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## Congratulations!

What do we get when we take: three yearly camps, Luther's Small Catechism, Sunday School lessons, midweek confirmation learning, fellowship events, lots of Tootsie Rolls whose wrappers are folded into a prayer chain, times of meditation and prayer, pastors, service projects, the minister of Christian education, small group time, asking faith questions, art projects, written faith statements, and caring parents, grandparents, and baptismal sponsors ?

And then... mix them with 12 wonderful young men and women?  
 And then... stir completely with the gift of the Holy Spirit?

We get 12 wonderful people who have Affirmed their Baptism in worship on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>!

Angela Emily Bahls  
 Tyler Anthony Brown  
 Brian Keith Doroba  
 Jeremiah Alan Love II  
 Jennifer Arlene Lillich Roderick  
 Karin Therese Scott

Kiah Nichole Barnes  
 Sarah Suzanne Buckles  
 Shannon Cutrer Fox  
 Mila Marie Ribbeck  
 Kelsey Lynn Rumler  
 Joel Elijah Turner

Please join us in praying for these young people and their families as they continue to grow in faith.

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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

### Sunday services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

**May 1, 2005 The Sixth Sunday of Easter—First Communion**

**GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks clearly of the Spirit he will send to his disciples of every generation. Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus announces that a person comes to birth as a child of God through water and the Spirit. In this reading he calls the Spirit another advocate, the one who will speak to the heart of the baptized who listen in silence for his voice.

In their prayers, hymns, and preaching, Western Christians have tended to place greater emphasis on Christ than the Holy Spirit. In these Sundays, when the role of the Spirit in Christian life is highlighted, it may be appropriate to reflect on our understanding of this seemingly silent yet ever-present person of the Holy Trinity

**May 8, 2005 The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

"Holy Father, protect them in your name . . . so that they may be one" (John 17:11). With these words, Jesus prays for the unity of his disciples in every age, for their life, and for their mission in the world. Throughout these last days of Easter leading to Pentecost, we could readily pray these words: Holy Father, protect us in your name so that we may be one. In the midst of much economic, ethnic, and cultural diversity, there is ample room for letting what is distinctive about us become divisive. Yet, as Christians, our deepest identity is discovered in baptism, proclaimed in the word, and nourished in the holy supper: we are one people who struggle for the unity that God intends for the entire human family.

Victor the Moor, commemorated today, was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard who was martyred for his faith in 303.

### 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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#### Hints to Encourage Children at Worship

Use the Lord's Prayer at home and teach your children, so they can participate in the prayer during the worship service.

#### Help Support Special Olympics

Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 9th for the Thrivent 12th annual Night at the Ball park. See the Swing play and contribute to a good cause since Trivent will match ticket sales 3 to 1. Tickets will be on sale for \$1 during some of the May coffee hours.

#### Praise Ensemble

Praise Ensemble rehearsals will now be Tuesdays 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.

#### Attention Blood Donors

The Trinity blood drive is Monday, June 6th. If you have given blood since April 11th you will be ineligible to donate at Trinity.

#### Help!

Trinity's Technology Task Force is seeking additional members. If you like to install, maintain or troubleshoot hardware or software and can share some of you "time and talent" for the church equipment, please contact [craig@tiger.org](mailto:craig@tiger.org). Thank you!

#### Attendance:

Sun., April 17th: Trinity Cares! 9:30: **302**

WOW, Wed. April 20th: **79**

Sun., April 24th: 8:30: **18211:00: 212**

Learning: **101**

#### Connections: LYO News

Wednesday, May 4 7:30 -9:00 pm  
"Paint the Blocks Night"

Wednesday, May 11 7:30 -9:00 pm LYO

Wednesday, May 18 7:30 -9:00 pm  
SENIOR SEND-OFF Night and TACO night

Sunday, May 22 9am - noon  
LYO Annual Car Wash in church parking lot  
Watch for details in next Trinity Visitor

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

#### *WELCA's Mother's Appreciation Dinner Presented by Sarah Unit*

Thank you to all who attended the Mother's Appreciation Dinner – what a yummy meal. We had a great time. Thanks to the entire group of husband's who cooked, served and cleaned up!

Thanks to Quad City Music Guild Children's Choir for the program – you girls were great!

