



THE
TRINITY TRIBUNE

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Philosophy of Ministry
Our primary goal is to bring lost souls into a personal relationship with Christ and strengthen the faithful in their relationship with Christ. We achieve this by education of all members in the true Word of God through worship, Christian education and day school. We believe that through education, spiritual growth will occur and membership in the kingdom will increase.

From the Pastor's Desk

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." John 20:31 NIV

WE BELIVE! That was the theme for this year's LCMS National Youth Gathering held in New Orleans! The gathering theme verse was John 20:31: *"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." John 20:31 NIV* Our youth joined over 25,000 other youth their age for five days for worship, Bible study, spiritual and personal growth, meeting new people, experiencing many new things and celebrating the faith they all share in Jesus Christ.


Our young people and adults who attended this year's youth gathering came home with some great memories of the time they spent with others their age who believe in Jesus Christ just like they do and they could hardly wait to share them.

What was so amazing about this youth gathering was the fact that the youth didn't have to wait until they returned back home to share their stories. Several of the parents here at Trinity and others took advantage of the technology that allowed our youth to share their experiences while they were happening. Technology has given us the opportunity to communicate in the moment with our kids not only by phone, email and text messages, but also through Facebook and Twitter pages. These pages, visited by hundreds and even thousands of people who were not able to attend the gathering, allowed them to communicate with each other about all the awesome things that were going on at the gathering. Before long we will be able to share these awesome experiences via satellite or live stream back to the churches who want to participate.

One mother who had watched the first mass event live on the internet from her own home (while it was happening) wrote on the gathering Facebook page, *What an AMAZING program tonight! My daughter and I were texting about the speaker Kellie Stocker. I was crying through her message. I told my daughter that I would probably have the same questions Kellie did if anything happened to her and that must be because I love her so much! :) Thanks so much for the live feed!* And in response to this mother's facebook remark another mother responded, *My daughter and I were texting about the message too! What an amazing story! AND so fun that we can watch it from home while our kids are there!* About that same speaker another parent wrote, *Kellie Stocker... an AMAZING speaker... and such a strong and courageous mother to speak her story for our children. I hope that those youth in that stadium absorbed every word she spoke! Thank you Kellie Stocker!* At that first mass event, Kellie shared her passion for Jesus, worship, and encouraging people in their faith during challenging times. On June 3, 2009, Kellie's 18-year-old daughter Makenzie was killed in a car accident, forcing Kellie to dive into the deep questions of faith. Kellie is married to Todd, an LCMS pastor, author, and speaker. They have three children: Makenzie (who lives in heaven), 14-year-old Nathan, and 12-year-old Madeline. Their family believes as we believe, that those who die believing in Jesus will live forever. We believe!!

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As a parent and as Trinity's Pastor, I just want to thank everyone once again for supporting our youth so that they could have an opportunity to participate in this awesome and life-changing event. I believe this is the greatest spiritual growth experience our children will ever have as teenagers. Many will return to become young adult leaders for the next gathering just like Jessica Schmidt was this year. Our very own Abby Dawkins also helped as an organizational leader for the gathering.

Why does our church provide our youth with such an awesome experience? Because WE BELIEVE that Jesus is the Christ, and that all who believe in Him has life in His name. Now that they are home, our youth are looking forward to sharing their awesome experience with us sometime in the near future.

Your brother and friend in Christ,

Rev. Curtis Deterding
Pastor

Pastor Lange

Member's of God's Family:

"You are the body of Christ, and individually members of it." That's what the Bible tells us. So what are you in that body? An arm? A foot? An ear? The nose? Where do you fit in the church of our Lord Jesus Christ? How do you see yourself? What is your role, your unique position, your personal task?

There are many different kinds of workers in the church. It never has been a one-man show. There are apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, administrators, and speakers in various kinds of tongues. That's Paul's version of the list. A more up-to-date listing would possibly be: pastors and teachers, DCEs and DCOs, chairpersons of committees, parents, students, salesmen, office workers, technicians, and laborers.

But which are you? I encourage you to take the time to analyze your situation in life. And whatever it is that you are in the church, is all you can be in the body of Christ? In other words, are you living up to your full potential? Are you doing everything you possibly can with your God-given talents? Or are you, perhaps, too easily satisfied with minimum effort and little achievement?

Whatever our unique position and task is in God's work—and every person has a position and task—whatever the full potential with which we have been endowed—everything we are and everything we do is to follow the more excellent way. According to Paul, that more excellent way is love.

Summer is a good time to reassess our place and our function in the church body. A parent has a job to do under God. That parent may know all the tricks of raising children and carry them through in ways that impress the neighbors, but if there is not love, what good is it? If the student in school gets good grades, has many friends, participates fully in school activities, and studies hard, yet fails the test of love for others, all is vanity. The "professional" church worker, committee chairperson, choir singer, usher, and teacher may devote time and energy to his tasks and be ever so faithful, yet a lack of love destroys the real good of all those activities.

