Mission Celebration

Sunday, April 17th

One Worship from 9:30—11:00 am

- **Fellowship 1/2 hour before and after worship**
- **Holy communion celebrated**
- **Trinity Choir and Praise Ensemble**
- **Installation of New Ministry Leaders**

The Good News presented in amazing ways, through:

- **Youth**
- **Membercare ministry team, and**
- **Worship and learning ministry teams!**

Learn more about:

- **The Trinity Transition Team — preparing for a senior Pastor call committee**
- **Stewardship challenges and opportunities**

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL WORSHIP!

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MISSION STATEMENT OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA
Praise God – Serve Christ – Love One Another
 Pastor Joel Bexell Pastor Laura Koppenhoefer Pastor Chris Meyer

The Next Two Sundays at Trinity
 Trinity Cares! Single Service the 17th at 9:30 -11:00 am
 Sunday the 24th services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

April 17th, 2005 Worship and Mission Celebration Sunday
GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

To some contemporary Christians, the image of Christ as shepherd appears outdated. Yet the continuing popularity of this "Good Shepherd Sunday" and the tender psalm appointed for the liturgy begs the question: Why are moderns attracted to a shepherd? Is it not that we yearn for guidance, protection, and strength in a world filled with much chaos, violence, and fast-paced change? The liturgy this day offers the image of our God as shepherd: the one who guides us--not out of this world, but in and through it with staff and overflowing cup, with word and holy supper.

April 24th, 2005 The Fifth Sunday of Easter—Confirmation Sunday
GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The gospel readings for the last Sundays of Easter shift the focus from Christ's presence among the disciples to his care for those who will continue his mission in the world. While the scriptural context is obvious, Christ addresses his contemporary disciples as well. To the community that bears his name he says, You will also do the works that I do. The church keeps Easter's fifty days in order to discern anew its baptismal witness in the world. In our community, at this time, with these gifts, what witness can we offer to the one who is our way, our truth, and our life?

Got Troubles?

Sure! We all do, and lately our computers have too! If you have emailed the office any articles, announcements, prayer requests, etc., and they have not been published, or if you have not received a response, please accept our apologies. Please call with your announcement, or try emailing again.
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Sunday School Class of the Month

The 7th and 8th Grade Class is the class of the month. Please worship together at the 11:00 service on April 24th.

Hints to Encourage Children at Worship

Admire the beautiful stained glass windows. Point out when a Bible story matches up with images on the windows.

Attention Blood Donors

The Trinity blood drive is Monday, June 6th. Please do **not** give blood after April 11th to be eligible to donate at Trinity.

Health Tips: Alcohol and Diabetes:

If you have diabetes, be aware that the body processes alcohol in much the same way it processes fat, and alcohol is almost as highly caloric. If you choose to drink alcohol, only drink occasionally and when you have a well-controlled blood sugar level. If you are wondering whether drinking alcohol is risky for you, check with your doctor first.

Trinity Supper Club

Brock Earnhardt and Bill Burress present a service project among the Maya people in Guatemala, Mexico. Chicken dinner, April 19th, Founders Hall, 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 and may be purchased in Founders Hall after services April 10th & 17th. Questions? Call Lucille Almquist at 794-1580

Attendance:

Sun., April 3rd: 8:30: **167** 11:00: **113**
 Learning: **65**
 WOW, Wed. Apr. 6: **40**
 Sun., April 10th: 8:30: **186** 11:00: **192**
 Learning: **122**

Connections: LYO News

LYO Wednesdays
 7:30—9:00 pm
 LYO room

Call Bob Simmons at 309-658-2022 for more information!

Praise Ensemble

Praise Ensemble rehearsals will now be at 6:30 p.m. on a regular basis, as we have been doing during Lent. The exception, of course, will continue to be First Tuesdays, when rehearsal starts at 6:00.

