

JULY 2010

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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MISSION STATEMENT: Trinity is a  
community of Christ providing a  
foundation of God's love to grow  
and learn together.

Dear Trinity members and friends,

**“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Romans 12:9-13**

This spring we held our annual Stewardship emphasis. This year it was titled, “Grace-filled Living”. This title reminds us that all aspects of our lives begin with grace, even our financial lives. Everything that we have belongs to God. In generosity, God has provided us with the skills for our occupation, a job to work or retirement to enjoy. All of this is given simply from God's steadfast love for us. This is grace.

In Romans, Paul gives some ideas about how to live in thankful to God for all that has been given to us. We are encouraged to live our lives in ways that reflect to others the generosity that God has given us. Among his list of actions, Paul says that contributing from our finances to help others is a way to love God.

Recently, in the bulletin, there have been “Did you know” inserts. These inserts tell us where our offerings go. Did you know that your offering goes to pay for everything from bulletins and utilities to food pantry and new mission churches? Our offerings are a great way to follow Paul's instructions to share from what God has provided us.

Thank you for giving your offering each week. Through your generosity, we continue Christ's ministry through our congregation.

Peace,  
Pastor Donnita K. Moeller

#### WORSHIP NOTES

**Sunday July 4** worship will include a patriotic service. No Sunday School will be held after worship this week.

**Sundays July 11, 18, 25** Sunday School will be held from 10:15-11am for high school – adults.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**VBS** will be held Sunday July 25-29 at Calvary Foursquare Church. Suppers will be offered at 5pm with the cost being \$3/person or \$5/family. Sunday night is free. Classes are for students ages 4 – going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade and begin at 6:30pm. The theme is the High Seas focusing on Paul's missionary adventures.

**Sunday School**- for high school students-adults. We begin on Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> and continuing July 11, 18, 25 and August 8, 15 from 10:15-11am. Grab your snack after church and gather in the Narthex to study "Called into Healing". A movie will be showing in the nursery so that parents can attend the class!

## CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the annual church worship and picnic on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Worship will be at 10:30am at the Tipton City park in the shelter across from the Aquatic Center. Bring a dish to pass for a potluck lunch, your own table service and a lawn chair. Drinks will be provided.

## 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY FLOAT

Please bring potted plants to church on the 4<sup>th</sup> that we can use on the float. Then plan to stay after worship to help decorate the float. Anyone wishing to ride on the float can meet at the courthouse at 1pm.

## WELCA

Enjoy a Garden walk at Delores Werling's home on Monday, July 12 @7pm for the WELCA General meeting.

## HABITAT

Have you signed up to help at the Dave Stephens Memorial Habitat Build? There's still time. Call the Iowa Valley Habitat office or go to their website to sign up.

Thanks to everyone who performed and contributed to the Habitat Musical Fundraiser held at St. Mary's. A total of \$2,522.25 was raised!

## SENIOR CENTER MEALS

The Senior Center needs people to help deliver meals this summer. If you can help, please call the Center.

**COUNCIL MINUTES**- May 2010 Bible study led by Pastor based on the book, Reclaiming the "L" Word.

Treasurer & Secretary's reports were accepted as submitted.

MSC: to close the "Vision" Fund investments of \$6,924 in the ELCA Mission Investment Fund and transfer to a local bank savings account to be used for general budget expenses.

Pastor's report was accepted as submitted

Committee reports:

Youth- money raised from the Servant Auction will be used for youth to attend future youth events.

Worship/Tech- goal to have screen & projector ready in June

Property- suggestion to have furnace inspected each year. Boiler was inspected and is in good shape.

Memorial- will purchase the following: PA system for Fellowship hall, new computer for church office, easel. Other ideas included a ceiling fan and an on-demand water heater for the kitchen

Wellness- Ellen Hanks has finished the Parish Nurse courses and will serve as a parish nurse for Trinity

FRB- \$950 in the checking and 15 acres to be planted  
Old Business

MSC: to purchase items for the Kettler family and the remainder of the "fence" money to go to the Martin family for purchasing playset equipment for their son.

New Business

-Outside rail and shutters need painting.  
-church lawn was sprayed for weeds  
-a card will be available in church for Pastor Sondrol's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination

#### PASTOR'S CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pastor will be at a Global Mission Event in Austin, MN for Friday-Saturday, July 16-17. In case of an emergency, call Bev Oldham.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for baptizing Carter and accepting him into our congregation. Michael and I are very excited to finally be parents and look forward to all the fun to come! Love, Michael, Kelly & Carter Thomas

#### TANZANIA LETTER

Included in this newsletter is a copy of a letter from the pastor of Mbaga Lutheran parish. Please note that when he writes about the amount of money needed for new church buildings, he is talking about Tanzanian schillings not American dollars.

#### Youth

The youth raised \$960.00 to go toward future youth events and leadership camps. Thank You to all who participated and purchased the youth. The youth cook out has been rescheduled do to many conflicts of the

youth, so look for future date to be set. If there is any youth who will be 14 years of age by the end of 2011 or head into high school and would like to go on the next Youth Gathering please let Jodi know as soon as possible so planning can start. Also this helps in determine how many rooms are needed. Also adults are welcome too. It is a great experience for all.

#### Financial Report

5-30 = \$1198.00  
6-6 = \$2798.25  
6-13 = \$1138.31  
6-20 = \$440.00

Loose Offering \$304.52  
World Hunger \$70.00  
Rent \$120.00

#### July Worship

Greeters: Gertrude Moeller  
Catherine Jacobson

#### July 4

Assistant- Lynne Rechterman  
Usher – Henry and Julia Martin  
Communion – Elmer and Delores Kunde  
Bob and Betty Thumma  
Banner – Jacob Lewis  
Acolyte – Anna Lewis  
Cross-Hannah Owens  
Organist-Judy Bontz

#### July 11

Assistant- Beth Ahrens  
Usher- Larry and Iaina Hein  
Communion- Mike and Kim Pelzer  
Gail and Craig Mirfield  
Banner- Noah Pelzer  
Acolyte- Cole Wehde  
Cross- Becky Hickerson  
Organist-Elaine Moes

July 18

Assistant – Laurie Brandenburg  
Usher- Jill Holstein and Darlene Peck  
Communion- Brit and Ryan  
Montgomery

Acolyte-Kali Hein  
Banner-Megan Moeller  
Cross-Peyton Ahrens  
Organist-Letha Miller

July 25

Assistant- Lisa Schnekloth  
Usher-Keith and Alma Chapman  
Communion-Les and Luke Schnekloth  
Catherine Jacobson, Clayton Schuett

Acolyte – Caleb Schnekloth  
Banner- Mary Jacobson  
Cross- Leanne Rouse  
Organist-Jan Penningroth

Locking/Unlocking Doors

Catherine Jacobson – 886-3517

Altar Guild

Pastor and Meg Moeller  
Beth Ahrens