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# Trinity Visitor

## Saints of Trinity Care for a Healthy Ministry & Share Generously!

*“Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness.”*  
 Matthew 25:23(NIV)

Our faithful God answered the prayers of Trinity members who in turn generously responded to the “Trinity Cares” initiative on Mother’s Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>. **As of Tuesday, the total “Trinity Cares” receipts and pledged amounts for 2005 equals an amazing \$55,217.00 with \$21,626 already received.** The Trinity Leadership prayed for a minimum of \$50,000 to establish a stable base for our 2004-2005 ministry obligations and opportunities. The prayed-for goal of \$60,000 was established to provide a healthy balance for ministry income and expenses as we move into the “Transition Team” congregational self-study phase beginning May 23<sup>rd</sup>, which will prepare us for the “Senior Pastor Call Process” beginning this fall. Congratulations to everyone who prayed for and participated in this faith adventure.

I want to personally again thank the many renewed Ministry Leadership Teams who planned and participated in the April 17<sup>th</sup> “Trinity Cares Worship and Mission Celebration Sunday.” The response to the creative and inclusive experience continues to resound through the congregation. I also want to thank President Eric Sandberg, Dave Tews, Jim Scott, the Executive Leadership Team, Church Council, Stewardship Team and Ministry Team Leaders for initiating and supporting the “Trinity Cares” emphasis.

**Of course all the planning and preparing only bears fruit when YOU the congregation catch the vision and give God the glory with your generous prayerful and financial response.** I know that many people continue to make significant sacrifices for the Body of Jesus Christ that we love and know as Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The “Trinity Cares” financial commitments are over and above the 2005 commitments made last fall. It would greatly assist the offering counters and finance team if everyone would mark on the envelopes and/or checks the amount that is designated for “Trinity

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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 15, 2005 The Day of Pentecost

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

On this fiftieth day of Easter, the church gathers to celebrate the ongoing life of the Holy Spirit who is its breath, vitality, and inspiration. Through the Holy Spirit, the good news unravels age-old divisions among peoples and nations. In the waters of baptism, the Spirit gives us birth as brothers and sisters of Christ and unites people of different races, tribes, and ethnic groups. In the bread and cup of the holy supper, the Spirit nourishes our unity in worship and witness. On this day, the church offers thanksgiving to God for the very one who continues to sustain its life in each new generation and makes its prayer possible.

#### May 22, 2005 The First Sunday after Pentecost

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

Christians have held a festival in honor of the Holy Trinity since the ninth century, when it was celebrated in French monastic communities. In the fourteenth century, the festival was added to the calendar and has been celebrated throughout the world since that time.

Every celebration of baptism and eucharist is a trinitarian celebration, just as every gathering "in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" is done in union with the Sacred Three.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, the church gathers on Sunday--the day of resurrection--to offer thanksgiving to the Father for Christ's saving life given to us at the table of the word and the table of the eucharist. Listen carefully to the opening greeting, the baptismal "formula," the eucharistic prayer, and the final blessing: we are accompanied in life's journey by a community of persons. We are not alone. Indeed, the church is intended to be a sign in the world of the Holy Trinity's unity-in-diversity.

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Cares" as well as the separate amount for the ongoing 2005 budgeted ministry. The new offering envelopes for the remainder of 2005 will include separate lines for each category. Please let the church office know if you have any concerns about the accounting process.

Your Grateful Partner in Christ's Mission,  
Pastor Joel

#### Hints to Encourage Children at Worship

Teach children how to find the hymns in the hymnal. When it is time to sing during the worship service let them be responsible for finding the hymn.

#### 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 Thrivent will match ticket sales 3 to 1. Tickets will be for sale in Founders Hall May 15 and May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Trinity Supper Club

Pastor Robert Sorensen, former Senior Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, will be leading us in a musical program. Roast beef dinner, May 17th, Founders Hall, 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 and may be purchased in Founders Hall after services May 8th & 15th. Questions? Call Lucille Almquist at 794-1580.

#### Bits from Blessed Beginnings:

Join Blessed Beginnings Preschool at the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service on Sunday, May 22nd as the children sing songs of praise. This is our way of saying "thank you" to Trinity Lutheran Church for a wonderful school year.

Come celebrate with us as the children of Blessed Beginnings Preschool go through their promotion ceremonies at the end of this month. The 3's classes will be honored on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The 4's classes will have their celebrations on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. All services will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room and will conclude with a make-your-own sundae bar!

#### Connections: LYO News

Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 - 9:00 pm  
Parallel Universe with Movie

Note: Leadership Lab applications need to be completed and returned by May 11.

Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 - 9:00 pm  
Senior Send-off Night and Taco Night

Sunday, May 22, 8am - noon  
LYO Annual Car Wash in church parking lot

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

#### Member Care

The 1st fundraiser for Member Care is Thursday, July 14th at Playcrafter's Barn Theater. Please mark your calendars! More info soon.