WELCA's Mother's Appreciation Dinner
Presented by Sarah Unit
Sunday, April 24th

Come and enjoy grilled chicken or pork, sweet or baked potato, salad, and desert. Prepared by Sarah unit member's husbands! Dinner at 5 p.m. Program at 6 p.m. – QC Music Guild Children's Chorus (with Sarah Slothower) Tickets on sale all Sunday's in April! \$5 adults, \$3 children

This year we have asked several groups in the church to decorate a step stool. Raffle tickets will be sold 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Money raised will go to support ministries of our church. Raffle tickets available all Sunday's in April – drawing will be held the night of the dinner.

Prayer Chain: 762-3624

Butterfly Blessings

Butterfly Blessings, an annual gathering of individuals and families who have been affected by the death of an infant before or shortly after birth will be held at **2:00 PM, Saturday, April 23rd** at Trinity Medical Center, West Campus. It includes personal stories, music and candle lighting ceremony and a simple craft project made in remembrance of the baby. For information, please call Trinity pastoral care 770-2989. To register, call My Nurse, 779-2000.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for the time they gave to Jim that enabled him to pursue his life-long dream. And thanks to Pastor Laura, Pastor Joel, and Bob Simmons for all the support given to us during Jim's time in the hospital and after his death. Words aren't enough to express our gratitude.

A special thanks to the Youth of Trinity for everything they have done before Jim's accident and after his death. He would be so proud of ALL of you.

Love Bev, Jennie and Robyn

Urgent Childcare Request

Member care has received an urgent request from a Trinity family with a temporary childcare crisis. Beginning April 25th, because of a change in job shifts, they need care for a 7 and 8 year old from 3 pm to 8 pm, or from 5:30 to 8 pm (children could go to after school care from 3:00 to 5:30). They expect this to be temporary—for three or four weeks. If you could help this family, or know someone else that could help, please contact Trinity Member Care assistant team leader Linda Milton at 788-6187

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Katherine (Katie) Bodenbender will be celebrating her 100th birthday on April 19th at a private family gathering.

As her church family, let's honor her with our prayers and best wishes.

**Happy Birthday!**

April 17th — 30th

- 17-Betty Johnson
- 18-Cindy DeWitt, Quinn Flemming,
Anna Logsdon, Robert Olson
- 19-Katie Bodenbender, Richard Eckermann, Sarah
Eckhardt,
Barbara Johnston, Linda Langrock, April
Peterson, Linda Robb
- 20-Michael Ducey, Jaclyn Lopez-Negrete, Randy
Weigandt
- 21-Maggie Jones, Whitney Loser,
Emily Palomaki
- 22-Keith Gellerstedt, Lori Lester, Emmett Schultz,
Parker Stewart, Jolene Welsler
- 23-Aaron Ford, Audra Ford, Carly Minch, Daniel
Neff, Kari Poby,
Stephanie Scott, Karen Zweifel
- 24-Jennifer Dean, Arthur Milton, Christopher
Pearson
- 25-Ella David, Myron Fogde, Kathryn Griffith,
Emily Kauzlarich, Kristofer Loff, Amy Olson,
Joshua Stice
- 26-William Grimes, Lucia Moore,
Andrew Olson, Sally Welvaert
- 27-Sydney Griffin, Schuyler Moore, Kirk
Rylander, Deann Thoms, Sean Vogler
- 28-Meryl Eckermann, Cynthia Griffith, Jeannine
Ingelson, Chester Johnson, Britt Moen
- 29-Luverne Biorn, Joel DeWitte, Elisabeth
McCafferty, Fiona Roehrs,
Marilyn Swanson
- 30-Alice Flick, Bryan Hallene,
Elyse Maccabee, Eryn Maccabee, Andrea
Napier, Joan Ribbeck

Notes on the Journey

It's a Saturday morning. The sun is shining. The weather forecast is for a beautiful spring day. That alone would be enough. That alone is a gift from God. But it got better! Eleven confirmands arrived in the church parking lot (one was home sick). Two pastors, one minister of Christian Education, one confirmation parent/leader and the "eleven" prayed, and then gathered in four cars and headed to Camp Shalom, in rural Makoqueta, Iowa for the "Ready to Affirm" Camp. There, we immersed ourselves in God's Story and our stories, reminded one another of how God loves us (especially through the gifts of the 10 Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments), and called ourselves to grow in faith.

