

# Trinity Visitor

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## Happy Birthday!

June 12th — June 29th

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Peterson, Joel Turner

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Charlene Sundelius

19- Gloria Creen, Thomas Osenberg

20- Betty Lueth, Kara Nelson, Riley Stewart

21- Howard Dunn, Paul Neder

22- Christine Lindell, Donald Peterson

23-Anika Johnson, Jason Martin

24-Britney Allison, Rodne Johnson, James Kappler,  
Cecil Snyder, Amanda Weinle

25- Allissa Hansen

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### The Transition/ Transformation Process Renews Faith

***“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*** Romans 12:2

For several years this Bible verse was posted above my computer along with the title of my doctoral thesis: **“Transforming Leadership for Effective Christian Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”** I discovered in my ministry and in the intensity of my studies that for a transformation to begin in the congregation, the transformation begins with the pastor and the leadership and engages the entire congregation. We are now beginning the next phase of Intentional Interim Ministry “transformation.” Please understand that congregational input and ownership is essential to the success of the Transition Ministry Phase.

The purpose of Trinity’s Transition Ministry Process is to empower the congregation to:

- ◆ Claim ownership of the mission of the congregation and the call process
- ◆ Review the congregation’s life and mission as the Church, the Body of Christ
- ◆ Discuss the church’s challenges and opportunities in the next 5- 10 years
- ◆ Evaluate the congregation’s present strengths
- ◆ Identify specific areas where the congregation needs to strengthen it’s ministry
- ◆ Identify the congregation’s present context for mission
- ◆ Specify resources necessary to fulfill the mission of the congregation, including mission opportunities in the community
- ◆ Identify issues of conflict that affect the life of the congregation
- ◆ Arrive at a current understanding of the mission of the congregation
- ◆ Identify the gifts that are most important for the next pastor to possess

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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

**June 12, 2005 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]**

*In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks of the church's mission with images drawn from daily life. The harvest is already plentiful, he says, but laborers are needed for work in the fields of daily life.*

*What are we to do? We are to do what the liturgy invites us to do: let our conversation be shaped by the good news, extend Christ's peace wherever we find ourselves, and share our bread with the hungry.*

**June 19, 2005 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39**

*In today's gospel reading, Jesus gives a brief teaching on the nature of discipleship: do not be afraid, for I am with you; tell others what you hear me say; give your life to the good news and you will discover the riches of life.*

*This teaching appears simple, yet it is spoken in an anxious and troubled world where it is easier to be fearful than courageous and more common to look out for oneself than to care for the neighbor in need.*

*(Continued from page 1)*

Please refer to Dave Tews' article in this TV for the practical dimensions of the Transition Ministry Team, the names selected for the Leadership Team and the invitation for the whole congregation to participate in the transforming process which will seek to articulate God's vision for the future of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Your Transforming Pastor,  
Pastor Joel

### Connections: LYO News

Wednesday, June 15

**No LYO**

June 12—18

Boundary Waters Trip

Wednesday, June 22, 7:30—9:00  
Post-boundary Waters Night (Pizza)

July 18—23

Leadership Lab

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

### WOW

Worship on Wednesdays continues through the summer on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Music begins at 6:15 p.m. Worship begins at 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated and the nursery is staffed.

### Member Care

The 1st fundraiser for Member Care is Thursday, July 14th 7:30 p.m. at Playcrafter's Barn Theater. Tickets are \$10 and includes dessert and a beverage. Please mark your calendars and come see *Enchanted April* !

### Lydia Unit

The Lydia Unit will meet Monday, June 20th at Mulkey's Restaurant, 3800—14th Ave. Rock Island, at 11:30 am.  
Call Maxine Neels, 755-6409.

### Trinity Supper Club

The next Senior Supper Club is June 21st at 5:30 pm. You may make reservations after services June 12th and 19th or contact Lucille Almquist at 794-1580.

### Health Tips

Inactive people lose muscle fiber at a rate of 3 – 5 percent every decade after age 30. That's 30 percent muscle fiber loss by age 60. Being physically active is a real key in maintaining quality of life and independence. Julie Blew, Parish Nurse

### Attendance:

Sun., May 29th: 8:30: 154      11:00: 112  
Sun., June 5th: 8:30: 193 11:00: ?