The stepstools were won by:

Carolyn McGehee - LYO

Cheryl Schmidt - WELCA

Art Milton - WOW

Sarah Slothower - Up-n-Adam Eve

Candy Walters - Sara Unit

Diane Sandburg - Blessed Beginnings 3's

Caroline Simmons - Blessed Beginnings 4's

Judickas Family - Senior Choir

Mary Kruse - Journey of Joy

Patty Malmstead - Library

**Thanks to LYO**

The Family of Jim Graham would like to thank the LYO group for the tree and the memorial stone they planted in Jim's memory. He would be so proud and honored, because of the love he had for all of you. Words can never begin to tell all of you that he will never forget ANY of you. Neither will the rest of his family, we will help keep dreams alive.



Grandpa & Dana

Love;  
Bev Graham  
Jennie and Mark Engstrom  
Robyn Graham  
and most of all DANA

**Up 'N Adam, Eve**

*Wednesday, May 4th at 8:30 AM*

**Mwende Ntarangwi**  
**Assistant Professor, Augustana College**  
**The Mutuuma Primary School, Kenya, Africa**

Tickets \$3.00 available May 1st in Founders Hall or call Julie at 762-3624 or Al at 762-1734

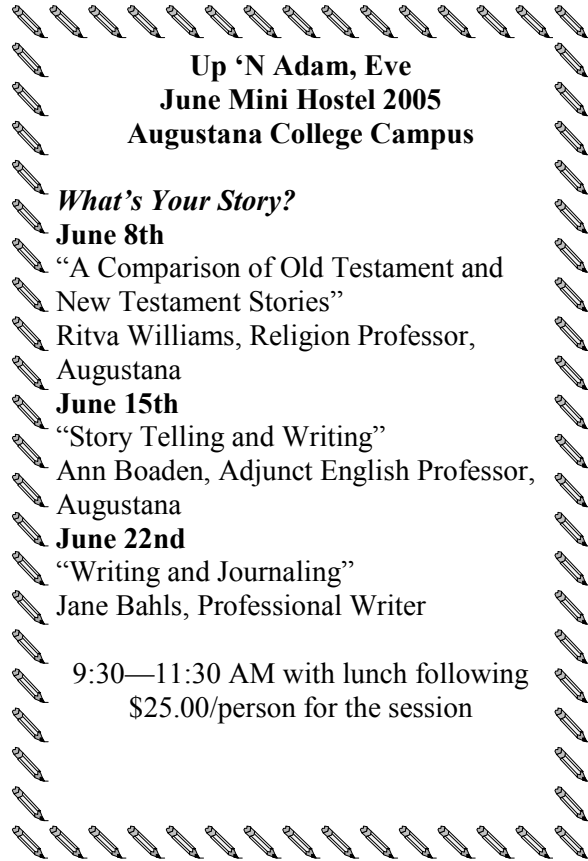
**Thanks WELCA**

Thanks to all WELCA members who donated packets of cards and stationery for the women in prison. Our cards will be added to others and 1500 packets will be delivered to 14 institutions. On Mother's Day you can be happy knowing that you enabled someone to send a message to her mother, daughter or grandmother.

# Notes on the Journey

**Survey Team Report Update:**

- Data collection completed.
- Data interpretation completed.
- Report completed and presented to Church Council
- Worship & Music and Learning Ministry Teams receive report during the week of April 18
- Survey summary available for congregation members mid-May
- Survey discussion meeting scheduled Sunday, May 29, Founders Hall during Learning Hour


  
**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

Yesterday, my daughters and I went to Chenoa, Illinois. Chenoa is a town of about 1800 people on Interstate 55, about 115 miles southwest of Chicago. It's the kind of town where the hair dresser will call your next of kin if you don't show up for your "wash and set" like you have for the past 40 years. (This is good to know – my dad got one of those calls for an elderly aunt – who "didn't show." She had fallen in her apartment as a result of a stroke.)

There are always mixed emotions in a town like that. It's hard to attract newcomers, unless they see the town as a "bedroom" community for Bloomington-Normal. The school district has suffered from lack of funding. And, well, it has the woes that go with small agricultural communities.

And now, what it misses is my Great Aunt Willa. She was the last of my Grandmother Harding's siblings. Willa (actually called Dod, which rhymes with "road") and her husband Dal (which rhymes with "pal") never had children, so my dad and his brother were especially close to them, and then my brother and me, in turn.