I know that I usually start these notes with some personal story – where I've lived – what kind of trees grew on the farm – the situation of my yard work – or whatever. However, I assure you, that when I talk about confirmation and confirmation camp that I am talking about my personal story – especially my faith story. When I journey with our youth and with all of you, I do grow in faith.

I invite you to do a bit of talking with your family and other friends about how you have grown in faith. At camp, Pastor Joel led all of us through a series of questions which our second year confirmation students will be summarizing in the form of a faith statement before they affirm their baptism on April 24th.

Go ahead and answer these questions

yourself: What is your first memory of church or worship? Who helped you understand that Jesus is more than a baby – that he is our Savior? Who helped you to have faith? Who do you know who needs Jesus? What questions about church, faith, God, and Jesus do you still have? And then, finish the following sentence: My Christian faith will have meaning in my life after confirmation because...

I remember Sunday School and worship (always in the second row – every Sunday.) Singing hymns with my grandma on the farm. Wonderful teachers and felt boards. Youth leaders who stuck with us through tough times (e.g., the death of a classmate). Singing in choir (at all ages) and playing the piano for Sunday School Opening. The 1976 All Lutheran Youth Adult Gathering in New Orleans (Wow!). I remember feeling welcomed in the body of Christ.

Lots of memories fill my adult years, and I celebrate them. Many of those experiences led me to explore a call to ordained ministry. One particular conversation in a living room of a fellow parishioner, with our pastor and about 8 other folks from church may have had the greatest single impact on my faith growth. That conversation changed my life and my husband's as well. We were encouraged to grow in faith – through growing our financial giving to the church – in gracious response to God's love for us. No one had ever asked us that before. No one had even

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Trinity Cares Worship & Mission
Sunday, April 17th @ 9:30 AM

It is my prayer and expectation that all members, friends and family of Trinity who are physically able, will celebrate God's presence in our ministry and God's vision for our future ministry this **Sunday, April 17th at our ONE worship service with Holy Communion at 9:30 am.**

I hope that you have reminded your friends and family about the one-time Celebration time of 9:30 am so that we can have an Easter experience as one united Body of Christ. After six months living with and loving the people of Trinity Lutheran, I am convinced that God has a wonderful future for Trinity. We need to GROW HEALTHIER to fulfill God's vision for mission and ministry to the saints of ALL ages for whom we CARE. This Sunday I will begin to share some insights into the diagnosis for growing a Healthy Congregation spiritually, emotionally, and relationally.

Dave Tews, who is has been appointed a Co-Leader of the Transition Ministry Leadership Team, will also share an outline for the "Interim Process" that will include congregational input and completing the "Congregational Profile." We will also encourage individuals to share their spiritual gifts and ministry insights as the Ministry Leadership Teams and task forces are being recruited with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and prayer.

Congregational President, Eric Sandberg will share the opportunities and the challenges of **how Trinity's renewed commitment to a HEART for generous prayer and financial support will launch a Godly future for the Body of Christ.** God has given our shared ministry all the resources Trinity will ever need. There is only one issue: God put these resources in YOUR'S and MY bank accounts. The Church Council and the Ministry Team Leaders are being asked to prayerfully make their commitments to "TRINITY CARES" by April 21st. **On Mother's Day, May 8th, we will Celebrate "Trinity Cares MIRACLE SUNDAY" and receive YOUR overwhelming support for Trinity Lutheran's Future.**

now been hired as the Communications Coordinator.

World Mission: During 2004, Trinity gave \$1,000 in support of missionary volunteers Todd and Lori Byerly of Davenport. Should the Byerlys continue as volunteers for a second year, the \$1,000 Trinity has been donating annually for support of the Henseys, who are leaving the missionary field, will be given as continuing support for the Byerlys. This summer's ELCA Global Mission Event will be held at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND, from July 14 to 17 and at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, MD, from August 25-28. Members of the congregation are invited to join some of the WMMT members at these mission events.