By God's grace we grow spiritually, all year long, even in the summer. Through the Gospel of God's love in Christ and the gift of God's love in the Sacrament, we become real persons, authentic humans, more like God originally created and intended us to be. As the apostle Paul reminds us: "So faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Pastor Lange

Rally Day Sunday September 12

Special plans are underway for Rally Day this year. Rally Day, also known as Sunday School Promotion Sunday is the day the children will advance on to the next grade level. Our Sunday school teachers will be inducted on that Sunday during the worship service. Be sure not to miss this kick-off Sunday for our Sunday school.

Junior Confirmation Orientation Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 pm

Attention all junior confirmation parents, parents of 7th and 8th graders and students. Please mark the above date and time on your calendar. Pastor will hand out information about the class and discuss the confirmation schedule and expectations at that time. Even if you were in the class last year, you are asked to come for a refresher. Thanks.

Bible History Class Offered to our Public School 5th & 6th Graders

Any public school parents that would like to have their child/ren take Bible History classes during the school year will need to register for this class through the public schools. An information sheet will be sent home near the end of September asking if you are interested in having your child attend this class here at Trinity during release time at the grade schools. Simply fill it out and the public schools will see to it that you son or daughter is released to come over to Trinity on selected Wednesday afternoons for instruction. Pastor Deterding will be providing the transportation and teaching these classes which will begin the first Wednesday of October.

Adult Information Classes Begin Saturday, September 11th

This class will be offered once again to everyone in the congregation and will be held from 9:00 am – 11:00 am on Saturday mornings for 10 weeks. If you are already a member, you will find that this class is a great review of Luther's Small Catechism and the foundational teachings of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For those inquiring about the Lutheran faith and may be considering membership in our congregation, this class is a must. Those who complete the class will become members, confirming the faith in our church during the worship service on Sunday, November 14.

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a member or anyone open to receiving a personal invitation from the pastor, please give their name and address to pastor or the church secretary.

TRINITY BRIEFS

Please Help Clean Up the Church Records

I need your help updating the church member records! Although your file and records may be up-to-date, many are not. As you may know, we will be putting together a new church directory in September. The Board of Local Outreach will be contacting you soon to set up an appointment to have your picture taken. When you come in to take your family photo, it would be greatly appreciated if you would bring in a completed "Member File Information" sheet. You will find this sheet located on **pages 9 and 10** of this newsletter.

An informational sheet should be filled out for each church "household." A household is defined as the people who live together in a single house. If your child(ren) lives on their own as a student or otherwise, please have them fill out a separate sheet.

Due to space constraints, I was only able to include enough room for information for two household children. If you have more than two children living in your home, please pick up additional information sheets in the kiosk located in the narthex or stop by the church office.

Again, please bring your completed "Member File Information" sheets with you to your picture appointment in September or you can drop them off in the church office anytime.

Thank you for your help in getting the church records updated!

Laura Schwarz
Secretary

Me, a Pastor? Me, a Deaconess?

If you have found yourself asking this question, now is the time to do something about it! Rev. Steve Wagner of Concordia Theological Seminary, For Wayne, Indiana, is going to be at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena, MN, on August 6th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm and, also, at Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd, MN, on August 6th from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Come and explore the possibilities! Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, fiancées, and parents. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not required; however, if you are able please phone the site you will be attending— St. John in Wadena: 218-631-3000 or Zion in Brainerd: 218-829-4317. Or you can email Rev. Wagner at wagnerse@ctsfw.edu to alert him that you are coming, and feel free to call him on his cell at 936-203-0240 if you are.

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch Fall Church Pick Ups

Due to several economic factors involved in doing the church pick ups, we will no longer be scheduling them. You may drop off your items at our thrift stores anytime. The stores are open 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Saturday and 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm on Sunday. We have stores at the following locations:

1001 4 Ave N	1601 32 Ave S	1500 Center Ave
Fargo, ND	Fargo, ND	Dilworth, MN

E-Newsletter— Let's Go Green!

To help defray postage and paper costs, I would like to start sending out e-newsletters to members that would prefer this type of delivery. Please indicate on the bottom of your "Member File Information" sheet if you would prefer an e-newsletter or if you would like to continue to receive a paper copy. As expected, if you indicate that you would prefer an e-newsletter, you must provide an email address. Please be sure that a "Household Email Address" is provided on the information sheet where indicated at the top.

Thanks again for helping to save our environment!