### Thank You

Thanks to Gerry, Matt, and Dale for fixing the drain cover problem.

### 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.

### Happy Birthday!

Howard Dunn will be celebrating his 80th birthday on June 21st. He would appreciate hearing from family & friends. Please send cards to 5224—11th Ave B. Moline, IL 61265.

### Trinity Coed Baseball Schedule

June 12th—6:00 pm  
June 19th—8:00 pm  
June 26th—5:00 pm  
July 10th—8:00 pm #8  
July 17th—8:00 pm  
July 24th—4:00 pm  
July 31st—8:00 pm

Games are played at Greenvalley Sports Complex, Moline, on diamond #7 unless otherwise noted. Please come support our team!

Prayer Chain: 762-3624

**Reid Estate Update #4**

This wonderful letter just arrived at Trinity! Via the wonders of electronic technology, we are apprised of the latest information on the Selian Lutheran Hospital, a recipient of \$42,252 of the Reid Estate funds.

Dear Friends of Selian Lutheran Hospital,

Construction has begun. We are underway! The new Selian Hospitals Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC) has been started.

We selected the contractors in March and they began to establish the site in May. June 1 was the commencement of construction! What a wonderful step of faith. What a great witness to God's provision.

It has been a great challenge and all of you have been a part of this enormous undertaking. Our decision to build took a number of years before we were convinced of the rightness of it within our mission statement. With much trepidation we faced the expansion of our initial estimates of a million dollar project into a six million dollar project. The question of how we could ever fund such a project has been ever before us.

I now think that perhaps God allowed our thinking to grow with the expanding cost estimates. Had we been confronted originally with the thought of a six million dollar project, I'm sure we would never have had the boldness to step forward. Instead, your prayer, your support, and your financial contributions have grown and expanded



together with this vision.

Financially, we have indeed been blessed beyond our wildest explanation. We've raised nearly all of the 2 million dollars in equipment and furniture. Congregations, friends, organizations, and businesses have helped us with commitments to 3 million of the 4 million we need for construction. So we have been able to step out on faith and begin the construction.

Last week we held a consultation with real icons of the Christian business and health community of Tanzania and together dreamed and shared around the management structure of the new hospital. A shared management with Selian seems most right and most efficient. We are excited at the prospects!

We share this wonderful news with you that you might rejoice with us.

Blessings,

*Mark*

Mark L. Jacobson, MD, MPH  
Director, Selian Lutheran Hospitals

# Notes on the Journey Page 3

As I sit writing today in the air-conditioned coolness of my study at church, I look out on the steamy day. Ninety-one degrees. That kind of heat sends me inside. Really I would most like to be on my deck right now with a tall glass of tea nearby. I would be sitting on the covered swing that Rod and I bought for ourselves last summer – a 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary present. It has been well used.

I would be reading the last 70 pages of Barbara Kingsolver's *Poisonwood Bible*. Yes, the last 70 pages (out of over 500 I think). I left it at my mother-in-law's house a week ago and finally have it back. Hum... a tea, a swing and a book. I think I should put that in my schedule!

The day I got the book back, my daughters and I were back in Normal for the Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. We have friends who are the founders of CIDSO, and Rod had volunteered at the tournament for most of those 24 years. This year they dedicated the tournament to him, and invited our daughters and me to attend the gala on the evening before. I was invited to make some remarks...and I did. Was it hard? You betcha. It is a lot easier for me to preach the word as your pastor, than to stand before a few hundred folks as Rod's wife and remember him and that community.

That evening I made a connection with a friend of Rod's from 20 years ago or so – softball or golf or high school had been the connection. He heard on the radio that CIDSO was having the tournament – dedicated to Rod – and he hadn't known that Rod had died 7 months ago. He called that same day and signed up. As I visited with him and his wife, I learned that he is actually the Church Mutual Insurance agent who wrote the policy for Trinity – and that he is a licensed lay preacher in the Methodist church. (Rod's sister says that he is great, and has preached at her church in Hudson, IL.)