A few years ago, Willa was admitted to the Alzheimer's unit at Meadows Mennonite Home in Meadows, Illinois, outside Chenoa. We were all blessed that her sense of humor and kindness remained intact, despite the struggles associated with her disease. In her transition, our home filled with a new plant stand, hall tree, buffet, and hutch.

My favorite gift from Dod and Dal was "re-opened" two years ago when we moved to Rock Island. A large teddy bear. I still have my picture with them – me at age 2 and them at about 52 – and this bear. Mom told me I was actually a bit afraid of it when I first got it, probably because it was bigger than I was. The bear is now sits in a child's rocker in my sunroom. The memories Dod and Dal sit even closer to my heart. Memories of peering over her shoulder while she played pinochle – and "secretly" reading her card hand into the microphone of my Real Tone cassette tape recorder. (Whatever!) Memories of just about every kind of Jell-O salad coming to our home from her kitchen. Memories of her collections of "months of the year" angels filling shelf upon shelf in her home. Memories of her about 5 years ago – when I was

studying so hard in seminary, and she was working so hard to remember anything – looking straight at me and declaring how glad she was that I was going to be a pastor. (She had also cheered me on through becoming a nurse and a teacher of nurses, through getting married, having babies, and all of life's stages.) Willa was and still is a gift from God. Part of grieving her death is missing having that person around who also loved me, and my whole family.

When 12 of our youth affirmed their faith in worship on Sunday, it was clear to see that their families love them as well! Even as I can remember the feel of Aunt Willa's hand in mine, I hope that they can remember the feel of their moms, dads, grandparents or sponsor's finger, dipped in cool baptismal water, and marked in the sign of the cross on their foreheads. I hope they can remember the weight of Pastor Joel and my hands on their heads – their families hands on their shoulders and they were prayed for and blessed. I hope they remember standing shoulder to shoulder with their classmates --- sharing that special bond. I hope they remember -- these signs of love, and more, that they are loved by God – the greatest gift of all.

**Confident in Christ**  
**Pastor Laura**

# 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!

Classes May 1st to May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## First Communion

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) with any questions.

These are the young people celebrating First Communion this Sunday:

Alexander Carson	Whitney Crotty	Katherine Deadmond
Brennen DeVolder	Molly Doroba	Sarah Eckhardt
Alexander Johnson	Kristen Lambert	Autumn Love
Andrew Owens	Haley Resler	Mark Ribbeck
Karlee Rumler	Heidi Schickel	Parker Stewart
Daniel Sutterman	Allison Wells	Ellen Wells



## Congregation Council Minutes

### Report of Survey Team

A written summary of survey results was shared with the council, and the council accepted the report. The results will be reviewed by the ministry teams and will be presented to the congregation in late May.

### Financial Review

Eric Sandberg reported that income and expenses through March are slightly better than the budget. Human Resource expenses are less due to time gap in replacing the Communications Coordinator and the conversion of Youth Minister to a non-compensated position. Members are encouraged to become current with their pledged giving.

### Council Information

1. April 17th Mission Event—More than 80 members will be participating in this event. All ministry team members and leaders will be installed and recognized at this service.
2. Ministry Team Leadership— Several ministry leadership positions are still open.
3. Transition Team Planning— Dave Tews will serve as co-leader of this team. Other members will be solicited through the website and a church-wide mailing with a deadline of May 1st. Dave shared a timeline and the process for the team. He anticipates a Call Committee for a Senior Pastor to begin hopefully in September.
4. Stewardship Planning— Eric Sandberg reported that 15% of pledged units are significantly behind in their giving. Most members (70%) are current with their pledges. The team expressed concern with members who pledge on an annual basis as it is hard to predict when they will submit their givings. Eric also explained the Trinity cares stewardship initiative. Training for this will be held April 21st. Trinity Care pledges will be celebrated at worship services May 8th and results shared at the Council meeting on May 10th.

### Human Resources Update/Issues

Pastor Joel reported that the team is working with the Property team to review facility needs and cost-effective ways to meet these needs. He reported that Dawn Anderson is the new Communications Coordinator. Also a goal setting and performance feedback process has been developed and soon will be implemented.