Laura Schwarz
Secretary

Trinity Lutheran School Update

At the July 15th Church Council meeting, the resignations of School Board members— Shannon Phillips, Ron Fitzner, Holly Beighley, Arnold Bolland and Dale Schmidt— were accepted. The resignation of Deidre Haugmo was accepted at the July 8th Church Council meeting. The Church Council wishes to thank the former School Board members for their service and zeal for Christian Education at Trinity. Vice Chairman, Jon Schoening, is forming a nomination committee to select a new School Board Chairman who will be elected via a vote at a congregational meeting. In the interim, the council will serve as a temporary School Board.

Christian Day School Education will continue at Trinity this fall with Pre-school and Kindergarten Connect programs as approved by the congregation at the May 16th voters meeting. Sue Heidorn will teach approximately 10 students. Notification of the discontinuance of grade Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be sent to 12 students previously registered for those grades for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. The letter will explain the discontinuance of these grades due to the declining enrollment.

More than JUST a Quilt Auction

Please mark your calendars for the 19th annual Lutheran Island Camp Quilt Auction on **Saturday, August 7, 2010**. We welcome you to join us for the following events: **Join us in**



the morning for the rededication of the chapel-Live auctioning of an anticipated **200+ beautiful quilts** created & donated by individuals & quilting groups from Minnesota & the surrounding area. -Several other **handmade items**-**Silent auction**-**Open house** activities, including tours and games-**Devotional time** with singing prior to the auction-**Ice cream and fellowship** following the auction-Seeing the **beautiful renovations** at the camp, including new **log siding** on the chapel, patios on many of the cabins, a new **horse-drawn wagon**, and some of our horses. Check out the LIC website www.islandcamp.org for **photos of some of the quilts**. We certainly appreciate quilts and other crafts that are given to the camp. Please use a label when you send your quilt. You can request one from LIC by calling 218-583-2905.

Lutheran Island Camp News

God has richly blessed Lutheran Island Camp over the past nearly 60 years. We have had over 60,000 campers, grown to a year round camp and retreat center, and have been blessed with many wonderful donors, volunteers, and congregational supporters. The camp is going to celebrate that history and prepare for the future with a special weekend, August 6-8. You are welcome to join us for all or part of it.

We'll be starting off Friday evening, August 6th, with our all-staff and camper reunion. Mark and Sharon Peske, counselors who served us from the 70's and 80's, will be leading devotions and singing. There will be lots of time for reminiscing, sharing, and telling tall tales about your days at camp. The reunion will continue through the entire weekend with time for all sorts of favorite camp activities, slowed down for those of us who have aged a bit.

On Saturday, the Camp's 19th Annual Auction will start with a quilt viewing at 8:00. Then, will be the rededication of newly remodeled chapel. The Auction kicks off at 11:00 and will feature nearly 300 quilts and craft items. There will also be an open house, wagon rides, great food, ice cream sundaes, and a great time for everyone.

Then on Sunday, August 8th there will be a good old-fashioned mission festival. The service will start at 2:00 pm and will feature music by Zamar, a worship band from Good Shepherd in Alexandria. They will provide music prior to the service. Pastor Dave Strohschein, mission facilitator from the Minnesota North District, will be the preacher. He'll be using Psalm 67:1-2 as his text and the theme is **Blessed to Tell**. Following the service there will be food, activities, wagon rides, waterfront fun, and lots of opportunities to share camp stories, greet old friends and make some new ones.

Plan to join us for any or all of the days at camp. We'll be sharing plans for the future of the camp, show you how the camp has changed and how it has stayed the same. If you haven't been to camp in a while, you'll be surprised at how beautiful it is.

LCMS Synod Cross Logo Approved

In April, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs approved the use of the trademarked cross logo of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod on government headstones and markers at graves of U.S. veterans.

The LCMS cross is no. 38 on the list of "Available Emblems of Belief for Placement on Government Headstones and Markers" (www.cem.va.gov/hm/hmemb.asp). It joins no. 6, the "Lutheran Cross," which features a version of "Martin Luther's seal" with a cross enclosed in a heart. No Graphics are permitted on government-furnished headstones or markers other than the 41 approved "emblems of belief." To request the LCMS logo on new tombstones or markers—or those already in place—go to www.cem.va.gov, click on "Headstones and Markers," then download and complete the VA Form 40-1330, "Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker." (Reporter, June 2010)



New Church Directory Board of Local Outreach

NEWS FLASH!!!!



September will be here before we know it and then comes the time to take pictures for Trinity's new church directory. It is also a good time to get a good family photo ready for the holidays. Mark your calendars now for September 13-20 and alert your whole family. The Olan Mills photographers will be working from 2:00-9:20 pm every day except Sunday and from 9:30 am—5:10 pm on Saturday. Several weeks prior to this, we will be scheduling every member of our congregation to participate in this historic endeavor. If you are interested in helping please come to our meeting on Tuesday, August 3rd, at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting with Mr. Johnson about creating the Trinity Directory.