When we returned from Normal (no pun intended), we drove by the mall to pick up some books. (We have a tradition of giving books at report card and end-of-year times.) While we were there I looked for a book that had been recommended to me by a parishioner – Madeline L'Engle's *Two Part Invention*. I had learned that her husband had died as well, and as I read excerpts of the book from L'Engle's *Glimpses of Grace*

(that we have in our library) I realized that it would be an important book for me to read. Of course, I couldn't think of the name of that book or even pick it out from the 3-page print out of all of L'Engle's books at the book store. Undaunted, we came home, unloaded the van, and I searched out that title. Imagine my surprise when that very book arrived as a gift on my desk in my study on the next day. I took it home and "devoured" the first 2 chapters of it – hungry for "comfort food" for the grieving soul. (FYI—C.S. Lewis's *A Grief Observed* is Lewis' journal, written after his wife died from cancer – and is an amazing book as well.) The full reading will have to wait for 70 pages though!!

Those few nights ago, I talked to those CIDSO families and golfers about courage, about challenges, and about community. Even as I know those things address that particular group of people, I know that it could address us here as well. I know that so many of you are exhibiting amazing courage – or are working on getting it!! – to face the challenges that you're encountering on your journey. I know for me, that community doesn't just help, it's crucial! By community for us, I mean the church – near and far – the kind that brings together people from many denominations to offer care – the kind of care that shares memories, that suggests books, that journeys right along with us all. Maybe you (and you know who you are) have been apart from this community here at Trinity. If you have been, please know that you are welcome to return to worship, learning, fellowship, and service at any time. Come and make connections. Come and find courage and strength for the challenging days ahead. Come and find community. Come and find Christ at work, making connections.

Journeying with you, in Christ  
Pastor Laura

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

**June 12th**

<b>8:30 AM</b>		<b>USHERS:</b>	Jim Kappler, Lu Hage, Jerry Lundeen, Dale
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Aaron Ford, Cameron Beek		
<b>READER:</b>	Karen Decker	<b>Manley</b>	
<b>COMMUN. ASST:</b>	Bill Cleaver		
<b>ASSIST. MINISTER:</b>	Jack Meyer	<b>11:00 AM</b>	
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Judy & David Dwyer	<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Emily Palomaki, Rachel Milroy
<b>WORSHIP ELEMENT PRESENTER:</b>	Joyce Ford	<b>READER:</b>	Dawn Simmons
		<b>ASSIST. MINISTER:</b>	Mary Carson
		<b>GREETERS:</b>	Barb & Larry Johnston
		<b>USHER:</b>	Nancy McCormick

**June 19th**

<b>8:30 AM</b>		<b>USHERS:</b>	Bruce Peterson, Lu Hage, Jerry Lundeen
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Karin Scott, Sarah Buckles		
<b>READER:</b>	Barbara Johnston	<b>11:00 AM</b>	
<b>COMMUN. ASST:</b>	Leslie Crotty, Marie Liljeberg	<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Jessica Garlach, Ashley DeVolder
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Bernie & Irma French	<b>READER:</b>	Karen Neder
<b>WORSHIP ELEMENT PRESENTER:</b>	Nancy McCormick	<b>ASSIST. MINISTER:</b>	Mary Carson
		<b>GREETERS:</b>	Jan & Kurt Meyer
		<b>USHER:</b>	Dick Riddell

**June 26th**

<b>8:30 AM</b>			Lu Hage, Jerry Lundeen, Butch Trevor
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Kullan Buckrop,, Brian Doroba		
<b>READER:</b>	Barbara Steigman	<b>11:00 AM</b>	
<b>COMMUN. ASST:</b>	Judy Greko	<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Mila Ribbeck, Sara Lohr
<b>ASSIST. MINISTER:</b>	Rick Meredith	<b>READER:</b>	Craig Tigerman
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Olof & Caran Johnson	<b>ASSIST. MINISTER:</b>	Michael Carson
<b>WORSHIP ELEMENT PRESENTER:</b>	Joe & Ann Vermeire	<b>GREETERS:</b>	Dick & Solvig Riddell
		<b>USHER:</b>	Jim Rylander
<b>USHERS:</b>	Jim Kappler,		

**World Hunger/ Food Pantry Sunday**

**June 19th, 2005**

Summer months prove to be quite a challenge for Christian Friendliness to meet the pantry needs when the requests are Up and the giving is down For the month of May — 154 families were served, totaling 494 people.