#### 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@tigerman.org](mailto:craig@tigerman.org). Thank you!

#### Sign Language

Renee Partlow, Trinity's own Sign Language Interpreter, is teaching a beginning sign language class at Black Hawk college in July. You can contact Renee at (309)912-8836 or [renee\\_coda78@yahoo.com](mailto:renee_coda78@yahoo.com).

#### Attendance:

Sun., May 1st: 8:30: 224 11:00: 191  
Learning: 79

WOW, Wed. May 4th: 43

Sun., May 8th: 8:30: 236 11:00:  
Learning: 77

**Reid Estate Update #2 – A Hospital in the making!**

In the last Trinity Visitor, we heard from Seminarian Ben Ingelson on how the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Forrest and Betty Reid Scholarship Fund will impact the lives of Trinity seminarians. This time we hear from The Reverend Bishop Gary Wollersheim in response to another wonderful gift. Would you like to hear more about this new hospital? Come to “Brunch with the Bishop” on Saturday, May 21, and hear this good news directly from Tanzanian Bishop Thomas Laiser.

Dear Pastor Koppenhoefer, Church Council, and Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I would like to thank the members of Trinity Lutheran Church as well as the family of Forrest Reid for the gift of \$42,252.00 in the name of the Arusha Medical Centre in Tanzania. This gift will help construct a desperately needed, state of the art, 70 bed medical centre in the heart of Arusha.

Your gift will be a blessing to all those in Arusha who are in need of health care. God’s continued blessings as we work together in the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
Bishop Gary M. Wollersheim

**Brunch with the Bishop**

Trinity Lutheran will serve as host for a light brunch to welcome Bishop Thomas Laiser of the Arusha Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania on Saturday, May 21st from 9:30-11:00 am in the Multipurpose Room. Everyone is welcome to attend this West Conference event hosted by the World Mission

# Notes on the Journey

In our house, we do a lot of reading. Of course my daughters do that for school, but we all love to read besides that “required reading.” A little bit of me is mourning that in another month or so, I will no longer be a “parent of a grade-schooler” – as that is something I have loved for the past 10 years.

I think that part of the reason why is that I like their books! *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom!* and *Partly Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*. *The Going to Bed Book* and *Red Hat, Green Hat*. *Where the Wild Things Are*. All of the Laura Ingalls Wilder books, the Nancy Drew mysteries, *Heidi*, Cherry Ames mysteries (student nurse detective!)...Oops! I regress to MY childhood favorites!

Starting last year, I started reading the books that my daughters were reading. I loved all the Harry Potter’s – and realize that I will be third on the list to read the newest one in our house this summer. I also read six or so of the Lemony Snicket’s *Series of Unfortunate Events* books. Then I read a few of my elder daughter’s books and finally moved on to my own choice. Right now, I’m reading Barbara Kingsolver’s *Poisonwood Bible*. I’m thankful for the many folks who suggested her work. I know that the Trinity Good Book Club has read it some time ago. They are about to plow into Dan Brown’s *Angels and Demons*, which I enjoyed even more than *The Da Vinci Code*.

One other thing that I do each day is read one or more devotional book. I know that many of you know of Henri Nouwen and Madeline L’Engle. You might try *Bread for the Journey* and *Glimpses of Grace* by those two authors, respectively. I already owned the first, and encountered the second in our Trinity Library and enjoyed it so much that I bought my own copy. (For those of you who haven’t encountered our library ever or recently – please do so! It is a real treasure.)

Of course we all read more things that just books. I enjoy *The Argus* each morning. Yesterday I re-read the “wrapping” instructions on a 6-inch ACE wrap box in an attempt to nurse one of my own softball-related injuries. As I exercised earlier in the week at RIFAC, I “read” the trees in the ravine. Depending on the light, the time of day, the weather, and my mood, they reveal many different things. On one day, the closest, tallest and most weathered tree

looked as if it had little to offer besides shade. The following day, the sun illuminated the leaves in such a way that they looked like translucent jewels in the sun. Hum, same tree. Go figure.

Where are you in your reading? Have you read any good books or papers or perennials lately? Have you read any “John” lately – the Gospel of John that is? I have. What a treasure. I keep returning to Jesus washing the disciples’ feet (John 13). To Jesus comforting the disciples (John 14). To Jesus praying for you and me (as people who would hear the good news because of the testimony of the disciples) (John 17). To the resurrected Jesus cooking an early morning fish fry (John 21).

On some days, some ordinary days, any of those Biblical stories can become just another of the many things we read. But on other days, when the light is just right – or when we are LOOKING for the Light who is just right – those stories (beyond the newspaper, and beyond the New York Times Bestsellers, and beyond the children’s Caldecott Book Award winners) those stories that share the Gospel, those stories bear our hope. Have you read any of the Good Book lately? Try John, or Mark, or ... you get the idea!