—Local Outreach Board

Divine Drama



Divine Drama is scheduled to begin mid-September. That's next month already! So the time to register for the course is right now. The cost is just \$24 for the four books needed for the course (two textbooks and two workbooks). Please sign up as soon as possible so that we may be sure to have enough materials available. If you have the full color edition of this course, you do not need new materials. Please note this when you sign up.

As Bible study courses go, this one really does a good job of giving you God's overall view of our world because it does not get bogged down with details. You will be better able to see the world around us in God's eyes as you learn of His will and His ways for life here on earth. Classes will be 1.5 to 2 hours in length, with time out for refreshments.

A Special "Thank You"

I want to start off by thanking everyone at Trinity for welcoming Jessica, Aubrey, and I into your church this past year. There have been many ups and downs through this internship process, but with God's help, I have been able to deal with most of them. I have learned so much this year about what it takes to be a DCE, and I have many of you to thank for that opportunity. Although I am off to Albert Lea to become a full time DCE, my heart will always be with Trinity and I will continue to pray for this congregations continued growth and success. We have made some wonderful memories here at Trinity and I thank you again for the opportunity to serve along side so many of you.

—David Coulson & Family

MINISTRIES

National Youth Gathering– New Orleans, LA

See [page 7](#) for a picture of Trinity's Youth on Departure Day

Although this newsletter will reach homes at the end of July and the National Youth Gathering (NYG) will be over, we write this just days after the youth depart from Fergus Falls.

It's here! The big event that many of our LCMS youth throughout the MN North District have been looking forward to for months! Trinity has twelve youth and three adults headed for New Orleans, LA for a week of worship, service, and learning. They have spent many months in prayer, planning, and working to raise funds needed to attend this event. They departed Tuesday, July 13th, with a bus load of other youth from Detroit Lakes, MN. Arrangements were made for them to stop overnight in several churches along the way to New Orleans.

"We Believe," based on John 20:31, is the title of this NYG going on from July 17th through July 21st. This is the 11th triennial National LCMS Youth Gathering. There is a deep connection between the Lutheran Church and New Orleans because the founders of the Church arrived in New Orleans from Germany in the early 1880's and eventually made their way up the Mississippi River. They then settled in Perry County, MO and then spread out to all parts of the nation.

During this trip to the NYG, the youth will experience the unity that they have with other youth from across the nation who have the same faith in God and understanding of Scripture as they do. Over the course of events, NYG participants follow three program paths- "Look," "Listen," and "Live"- and will experience hands-on activities, hear high impact speakers and performers, and will have meaningful learning opportunities. They will also have the opportunity to share their faith with the New Orleans community.

David Coulson, DCE Intern and Shari Sorkness are accompanying the youth as counselors. Abby Dawkins, DCO, also made the trip as a director for the NYG event. Jessica Schmidt went to serve as a young adult volunteer.

Four to the Fourth Family Ministry– 4⁴

"Four to the Fourth" is going to be starting up again next month with new groups and, hopefully, a lot of new families attending. Last time around we had two groups consisting of a total of seven families. 4⁴ ministry stands for four families, four months, for fellowship, for God.

This is a dinner fellowship ministry. The families that sign up for this ministry will be placed in groups of four families who will meet once a month for four months. Singles are also welcome to sign up. Each family will take a turn hosting a dinner and the other families in the group will bring the food. This is a great opportunity for both new and "old" members to get to know each other better and have a fun time together. I would like to encourage each church family to sign up for this ministry. It is not a big commitment as there is only one dinner per month and you have to eat anyway, right? So, why not get to know your fellow church families a little better while you do it?

According to a recent survey of the Trinity congregation, 34% of members do not have a close friend in within the congregation, and only 15% have only one close friend. Let's reverse this trend through the 4⁴ ministry.

Sign your family up on the sheet in the narthex, NOW! Sunday, August 1st, is the LAST Sunday you will be able to sign up.

Parish Nurse Ministry

I hope everyone is having a fun and relaxing summer. I have been enjoying mine and even took a mini-vacation. Lately, we have been experiencing some unpleasant weather. I pray God has been watching over you and keeping your family safe during these storms. We are trying to keep all of God's possessions that He has entrusted to us safe and use them to the best of our ability. We have been blessed in so many ways and we need to give Him thanks for that.

Did you have a relaxing and enjoyable Fourth of July? I sure did! However, I experienced some unusual circumstances when I returned home and I realized how thankful we should be for the life we enjoy.

August is considered the month we prepare our children to go back to school. The stores keep that fact in front of us with all their displays and advertising. Keeping up on the children's immunizations is very important and reminders will be given to the parents so they are not forgotten.

As I look through my calendar of National Health Observations, the list for August is short. Cataract awareness is one very important one. Every year I like to remind the senior-aged group to be sure you visit your eye doctor yearly to be checked for cataracts. When things start getting more cloudy and difficult to see, you know something isn't right. Having cataracts removed is not as a big deal as it was 40+ years ago. Your vision is improved after the procedure.