Canned fruit and peanut butter are in high demand at this time. As always, the usual non-perishable food items are very appreciated. Bath tissue is another requested item.

C.F. is in need of volunteers to help out at the pantry. Any amount of time — even once a month would be appreciated. You can call the C.F. office for more information at (309)762-4577.

Please remember your monitory support by using the enclosed envelope.

Thank You,  
The World Hunger Committee

*Summer Sunday School at Trinity!!!*

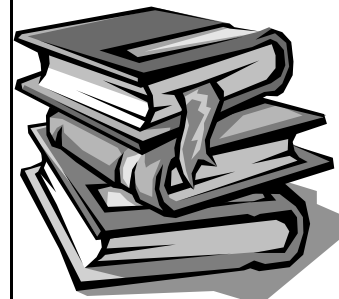
Every Sunday, All Summer  
10:00—10:50 am

Don't miss the exciting details in today's insert.

**LIBRARY LINES**

At a recent Christian Women's Conference the keynote speaker was asked for book recommendations. Among other suggestions she said, "Anything by Francine Rivers." Rivers has won many awards including the 1995 Rita Award for best inspirational fiction. The Trinity Library has two series of Rivers' books. Three books of the Mark of the Lion series are As Sure as the Dawn, The Voice in the Wind, and An Echo in the Darkness. All three are fiction (Fic Riv) with a strong spiritual message. The setting is ancient Rome and Ephesus during the time when Christians were persecuted for their faith. One gains insight into the culture of the day through an exciting story and a sense of amazement at the faith of these early believers. Any one of the three provides great reading. Don't let the 400 plus pages keep you from enjoying these fast moving novels.

The other Rivers Series is a group of five books about five Women of the Bible: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary. These novels are smaller but excellent reading as well. Rivers uses the facts of scripture, but brings these women to life and each conveys her message in a convincing manner.



The Good Book Club meets June 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss Angels and Demons by Dan Brown.

### Blessed Beginnings Preschool

Please help us get the word out!

Blessed Beginnings Preschool... a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, is currently enrolling students for the 2005-06 school year. We offer:



- ♥ Christian-based values
- ♥ Age-appropriate activities
- ♥ Opportunities for play and creativity
- ♥ Scholarships for tuition assistance
- ♥ Positive guidance

Call Mrs. Hayz at 764-7220 for more information, or visit us at [www.trinitylutheranmoline.org](http://www.trinitylutheranmoline.org).



#### \* WELCA Scholarship Fundraiser \*

Sarah Unit is sponsoring a "Girls Night Out" a fun night of shopping to raise money for the WELCA Scholarship Fund. The event will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. So ladies mark your calendars and come for fellowship, shopping, eating and help raise money for the Scholarship fund.

We are looking for members of Trinity that would be interested in being a vendor, setting up a booth and selling their products at the event. For example  if you sell Avon, Tastefully Simple, Home Interiors, etc. we would be interested in hearing from you - if you are interested in participating in this event. A small vendor fee would be charged that would benefit the Scholarship Fund. Please contact Kathy Meyer at 762-0575 or Jan Peterson at 309-523-2008 to get signed up or for more information.



#### SUMMER REMINDER

Trinity's ministry depends on our faithful giving all year long. The summer months can become a time for letting down on our faith commitments. The short and long term effects of financial shortfalls can become devastating for the health of our shared ministry. Worship, Learning, Growth, Witnessing, and Service ministries cannot take a summer vacation. Your faithful prayer and financial support are critical to YOUR ministry throughout the summer and all year long. Perhaps you might even consider "Simply Giving" as a way of staying current all year long. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans covers the entire cost. Call Karen in the church office at 309-762-3624, for details.



### Journey of Joy Notes Vacation Bible School – June 13 – 17, 2005 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

It's not too late!