### Summer Worship Planning

The Council accepted the recommendation to keep our current Sunday worship and learning schedule throughout the summer months.

### Other Business

A new members class will be held May 23rd with an anticipated 20 new families participating.

### Good Fruits

- Thanks to the Meyers family for improved landscaping.
- To LYO for planting a tree and plaque to commemorate the ministry of Jim Graham.
- To all who planned, served, and implemented the many worship services during Holy Week.
- To Judy Dwyer, Nancy DeVilder, and Al Hansen for coordinating luncheon for Habit for Humanity volunteers.
- To Dick Eckerman's skill in compiling and analyzing survey data and results.
- To new Companions in Christ group with 11 members and 2 leaders.
- To new ministry team leaders who are off to a fast start.

Submitted by Laura Ford, Secretary  
Summarized by Communications Team

**Good News Travels Fast!**

In March, Trinity Church Council voted to approve the disbursement of the Forrest and Betty Reid Estate as proposed by the Reid Estate Task Force and as required by the terms of the estate. In each of the next Trinity Visitor Newsletters, we will focus some aspect of this wonderful gift and where the Holy Spirit and Trinity Lutheran, through this estate, are making a difference in people's lives. Here we share a letter from Ben Ingleson, a Trinity member who attends Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He writes, having learned that we have endowed The Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Forrest and Betty Reid Seminary Scholarship Fund. This fund will permanently provide the tuition for one Trinity member per year to attend an ELCA seminary.

Dear Trinity Lutheran, Pastor Laura, Pastor Joel, and Council,

I hope this finds everyone well. I am writing to thank Trinity for supporting the ELCA's Fund for Leadership. As a seminarian, I speak for all seminarians, when I say how much this support means for the church and also means personally to all of us currently in the candidacy process. In this sense, my thank you is on behalf of all the students.

I read in an ELCA news release that in the next ten to fifteen years a significant percentage of ELCA pastors will be retiring. Trinity's gracious gift looks toward the future leadership needs of this church. Thank you for being leaders in this need.

On a personal note, I am well. I will be an intern in Plainfield, IL starting in September at Followers of Christ Lutheran Church. This is a mission development site and this congregation has been worshipping for just over one year now. I am excited to be part of this ministry.

I hope to see you all soon.

Thank You,  
Ben Ingleson

**Things I've Learned From My Children**

*-received through e-mail*

1. A 3-year-olds voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
2. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20 by 20 foot room.
3. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using the ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
4. The glass in windows (even double pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
5. When you hear the toilet flush and the words "Uh-oh," it's already too late.
6. A six-year-old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year-old man says they can only do it in the movies.
7. Certain Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a four-year-old.
8. Play Dough and Microwave should never be used in the same sentence.
9. Super glue *really* is forever.
10. VCR's do not eject PB & J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.
11. You probably do not want to know what that odor is.
12. Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.
13. The fire department in Moline, IL has a 5-minute response time.
14. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
15. It will however make cats dizzy.
16. Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.
17. The mind of a six-year-old is wonderful. - *really!*

*Happy Mother's Day*

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Confirmation Corner**

Confirmation orientation for new and returning students Wednesday May 18th at 7:30 pm (after WOW at 6:30 pm—so come to WOW too!) in Founder's Hall.

- ♥ Get the scoop on Camp
- ♥ Meet the small group leaders
- ♥ Find out about our Back to School PARTY
- ♥ Meet the new kids

Bring your parents too!

See you there, Anne Education Minister

**Trinity Cares! A Note from Eric Sandberg, our Council President**

Our history is of a church that cares. In our 93 years, there is countless evidence of caring for generations of members, for the local communities in which we live and for the global communities who are not as fortunate as we. Trinity is indeed a strong church with tremendous resources and capabilities to serve Christ and one another. What does our past hold? One answer is **Trinity Cares!**

The chancel dramas (i.e. God’s children tended by the shepherd) on April 17<sup>th</sup> provided evidence of the Good News of Christ and the enthusiasm and love of the wonderful ministries at Trinity. Christ is alive at Trinity! The spirit of God is among us! Trinity has many ministry opportunities to share the Good News, serve and honor Christ. There is a ministry opportunity for **everyone!** Today, we celebrate the ministries of this church. We celebrate that God loves us and cares for us – and calls each of us to serve. I invite you to receive a call to ministry at Trinity. I invite you to discover your talents and share your gifts. I invite you to be more like Christ! What does our present hold? One answer is **Trinity Cares!**

