

JUNE 2010

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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,

You are invited to:

Summer Sunday School

"Called into Healing"

10:15 - 11:00am

Beginning Sunday, June 27th

(a movie will be in the Nursery for the children)

There has been a growing interest in the laying on of hands, anointing and prayers for healing within churches. The recognition that there is comfort, strength, healing and a deep sense of peace from prayer has led to the renewed interest in this ministry. For quite some time at Trinity, we've had the laying on of hands and anointing four times a year. The Wellness Committee would like to increase the number of times that we offer this ritual and prayer. We'd also like to add other opportunities to express our care and concern for one another through prayer.

The first step in expanding this part of our ministry, is to offer a Summer Sunday School class for high school – adults. We'll be using a book titled, Called into Healing by Linda Smith. We'll study biblical stories of healing, healing throughout church history, belief and prayer, and how to be instruments of healing. The class will be 6 weeks beginning Sunday June 27 with classes also on Sundays July 11, 18, 25 and August 8, 15.

After worship on these Sundays, get a snack at the kitchen and join the study and conversation in the Narthex (the air conditioning will be on!) There will be a movie playing in the Nursery for children to watch so that parents can attend the class also.

Peace,

Pastor Donnita K. Moeller

WORSHIP NOTES

The wedding of Gail Countryman and Craig Mirfield will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, June 20th. A luncheon reception will be held during the Fellowship time. Come celebrate this joyous occasion!

Plans are underway to begin projecting the worship service in June. Bulletins will be printed as usual so you can use the screen to follow the liturgy and hymns or you can still use the hymnals.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

VBS "Paul's Great Adventure" will be held at Calvary Foursquare Church on Sunday – Thursday evenings, July 25-29. Classes are for students ages 4 – going into 6th grade. Adult helpers are still needed. See Jennifer Schuett to register your child or volunteer to help.

Mark your calendars for the adult Summer Sunday School class, 10:15-11:00am beginning June 27th. The class, "Called into Healing" will be a biblical and historical look at the ministry of healing.

Thank you to Sally Kruse and Jennifer Schuett for organizing and leading our Sunday School program

for our students this year! Thanks, too, for the time and dedication of all of our Sunday School teachers.

Thanks to Dolores Kunda for again making the quilts for the high school graduates given on behalf of the women of the congregation.

Congratulations to our college graduates: Amy McElhinney, PHD, Kelly Thomas, Masters degree, Carli Herring, Bachelor's degree. (Any others please give your name to the church office so we may recognize your accomplishments, too)

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Did you know that your offerings:

- provided \$50 a month to the Food Pantry at Wartburg Seminary for students and their families
- contributed \$50 a month towards the new congregation, Holy Trinity, in North Liberty
- supports the Food Pantry for Tipton by giving \$100 a month
- amounted to over \$500 for relief to Haiti

That is amazing ministry that happens because of your faithful

giving. Thank you for participating in God's work among us.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Did you have your picture taken for the church directory? Then you can receive a copy of the directory. If you don't have yours yet, please tell Janel Stephens, Betty Thumma or RoseMary McElhinney.

The Shepherding program has been discontinued due to the difficulty of organizing the groups, and lack of attendance at gatherings. Thanks to all who volunteered to be leaders of the shepherd groups. The goals of the Shepherding program, to build community, pray for one another, offer more devotions, etc., will be addressed in other ways. The expanded efforts of the Wellness Committee will look at opportunities to fulfill these goals.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Dave Stephens Memorial Habitat Build is being postponed for a few weeks due to an opportunity to receive more funding through a grant. So the first working weekend will be June 25-26th and continue with dates into July. The dedication of the house will be August 15th. Watch for other details in the bulletins.

A Musical Habitat Fundraiser will be held at St. Mary's on Thursday, June 10th at 7pm. Come join the fun!

WELCA UPDATES

June 17 Esther Circle @ church at 7pm

June 18 Ruth Circle @ Delores Werling's home at 1:30pm

June 26 WELCA Convention @ Amana Holiday Inn

Looking Ahead:

July 12 General meeting "Garden walk" at Delores Werling's home @ 7pm

No meetings in August

Thank you to Dolores Kunde for washing the windows in the Fellowship hall and to Delores Werling for tidying the kitchen before the women's May Fellowship Lunch. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday June 30th @ 6:30pm at Janel Stephen's home to discuss, Breakfast with Buddha.