Library Lines

Martin Marty is one of America's most respected religious spokespersons and is the author of more than 50 books. The Trinity library has a number of these volumes, but the three that I would particularly like to recommend are coauthored by Marty's son Micah. Micah Marty is a well known photographer and the books contain devotions based on his black and white photos – with a related scripture of course. PLACES ALONG THE WAY 242.34 according to the author is a pilgrimage – visiting places along the way. One picture is of a solitary shepherd with a flock of sheep, another of some vases on a wall, another of some small fishing boats. Gothic worship spaces are the subject of the devotions in OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME 242.34. The photos include large and small, grand and simple – but all examples of gothic architecture. THE PROMISE OF WINTER 242.5 according to the author uses "images of winter to describe a condition of our hearts on ordinary days in every season – here winter refers to the quiet times. All three of these books could provide the bases for brief but meaningful daily devotions.

For someone seeking more scholarly reading, Martin has coauthored with Johnathan Moore, POLOTICS, RELIGION AND THE COMMON GOOD 322. The book deals with the complex issues surrounding public religion. A CRY OF ABSENCE 248.4 is subtitled "Reflections for the Winter of the Heart." It too requires a serious reader.

Reminder: The Good Book Club meets Monday, April 25th to discuss CROSSING TO SAFETY by Wallace Stegner.

Read all about it: Ministry Teams on the Move!

Some new directions are underway, and new teams are new participants are excited about present plans and future goals.

Member Care: Joyce Ford, team leader, and Linda Milton, assistant team leader, report that the food team served 12 meals in the fall of 2004 and have served 12 meals so far in 2005. Easter cards signed by the pastors were sent to each service person, and a calling card for 800 minutes was enclosed. The tele-card team will be meeting twice a month to send out cards to ill members. Volunteers may call Al Hansen if they are willing to drive members to appointments or to church.

Health and Wellness: An AED device has been installed and is ready to use in an emergency at church. Staff members will have an inservice on how to use it, and ushers are encouraged to take CPR training. A CPR class will be held on April 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Outreach and Witness: This is the new name for the team formerly known as the Evangelism Team. Rick Meredith is the new team leader, and Judy Dwyer is the Council liaison. New members are being sought to join this committee, which plans to be very active in follow-up on guests who visit our church. The immediate focus will be on the Discipleship member class to be held on April 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

Congregational Life: Diane Swayne, the new team leader, reports that this team hopes to plan six or seven events for Trinity members and the community. Some of the events discussed include a kickoff for Vacation Bible School, a golf outing, Bix Sunday and a church picnic.

Learning and Spiritual Formation: All three Learning and Spiritual Formation teams have met, according to Anne Williams. For adults, planning will focus on the Sunday morning programs as well as a fall retreat. The calendar for Confirmation is complete through January 2006. Information is currently being gathered about Journey of Joy and other children's ministries at Trinity.

Stewardship: Much planning has taken place for **Trinity Cares** on April 17th, and commitment cards will be handed out that day. On April 21st there will be a training meeting for callers (ministry team leaders, Council members and other volunteers) and May 8th will be a Culmination Celebration for the congregation.

Communications: Discussion centered on publicity for the April 17th **Trinity Cares Sunday**, as the team feels it most important that everyone interested be aware of the one service at 9:30 a.m. At this time, about 80 eTVs go out, and it is hoped that more people with access to the internet will sign up to receive their *Trinity Visitor* online. The team also hopes to encourage more committees to use email when possible instead of mailings, as the postage costs over a period of time are significant. This committee is especially pleased that Dawn Anderson has

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suggested that we could grow in faith by doing that! So, we prayed about it. We did it. (Increased our family giving from 3% to 10% over the course of 6 years.) And, we grew in faith. Where our money went, our faith followed and flourished.

You will hear about the importance of making and keeping financial promises that support our church and its ministries. Please also truly know that you are invited to grow in faith through giving back to God as you have been blessed. Maybe we could all share those stories at camp!