Trinity leadership is committed to growing the ministries, membership and faith of this congregation. We believe in, and are working on, worship for all ages, learning for all ages, and a call to ministry service for all ages. We are presently working to strengthen ministry leadership and human resource processes. We envision a growing church, praising God, serving Christ and caring for its members and communities, here and beyond. What does our future hold? One answer is **Trinity Cares!**

Trinity has enjoyed the benefits of good financial stewardship and leadership throughout its existence. Occasionally, we have experienced situations during the year that we could not have fully anticipated at the start of the year. At times, our leadership has had to consume financial reserves. Last year, 2004, was one of those times - when a shortfall of \$52,564 depleted all of the financial reserves in the General Operating Fund. We used-up both the General Fund and Relocation Fund cash reserves; and we borrowed from our 2005 cash flow.

Church leadership has prayed for guidance and has determined a need for a **Trinity Cares!** stewardship initiative. We pray that your generosity may allow Trinity to receive **\$60,000.** We are asking for your prayer and consideration to grow your faith and stewardship. We ask for these monies to keep our ministries, programs and staff healthy, to restore our financial reserves to health, and, very importantly, to prepare for the calling of our next Senior Pastor. On Mother’s Day, May 8, we will celebrate **Trinity Cares!** commitments during the worship services. If you will not be able to attend May 8<sup>th</sup>, please return the **Trinity Cares!** pledge cards to the Church Office during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May.

We can realize our commitment of \$60,000 with a strong response. For example we can make our goal when:

Each month in 2005, we are measuring the rate of giving against the budget. For the first 3 months through March 2005, we are doing OK in total, but there are 4 rates of giving, with 2 representing concern:

1. 70% of pledgers are staying reasonably current
2. 6% of pledgers are significantly ahead
3. 9% of pledgers are notably behind
4. 15% of pledgers are significantly behind

25 give additional <i>Trinity Care</i> Dollars at \$20 per week for the rest of 2005 for a total of	\$16,000
25 give additional <i>Trinity Care</i> Dollars at \$15 per week for the rest of 2005 for a total of	\$12,000
50 give additional <i>Trinity Care</i> Dollars at \$10 per week for the rest of 2005 for a total of	\$16,000
100 give additional <i>Trinity Care</i> Dollars at \$5 per week for the rest of 2005 for a total of	<u>\$16,000</u>
Total to be reached:	<u>\$60,000</u>

We request all pledgers to review their church statements and strive to become current in the next 90 days, and to gift ahead.

I invite you to prayerfully consider ways in which you might grow in generous giving of your self, your time and your possessions. I also ask that you invite me and other members of this church to do the same. In honor to God, we grow and care!

*Dear Lord,*

*We thank you for the gift of life. You love us and care for us, all of the time. Help us to know that our lives are not about us (our wants, our possessions, living by our ways), but that our lives are all about you (living in Christ, following his way). Call each of us to ministry ... to serve you and **Care!** for others. Guide us through this transition period and show us how we can be healthy ... and best have purpose. Teach us to give back to you, as we have been blessed.* Amen.

**LIBRARY LINES**

The choice of a German Cardinal to become the new Pope brought to mind two great Lutheran saints from that country – Martin Luther, obviously, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

If you aren’t acquainted with the latter, a video from our library Bonhoeffer, Agent of Grace tells the story of this Lutheran pastor who chose to confront the Nazis during WWII and lost his life in so doing.

We also have three books in our library written by Bonhoeffer. The term “cheap grace” was used by Bonhoeffer and called the deadly enemy of our church in his book The Cost of Discipleship. 241.5 Life Together 248 is a discussion of Christian fellowship. Anyone who thinks that community means mainly enjoying your friends at coffee hour might do well to peruse this brief ( only 122 pages) volume. Letter and Papers from Prison 248.1 is exactly what the title implies. It would require a serious student of Bonhoeffer to read this book, but it contains a wealth of information not only about his personality, faith and theology, but a look at what life was like in Nazi Germany at that time.

Have you read a book from the Trinity Library that others might enjoy? Please consider writing a brief report. Just leave your remarks in the library with a note – attention Library Lines.

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