It is also children's National Awareness month. Eye health and safety is critical. As our babies grow, they need have their eyes observed for any problems. For example, crossed eyes detected at a very early age can be cured through proper treatment.

I pray for a safe month for everyone. It is very important to pray for each other's good health. For those with spiritual and physical needs we need to respond by getting the kind of help they need. I encourage you to contact your Parish Nurse who can assess their situation and direct them in finding help.

"Jesus has come to bring life and bring it more abundantly."

John 10:10

Your Parish Nurse,
Karin Zahnow
RN, BSN, Parish Nurse

**Be ye fishers of men -
you catch them
and He'll clean them.**



BOARDS

Global Outreach Board

By the time we all read this newsletter, our energetic, loving and faithful LAMP missionary group will be back from the far North and have a lot of news to bring us. Because we can not meet the August newsletter deadline, look for our stories in the September newsletter. We will be sharing our joys, sorrows, and blessings we experienced, along with stories of our successes as we fed the hungry souls through Vacation Bible School. However, we can give you our purposed daily schedule for VBS. A typical day will look something like this— Breakfast, VBS Preparation, Dinner, VBS Classes, Daily Decompression, Play time with the children, Supper, Activity, Preparation for the next day's VBS lesson, Evening Devotions and, then, a good night's sleep. Again, check the September newsletter for more stories about our successes during our LAMP trip.

Orphan Grain Train Sunday August 29, 2010



Orphan Grain Train (O.G.T.) Sunday is August 29th at Trinity. Gene & Darlene Pasche from Morris, MN, will be our "special" guests. They will have a slide presentation about the O.G.T. program and pictures of the destinations for our donated items. The "special" project for the day is putting together school kits.

School Kits: 1 ruler— metric/inches
1 notebook- 8 1/2 X 11
1 pair blunt scissors
10 unsharpened pencils with erasers
10 blue or black pens
1 pencil sharpener
1 box wooden colored pencils
Optional: 1 box of crayons, glue stick, &
28-32 sheets of construction paper

Please bring each "school kit" in a plastic shopping bag. We have 40+ cloth school bags to fill.

The members of the Human Care Board will be providing home-made breads, muffins, coffee and juice for the fellowship time and O.G.T. presentation.

Watch for the "Back-to-School" sales and please pick up the school kit items listed above.

Plan to join us on Sunday, August 29th for fellowship time and the O.G.T. presentation. Please bring your school kits this "special" day.

Thank you in advance for providing school kits for children in need.

The Human Care Board

LWML Retreat

Last chance! The time is coming very soon for the annual LWML retreat at Lutheran Island Camp. The location of the retreat is so close to home, so it is a wonderful opportunity to get together with many other LWML'ers who have been our friends for years. Also a great opportunity to get acquainted with and make new friends! Your registration will still be accepted. You can find a registration form on the bulletin board in the narthex or ask President Marion Erlandson for one. Hopefully we will have many ladies from Trinity participating this year. If your schedule does not allow for you to be at the retreat full-time, you can register for part-time registration.

LWML RETREAT— AUGUST 13TH-15TH

- Friday 4 pm to Sunday 9 am
- Retreat Theme- "Sharing the Living Water"
- Friday from 4 pm to 6 pm— Registration and sack lunch
- Friday at 6 pm— Evening activities begin
- Saturday— Morning and afternoon Bible Study by Rev. Phil Bickel from St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN
- Saturday evening entertainment- "The Mathison Family Fiddler"
- Sunday at 9 am— Morning worship and brunch

What is a LWML Mite?

The LWML mite box will be in the narthex the last Sunday of each month to collect mites. Every mite shows people in despair that we care and tells the Good News.

Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through mission grants selected by delegates at district and national LWML conventions. At the recent district convention in Alexandria, MN, the mite goal was set at \$135,000 for the 2011-2012 biennium. 75% of the mites collected go to district missions and 25% to national missions. Some of the mission grants are designated for scholarships (church workers and pastors), food banks, Lutheran Island Camp, Haiti, blind mission, Orphan Grain Train, Bibles to Asia, Anuak ministry, world relief, China, India, Africa, South America, Korea, and Russia.



Minnesota Tornado Relief Fund Update

Donations of \$974.00 have been received. This money will be sent directly to the Minnesota North District-LCMS (Tornado Relief Fund) in Brainerd, MN.

Thank you for sharing God's love and helping the people in Wadena, MN.