Confident in Christ
Pastor Laura

Alleluia He is Risen!

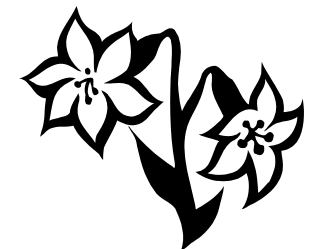
Thanks to all who participated in worship on Easter Sunday:

Greeters,
Ushers,
Easter Processional Participants,
Assisting Ministers,
Acolytes,
Readers,
Communion Assistants,
Altar Preparers,
Chancel Decorators,
Bulletin preparers and collators,

The Quad-City Brass Quintet,
The Trinity Choir,
The Praise Ensemble,
Handbell Players,

Breakfast cooks,
Breakfast servers,
& Breakfast clean up crew

We thank God for your ministry among us.



Learning for Adults

Parenting Faithful Elementary Aged Students

In our continuing parenting series at Trinity, we move to discussing our elementary aged students and their faith lives as members of families. Larry and Barb Johnston, educators, parents and grandparents, lead this course. Join us for faith-filled conversations about parenting! Class meets in the Multipurpose Room.

Bible Study: The Acts of the Apostles

Join our own Minister of Education as we walk through the book of Acts. This book begins with Easter and focuses on the actions and power of the Holy Spirit in the earliest church community. Come out and learn more about the Holy Spirit! Class meets in the Lounge.

Luther at the Movies

Back by popular demand!!!! This series of informative and fun films covers many aspects of Luther's life and those who lived with him. Take this chance to learn more about the man who founded our denomination!

What Has Jesus Done: Liberation, Liberty and Liberality

This course, taught by Craig Tigerman, focuses on the meaning and importance of three Bible verses for our lives today: 1. **Liberation** -- "And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). 2. **Liberty** -- "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not again submit to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1). 3. **Liberality** -- "And all who believed were together and had all things in common" (Acts 2:44). Join us in the Blessed Beginnings room!

No Class on **April 17th**! Classes resume on the **24th** and continue to **May 15th**.

Confirmation Corner

Last required Sunday School: April 17th: church starts at 9:30 so meet us in the JR. High room then!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is APRIL 24TH at the 11:00 service. It is also Jr. High Sunday School day. So everyone come to the 11:00 service and we'll all sit together.

All confirmands and their families are invited to join us a 10:00 am for a light breakfast and fellowship.



Journey of Joy Notes

Vacation Bible School – June 13 – 17, 2005 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Are you interested in making a difference in a child's life?

Then come and volunteer a week of your time for Vacation Bible School. Anyone that is going into 7th grade to 95 years of age – your help is needed!

I am looking for Shepherds/helpers for the classes, Art/Craft Coordinator/helpers, Music Coordinator/helpers, Recreation helpers – anyone that is

interested in helping we need you!

Please contact me at dawnsimmons@trinitylutheranmoline.org or you can call on my cell at 309-269-1387.

Thanks, Dawn Simmons – Journey of Joy Coordinator and VBS Director

Journey of Joy is searching for a box of paint shirts that is missing from the supply room. If you know where it is please call Anne Williams, Minister of Education at 762-3624.



Blessed Beginnings Preschool

We are now accepting enrollments for the 2005-2006 school year for our 3 & 4 year olds' programs. We have openings in both of our afternoon classes.

The 3's meet on Tuesday/Thursday 12:30-3:00 pm and the 4's meet Monday/Wednesday/Friday 12:30-3:30 pm. If you, or someone you know, have a preschooler that would benefit from this Christ-centered pre-Kindergarten experience, just let us know!

Call Mrs. Hayz at the preschool at 764-7220 for more information, or to get an application.

Communion Classes

Communion classes are being held April 19th, 21st, 26th, and 28th for all fifth and sixth graders who haven't had communion instruction before. The First Communion celebration will be held on May 1st at the 8:30 am and 11:00 am service. Please call Anne Williams, Minister of Education, (762-3624) to enroll your fifth or sixth grader!