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

**In Sympathy**

To Dreama Steele, Blessed Beginnings staff member, on the loss of her father, Samuel Greathead, two weeks ago.

To the friends and family of Martin Msseemmaa, a leader in the Northern Illinois Synod who died Friday, April 29th in Peru, Illinois. His great love was Global Missions and our relationship with the Arusha Diocese in Tanzania.



**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**

“Writing and Journaling”

Jane Bahls, Professional Writer

**June 22nd**

“Story Telling and Writing”

Ann Boaden, Adjunct English Professor, Augustana

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

If you wish to order tickets by mail, send a check for \$25 payable to “Up ‘N Adam, Eve” to Al Hansen, 920 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline, IL 61265 or call Al at 762-1734 or Joan Ribbeck at 788-8058.

**Attention Blood Donors**

The Trinity blood drive is Monday, June 6th. Sign up will be May 22 and 29. Please plan to support this effort.

## Calling all creative and crafty people!

The Summer Institute in the Liturgical Arts is looking for:

- ♥ authors and writers
- ♥ artists of any medium
- ♥ crafters
- ♥ musicians
- ♥ actors and thespians of all kinds

to help give our youth a deeper and more passionate understanding of worship! We are looking for leaders to help out for two to four weeks at a time. Call Anne Williams, Education Minister, for more information or to volunteer!

**What:** The Institute is a summer Sunday school experience giving our youth deeper insight into the worship experience through learning, creating, and planning. The summer will culminate with the Jr. and Sr. High Institute participants planning and leading worship in September. Our younger participants will have the opportunity to contribute to that worship and decorate the Sunday school wing with their creations.

**Who:** The Summer Institute in the Liturgical Arts is for all youth from pre-school to High school. Generally, the Institute will be divided into two groups: Children (pre-school to 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Youth (7<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade).

**Where:** The Summer Institute will take place here at Trinity Lutheran Church in our Sunday school wing on the second floor.

**When:** The Summer Institute in the Liturgical Arts will take place from June 5<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>. Understanding that families take advantage of summer months to go on vacation the institute is modular so that students can come and go, as family time requires.

### Adult Education

- ♥ May 22nd, Adult Education Celebration of Learning
- ♥ May 29th, Memorial Day Intergenerational Learning with military member care.

### Urgent Childcare Request

Member care has received an urgent request from a Trinity family with a 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 expected this to be temporary—but it is now a permanent situation. 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

### World Hunger/Food Pantry Sunday May 15th

In its most recent study, the Department of Agriculture reported 11.1% (35 million people) of the nations households are food insecure—an increase over recent years. With high housing costs, expensive gasoline and utilities, people face hard choices. Low income families are struggling to exist.

Christian Friendliness, our local food pantry has also had a considerable increase in the number of requests in recent months. They need your continued contributions of non-perishable food items to meet the demand. Bath tissue and bar soap are also needed.

The World Hunger Committee extends a very warm thank you to our Trinity family for your support of this very worthy cause.

### TRINITY MISSION SUNDAY WAS A SUCCESS

Trinity members made Mission Sunday a success! **The offering received was \$4,980.** As we have been reminded repeatedly in recent weeks, financial support for Trinity's global mission projects must come from special offerings and not from annual pledges. This amount together with the anticipated offering from "Try-A-Tithe-Sunday" on October 2 will enable Trinity to carry out the global mission projects planned and committed to for 2005. **We thank God that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit the congregation supported Trinity's global mission program in a manner pleasing to Him and to our members.**

*World Mission Ministry Team*

### LIBRARY LINES

Now that Lent is over and we have finished our devotional booklet written by Trinity members, why not check out a devotion book from your church library? Here are just three suggestions from the many available.

The Golfers Tee Time 242 GOL is an interesting choice but no fair using this in place of Sunday worship. What does golf have to do with your relationship to God? Are there some parallels between the qualities needed for a good golfer and a Christian life? The book contains quote from famous golfers, scriptures, prayers and reflections. I've used Journey of the Heart 242 FRO by Gerhard Frost and enjoyed it a great deal. The sub title is Reflections on Life's Way and the five groups are: longing, following, loving, struggling, and homing. Quite a few of the devotions are brief poems, but all of them offer gentle direction and strength for life's way.

The Hungry Heart 242CAR by Jan Carlberg offers devotions from the Old Testament. We tend to be more accustomed with the New Testament, but the author presents some less familiar texts using every book of the Old Testament. The devotions are very grief but each ends with a question for the reader and a faith lift.

The Good Book Club meets Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to select next year's reading choices. Be sure to send your suggestions to Jan Baner at least a week prior to our meeting.

## New Members at Trinity Lutheran

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## 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

### Mark Your Calendars!

A VBS helpers meeting is scheduled for May 25th, at 7:00 pm in the lounge.

### 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