The Human Care Board

MEMBER LIFE



Departing for the National Youth Gathering—July 13th

Front Row: Kendra King, Rachael Melby, David Coulson-DCE Intern

Middle Row: Rachael Heidorn, Kassie King, Matt Schneeberger, Kyle Beske, Rebecca Deterding, Shari Sorkness-Chaperone

Back Row: Caleb Deterding, Ben Haugmo, Jared Salwei, Jeffrey Schmidt, Ryan Sorkness

LET'S GO TO CAMP

Jesus answered, *"It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"* Matthew 4:4

August	1-6	Family Week
	7	19th Annual Quilt Auction
	6-8	Make a World For Christ Kick-off
	8	Mission Festival
	8-13	Tenderfoot Horseback 5
	13-15	Little Lambs 4
	15-18	Voyageur Classic Camp



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For more information, check the bulletin boards in the narthex and entry, or see Gene Prause.

Dear Supporting Churches,

Thank you to all who baked pies, volunteered at the Phelps Mill Festival booth or contributed financially to purchase pies for our annual Phelps Mill pie sale. We are excited to see the lives changed because of your generosity.

Because of you and all who participated, this event will strengthen our ministry in several areas such as STD testing and treatment, ultrasound, abortion recovery, abstinence education, parenting classes and much more.

If you want to know more about what is happening at Health Resources LifeCare Center or have any questions, please feel free to contact me. It would be wonderful to hear from you.

Again, thank you. Your gifts will be used to wisely reach out to the woman, men and families who come in our door.

Erin Tysver
Executive Director of Health Resources Center

MEMBER LIFE

August Birthdays of Our Physically Limited

August 16 Delilah Schmidt
1416 Terrace Drive
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

August 21 Marion Hansen
418 E Alcott Ave, #307
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

*Let's shower them with birthday cards on their "special day!"
Thank you for caring and sharing Christ's love.*

Pray For...

All those prayed for over the past month.

- ◇ Frances Winans', family and friends that mourn her death and celebrate her eternal life with Christ.
- ◇ Hilda Hennig, who is recovering from a broken hip.
- ◇ Mavis Hauge, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- ◇ Frieda Miller, who is in the short stay unit recovering from a light stroke.
- ◇ Vi Frees, who has been hospitalized after suffering from a possible stroke.
- ◇ Ron Prause, Gene Prause's brother, who is recovering from heart surgery.
- ◇ Tiffany Adam, who is hospitalized due to complications with diabetes.
- ◇ Cameron Bye, Laura Schwarz's friend's 5 year old son, who was diagnosed with Leukemia and has begun chemo treatments.
- ◇ Meta Schwarz, who fell and broke her collar bone.
- ◇ Aggie Froehlich, who is receiving treatment for a chronic carcinoid tumor.
- ◇ Jo Nell Kolle, Donna Kolle's daughter-in-law, who has begun chemo treatments.
- ◇ Beryl Hames, who is undergoing testing for internal bleeding.
- ◇ Roxanne "Tess" Sundblad, who is recovering from symptoms she has due to cancer.
- ◇ Aubrey Coulson, who underwent surgery to remove extra digits and is recovering at home.
- ◇ Cheryl Anderson, who underwent foot surgery due to arthritis and a spur.
- ◇ Barbara Grim, Brad Grim's mother, who has cancer.
- ◇ Beverly Steiner, who is undergoing tests for her heart.
- ◇ Angie Streeter, who is recovering from a second surgery on her brain.
- ◇ Lorise Hume, who broke her neck and is undergoing physical therapy.
- ◇ Fran Otto, who had surgery to clean her carotid artery.
- ◇ Aggie Froehlich, who is receiving treatment for a chronic carcinoid tumor.
- ◇ Frances Timian, Lois Fitzner's mother, who is receiving hospice care.
- ◇ Carol Weston, David Coulson's aunt, who is suffering with an aggressive cancer.
- ◇ Wendy Clark, who has completed her chemo treatments and now begins radiation treatments.
- ◇ Ruth Luhman, who was hospitalized again but now is home.
- ◇ Shelly Minge, who is in the midst of another round of chemo.
- ◇ Physically Limited: *Agnes Anderson, Sharon Best, Clifford Boese, Wallace Boese, Emma Bradow, Patrina Carlson, Wallace Christopher, Helen Freier, Neil Gerhardson, Rachel Gregor, Agnes Halverson, Beryl Hames, Marion Hansen, Lucille Harworth, Harold & Mae Hauge, Hilda Hennig, Lorise Hume, Gladys Kenyon, Vernon Kjono, Janette Koebernick, Vivian Kugler, Wallace Lubben, Ruth Luhman, Alpha Mahler, Frances Max, Frieda Miller, Delaine Neubauer, Alma O'Meara, Manford Sampson, Delilah Schmidt, Martha Schultz, Meta Schwarz, Gertrude Smith, and Edna Winterfeldt.*

Call our prayer chain with special requests you might have during the week. Phone numbers are on back of bulletin. If you would like to be included in Sunday prayers, please fill out the prayer request form in mailbox by office.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

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Strangers in the Pews Reproduced from the Lutheran Witness

It was Sunday morning and my family and I were visiting a church in a community away from home. It had taken us longer to find the church than we had expected, so we arrived a few minutes late. The parking lot was full, and there were no parking spots reserved for visitors. My husband dropped the family off at the door and drove off in search of a parking place.