PASTOR AT CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pastor will be at a Continuing Education class Thursday evening – Friday, June 9-10. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call her mother, Gertrude, at 886-3201.

4th of JULY FLOAT

A meeting to design and organize for a Trinity float in the 4th of July parade will be held on Sunday June 13th after worship. Everyone welcome!

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the annual church worship and picnic on Sunday August 1st. 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.

COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 2010

Devotions: Pastor used the book, Reclaiming the "L" Word: Renewing the Church from its Lutheran Core

Treasurer's report accepted. MSC to pace the Endowment investment #7883 (which was due the month) into a Mission Rate Adjustable Fund.

Secretary's report was accepted.

Pastor's report included ideas to share with the Wellness Committee about expanding the laying on of hands, anointing and prayer ministry.

Committee reports:

Education: Last Sunday School day and VBS Sneak Peak is May 16th; 7th & 8th grade confirmation classes have finished for this year

Evangelism: the Tanzania Sunday has been postponed

Stewardship: Time & Talent sheets are being collated

Worship/Tech: projection project continues; pastor will order software needed for the computer

Property: new thermostats installed in the sanctuary; floors in fellowship hall, etc. have been stripped and waxed again

Old Business:

Fence for Martin family no longer needed, information meeting set for congregation ideas how to use money

Council will appoint a team to investigate the possibility of remodeling the kitchen

New Business:

MSC to transfer Mary Nehring to Holy Trinity, North Liberty

Agreed with need for a new office computer with funds from the Memorial Fund.

New vacuum to be purchased for cleaning the church.

4th of July float to be church project this year.

Charline Thumm, secretary

COUNCIL MEETING MAY 2010

MSC to transfer the Vision investments to the General Fund to pay summer bills.

MSC to use former fence money to purchase high chair, swing and frame and swim float for the Kettler family and remaining money to give to the Martin family toward playground equipment they are purchasing.

Discussion regarding a fundraiser for Kay Chambliss: the family says that the individual gifts, cards and prayers are very much appreciated and council is in continued conversation with the family about any future needs.

LETTER OF TRANSFER & THANK YOU

Mary Nehring writes in her letter of transfer to Holy Trinity in North Liberty:

I would like to send a huge thank you to the congregation for your monthly support of Holy Trinity. It is because of the help we received from so many churches in this district that we were able to keep going and be where we are today. It meant a lot to me that my church was a part of this. I leave Trinity with some sadness because it has been my church for over 30 years. Being a part of a mission church has been a wonderful experience though and it is a great feeling of satisfaction to know that I have been there to see it all happen.

Best wishes to everyone and again I thank you so very much for

everything Trinity Lutheran did to help me on my Christian journey. We did some amazing things while I was a member. Sincerely, Mary Nehring

(Holy Trinity was recognized as an official congregation of the ELCA at the SE IA Synod Assembly in May)
CAMP EMBRACING MEMORIES

This Camp is a free overnight camp for children ages seven to 16. St. Luke's Hospice is proud to offer this unique camp to help children and families cope with the death of a loved one.

Sat-Sun Sept. 11-12 @ YMCA Camp Wapsie, Coggon, IA

To register call 319-369-7744 or visit stlukecr.org/hospice to request registration materials.

For resources on how to help children cope with death, browse the St. Luke's Hospice Grief Library @ 290 Blairs Ferry Rd. NE in Cedar Rapids which is open to the public Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm.

COMMUNITY ACTION

Need help paying for outside chores? Community Action of Eastern Iowa is accepting applications for low-income people who are 60 or older or disabled to help them pay for lawn mowing, trimming, raking, snow removal, window washing, yard clean up and other outside chores. If you think you are eligible or know someone who you think may be eligible, please call Sheryl or Cindy at 563-886-3191 or 1-800-920-3191.

THANK YOU

Our work at Wartburg Seminary in its important mission is enriched by the many people of God who are

cherished partners through their prayers and gifts in this ministry. I gratefully acknowledge receipt of \$250 and note that these funds have been credited to the account of Andrew Zoerb. In Christ's name and service, Janelle Koepke, Wartburg Seminary