*Vacation Bible School registration forms are available on the table in front of Karen's office.*  
Call Dawn Simmons at 309-269-1387 or Karen Anderson at 309-762-3624

#### Transition Leadership Team Update -

The following members of Trinity have committed their time and energy to the Transition Leadership Team:

- |                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Steve Kruse                  | Dave Tews      |
| Barbara Johnston             | Larry Carson   |
| Larry McCallum               | Jane Bahls     |
| Jan Meyer                    | Dick Eckermann |
| Cosette Thoms                | Heather Martin |
| Pastor Joel Bexell (advisor) |                |

The team will be responsible for completion of Trinity's Congregational Missions Profile. This profile is vital step in the transition process because it provides an opportunity to assess Trinity's mission and ministry. It also provides basic information and leadership needs as guidance to the Call Committee and assists the synod staff in recommending candidates to Trinity, as well as providing a picture of Trinity for those candidates.

The work of completing this profile will not be limited to the members of this team. In order for us to insure that the profile is a solid foundation for Trinity's next chapter of ministry, the team will be looking to engage the congregations in many ways. Please give prayerful consideration to our future requests for assistance with sub-teams, small group meetings, surveying and possible personal interviews.

Dave Tews

## Christian Educators: 2004/2005

### Adult Education

Jane Bahls	Barb Johnston
Pastor Joel Bexell	Larry Johnston
Julie Blew	Dan Lee
Quint Ford	Bob Ruud
Pastor Laura	Craig Tigerman
Koppenhoefer	Anne Williams

Tina Hayz - Blessed Beginnings  
 Preschool Director  
 Dr. Elise Feyerherm\*  
 Dr. Wendy Hilton-Morrow\*  
 Dr. Kristi Nabhan-Warren\*  
 Dr. Ritva Williams\*  
 \* Professors at Augustana College

### Youth Education

Jane Bahls  
 Stacey Christensen  
 Jen Dean  
 Julie Dean-McCurdy  
 Chris Ford  
 Janice Harpest  
 Lynette Meredith  
 Rick Meredith  
 Jim Rylander  
 Sarah Turner

### Sunday School

#### Shepherds

Sue Basala  
 Carol Burns  
 Mindi Carson  
 Beth Deadmond  
 Carolyn Doroba  
 Angela Hoepfner  
 Amy Hultquist  
 Kim Lambert  
 Luke Lester  
 Mary Palomaki  
 Katherine Priggie  
 Shelby Resler  
 Holly Schou  
 Bob Simmons  
 Dawn Simmons  
 Kristen Stewart  
 Joann Stribling  
 Tom Teslik

#### Teachers

Lori Doroba  
 Laura Ford  
 Joyce Ford  
 Quint Ford  
 Betty Johnson  
 Kathy Meyer  
 Jon Palomaki  
 Jan Peterson  
 Janice Priggie  
 Theresa Scott  
 Stephanie  
 Stephenson  
 Brad Stribling  
 Paula Tigerman

#### Extra Helpers

Trish Fox  
 Tracy Foulk  
 Karen Decker

#### Confirmation Ministry

Chris Ford  
 Quint Ford  
 Theresa Scott  
 Tom Scott  
 Sarah Turner  
 Jolene Welser

## Congratulations Trinity Graduates

### High School Graduates

Michael Paul Anthony  
 Jessica Marie Barnes  
 Annett Elaine Beechamp  
 Breanne Louise Buckrop  
 Melinda Kathryn Carson  
 Jessica Leigh DeWitte  
 Paul Andrew Eckermann  
 Micah Greer  
 Jacquelyn Elizabeth Grimes  
 Christopher Diego Hall  
 Amy Katherine Hultquist  
 Lucas William Jones  
 Jennifer Lynn Kramer  
 Anne Marie Larsen  
 Evan Kiesele Meyer  
 Julie Christine Meyer  
 Damon Ross Nimrick  
 Marissa Kay Piehl  
 Katherine Harpest Priggie  
 Annalise Emery Smith  
 Jacob Michael Stice  
 John David Vinsel  
 Amanda Michelle Weinle

### Higher Education

Laura Bexell, Augsburg College, Minneapolis MN  
 Jessica Boden, Augustana College  
 Meryl Eckermann, Loras College  
 Christopher Hall, Illinois School for the Deaf  
 Travis Hankins, Illinois University  
 Michael Herman, University of South Florida  
 Sarah Walker, St. Ambrose University

*Please let the church office know if there is someone we failed to include or more graduates that should be included in our prayers.*