Not wanting to end up in the front row at a church whose worship style might be different from that of our home church, we were happy to find room in the back pew. We scooted in just in time to sing the first hymn. Except we couldn't figure out what it was. Neither the hymn text nor number was printed in the worship folder. I fumbled through several of the inserts and handouts that came with the worship folder, but couldn't find any reference to any of the hymns to be sung that day.

"What do we sing?" my son whispered as he held his hymnbook out to me.

"I don't know," I whispered back.

I looked around for a hymn board, but saw none. A woman was sitting at one end of the pew in front of us, and I was able to get her to turn around and show me the number of the hymn the congregation was singing.

By the second hymn, we still had not figured out where to find the hymn numbers, and the woman I had just asked for help showed no interest in assisting us a second time. I used the index at the back of the hymnbook and was able to join in the last stanza. But we never figured out what the third hymn of the day was.

Before the closing hymn, I finally found a hymn board tucked into a spot on the wall that was nearly impossible to see from the back pew. I quickly told the rest of the family, and we joined the congregation in the last hymn of the day.

As we left the church, the pastor was friendly, but the church members gathered in their tight groups, showing no interest in us as first-time visitors. Finally, as we got into our van to leave, someone did speak to us. An elderly couple parked beside us shared their optimistic predictions of victory later that day for the local football team.

As we drove away, we reflected on the morning's experience. What if, instead of being one-time visitors, we had been new neighbors of that congregation searching for a church home? Would we have come back to that church, or would we have looked elsewhere for a more "visitor friendly" church?

We are all called by our Lord to be "Great Commission" people. The mission of a congregation is not to center on itself but to look for ways to share the Good News with others. Welcoming visitors to our church is one way to reach out to our community neighbors who want to know more about Jesus' saving love for them.

This Sunday, as you worship the Lord at your congregation, try to view the experience through the eyes of a first-time visitor. Is there visitor parking near your church building? Will someone be there to help pick up worship aids and hymnbooks, and does the worship folder provide clear instructions to lead the visitor through the worship service? What more can your congregation do to make the "stranger in a strange pew" welcome in your congregation?

With the idea of writing an article for *The Lutheran Witness*, I asked my family to visit several area churches to find out how their members welcomed strangers in their pews. Here are some of the people we encountered and the things they did to make us first-time visitors feel welcome:

- Several pastors noticed that our daughter has a developmental disability and made a special effort to talk with her.
- An elderly usher showed he cared by scurrying across the narthex to help us the minute we walked in through the church door.

- A young man stepped across the aisle to make sure we were at the right place in the hymnbook, and then checked later in the service to see that we were still following along.

- A man sat down in the pew next to my husband when the service was over and struck up a friendly conversation.

- Another woman looked at the registration book when it came back to her so that she could welcome us by name at the end of the service.

- At one church, several people stopped me as I got a cup of coffee after services, asking who we were and inviting us to come again.

- A couple stopped my husband and me as we passed by the visitor's table, eager to find out more about us and establish a relationship that would encourage us to come again.

- Some members not only introduced themselves, they also invited us to stay for Sunday school and adult Bible class, pointing out the rooms where they met and what topics were being discussed that morning.

- Several churches contacted us by mail later that same week.

- Most pastors wrote personal letters—not form letters—thanking us for coming and asking us to come again.

- A layman at one congregation wrote a personal letter.

- Our 15-year-old son received a youth-group newsletter from a church where he had entered his name and age in the registration book.

- A vicar at one church phoned us, as did a retired gentleman from another church. Both thanked us for coming and asked if we would like more information about their church.

- Once when we didn't include our phone number on the pew register sheet at another church, someone from the evangelism group took the time to look up the number and was calling our home at the moment we walked in the front door, thanking us for coming and asking if there was any way his church could help us.

While none of these is a great revelation or a new idea, perhaps you will find some helpful reminders as to what you can do at your church, whether you serve as an usher, volunteer in the office, sit on a church board, teach Sunday school, or simply sit next to someone who is struggling to follow the worship service.

The effect that these simple efforts to reach out to visitors can have at your congregation is illustrated by the answer a friend of mine gave when I asked her why she and her husband had joined one of the churches we visited: "Because they seemed to care so much about us, we really felt they wanted to show us Christ's love," she explained. "Someone from this congregation visited us during the week that followed our first visit, and each month someone from this church phoned to find out if we had any prayer requests."

Pray that God will fill your heart, as well as the hearts of your fellow congregation members, with the desire and wisdom to show true Christian hospitality to those who come to join you in your worship. Let's all do what we can individually and collectively to help the "strangers in our pews" feel welcome as brothers or sisters in Christ.

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Radio

Trinity worship 10:00 am Sun KJJK 1020 AM
KFUO Devo 8:30 am Mon www.kfuoam.org
The Bible Study 10:00 am Thur* www.kfuoam.org
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10:30 am Sun KBRF 1250 AM
4:30 pm Sun KFNW 1200 AM
Issues Etc. 6:00 pm Sun KKOK 95.7 FM

Internet

Trinity website www.trinityff.org
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*Only first Thursday of the month.

Worship Schedule

Sundays

9:00 am—Sunday Worship
(Communion on the 1st, 3rd &
5th Sundays of the month)
10:30 am— Adult & Teen Bible Classes

Wednesdays

7:00 pm— Worship
(Communion following the 1st &
3rd Sundays of the month)

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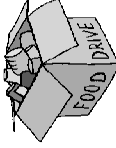
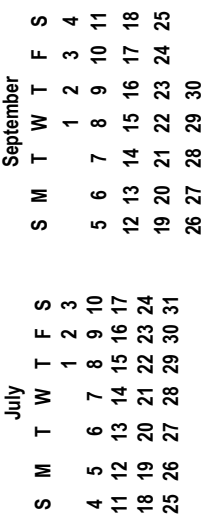
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August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10th Sunday after Pentecost 1 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:30am Adult/Teen Bible Classes	2 8:30 am Devotional KFUO*	3 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Crafters 7:00 pm Board of Education 7:00 pm Board of Youth 7:00 pm Brd of Local Outreach	4 7:00 pm Worship with Communion	5 10:00 am KFUO* Bible Study with Pastor Deterding 6:00 pm Tech Committee 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Elders Meeting NO Circle Meeting	6	7
11th Sunday after Pentecost 8 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult/Teen Bible Classes 3:00 pm Circuit Pastors Picnic	9 8:30 am Devotional KFUO*	10 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Crafters 1:00 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Brd of Stewardship 7:00 pm Global Outreach Brd	11 7:00 pm Worship	12 7:00 pm Church Council	13	14
12th Sunday after Pentecost 15 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Adult/Teen Bible Classes	16 <u>Newsletter Items Due</u> 8:30 am Devotional KFUO*	17 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Crafters	18 7:00 pm Worship with Communion	19	20	21
13th Sunday after Pentecost 22 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult/Teen Bible Classes	23 8:30 am Devotional KFUO*	24 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Crafters 7:00 pm Jr. Confirmation Orientation	25 7:00 pm Worship	26 6:30 pm School Board	27	28
14th Sunday after Pentecost 29 Orphan Grain Train Sunday 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Orphan Grain Train Project-- "School Kits" & Presentation	30 8:30 am Devotional KFUO*	31 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Crafters	 *Go online to www.kfuoam.org to listen		4th Sunday is FOOD SHELFSunday 	

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Daily readings for August, 2010

- 1—Habakkuk 3:2-19 / 2 Chronicles 1-3
- 2—Psalm 57 / 2 Chronicles 4-6
- 3—Psalm 58 / 2 Chronicles 7-9
- 4—Psalm 59 / 2 Chronicles 10-12
- 5—Psalm 60 / 2 Chronicles 13-15
- 6—Psalm 61 / 2 Chronicles 16-18
- 7—Psalm 62 / 2 Chronicles 19-21
- 8—Psalm 63 / 2 Chronicles 22-24
- 9—Psalm 64 / 2 Chronicles 25-27
- 10—Psalm 65 / 2 Chronicles 28-30
- 11—Psalm 66 / 2 Chronicles 31-33
- 12—Psalm 67 / 2 Chronicles 34-36
- 13—Psalm 68 / Ezra 1-5
- 14—Psalm 69 / Ezra 6-10
- 15—Psalm 70 / Nehemiah 1-3
- 16—Psalm 71 / Nehemiah 4-6
- 17—Psalm 72 / Nehemiah 7-9
- 18—Psalm 73 / Nehemiah 10-13
- 19—Psalm 74 / Esther 1-3
- 20—Psalm 75 / Esther 4-6
- 21—Psalm 76 / Esther 7-10
- 22—Psalm 77 / Job 1-3
- 23—Psalm 78 / Job 4-6
- 24—Psalm 79 / Job 7-9
- 25—Psalm 80 / Job 10-12
- 26—Psalm 81 / Job 13-15
- 27—Psalm 82 / Job 16-18
- 28—Psalm 83 / Job 19-21
- 29—Psalm 84 / Job 22-24
- 30—Psalm 85 / Job 25-27
- 31—Habakkuk 3:2-19 / Job 28-30