

OCTOBER 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,

I recently read an article by Bishop Will Willamon and he made the following comment about church newsletters:

“Did you show me one life story in this newsletter about how the church has been making our world better? Is there one life-changing story in the entire document? Do you really just exist so that men can have breakfast, women a bazaar, and youth can dance? What is it exactly that you want me to support (with my offerings)?”

This made me think about how we organize our newsletter and I realized that its emphasis is on simply getting the “news” out to everyone. Obviously this is a necessary part of writing a newsletter. But what if the newsletter were organized differently? What if it highlighted the ministry that we do at Trinity?

So this month's newsletter will be organized under the following titles: Word & Worship; Discipleship & Stewardship; Local & Worldwide Mission. A description of how our ministry touches lives will be given under each title and will be followed by the information about committees, projects, etc. Hopefully this will give us the opportunity to celebrate our ministry as well as thank some of those whose work goes unseen among us.

Peace,

Pastor Donnita K. Moeller

WORD & WORSHIP

Worship at Trinity includes music, prayer, preaching and communion . We understand ourselves as part of God's family and strive to reach out to those in need.

Sunday Oct. 3- Luke 17:5-10

Theme: “Increase our Faith”

Sunday Oct. 10- Luke 17:11-19

Theme: “10 Lepers”

Laying on of Hands & Anointing for Healing

Special offering for Bed Nets \$10/10/10

Sunday Oct. 17- Luke 18:1-8

Theme: “Prayer & Justice”

Andy Zoerb will be preaching & there will not be communion.

Sunday Oct. 24- Luke 18:9-14

Theme: “At least I'm not like THAT”

Jr/Sr students will give a presentation about Hunger in the World.

Sunday Oct. 31- Luke 19:1-10

Theme: “Zacchaeus, Let's Eat”

Confirmation Sunday for Noah Pelzer & Caleb Schnekloth

Choir continues their rehearsals on Wednesdays @ 7pm. If you'd like to join them, just show up! Did you know that the anthems that they sing are chosen to relate to the scripture reading for that Sunday? Next time they sing, look for the connection to the scripture themes!

Thank you! There are not enough words to express my thanks to the congregation for the great party for the 20th anniversary of my ordination. I was truly touched. It is a privilege to be your pastor.

Healing Touch Ministry - This summer we held an education class about the biblical meaning and history of Laying on of hands and anointing for healing. This year we will include this time of prayer in worship in various ways. On Sunday October 10th, Pastor will stand by the altar piece in the corner of the sanctuary. Anyone who desires prayer and anointing may come to this "station" after taking communion.

The projector- The screen is up and Pastor is learning the software program for the computer. The liturgy and hymns will be projected onto the screen. Those who still prefer the hymnal, the bulletin will still indicate the pages to follow along.

Study of God's Word happens at Trinity on Sunday mornings during our Sunday School hour. Dedicated teachers hold classes for 3 year olds through adults. These classes involve about 70 people as we learn and grow in God's Word for our daily lives. Join the fun!

October Worship

Greeters: Wanda Whitmer
Gertrude Moeller

Oct 3

Assistant- Verna Kruse
Usher – Jill Holstein and Sandy Hein
Communion – Clayton Schuett, Beth Ahrens

Norene Boyle and Neva

Phelps

Acolyte – Kali Hein
Cross- Peyton Ahrens
Organist-Jan Penningroth

Oct 10

Assistant- Elaine Moes
Usher- Lynn and Dennis Treimer
Communion- Larry and Ilaina Hein,
Keith and Alma Chapman

Acolyte- Hannah Owens
Cross- Leanne Rouse
Organist-Alan Daedlow

Oct 17

Assistant – Ron Belitz
Usher- Norene Boyle and Beth Ahrens
Communion- Joe and Rosemary McElhinney

Acolyte- Brady Koogler
Cross- Megan Moeller
Organist-Judy Bontz

Oct 24

Assistant- Judi Hein
Usher- Todd and Shawn Kleppe
Communion- Jan Penningroth, Verna Kruse

Elmer and Dolores Kunde

Acolyte – Mary Jacobson
Cross- Becky Hickerson
Organist-Elaine Moes

Oct 31

Assistant-Betty Thumma
Usher-Darlene Peck and Neva Phelps
Communion-Bryce and Delores Werling
Lou Ann Albaugh, Charline

Thumm

Acolyte-Cole Wehde

Cross-Kali Hein
Organist-Elaine Moes

Locking/Unlocking Doors

Lou Ann Albaugh 886-6390
Charline Thumm 886-2653

Altar Guild

Pastor and Meg Moeller
Beth Ahrens

Jr/Sr High class is studying a new curriculum from the ELCA called "Taking Root" a look at issues of hunger around the world. On Sunday October 24th they will give a presentation in worship to share with us what they have learned. Other Sunday school classes will study this curriculum in November.

\$10/10/10 - Bed Nets Against Malaria - On October 10th there will be a special offering during worship for the bed nets that we are calling \$10/10/10 (\$10 on the tenth in the year 2010). Our goal is to raise enough money for 100 bed nets during this school year. Donations can be made at any time by writing a check to Trinity with "bed nets" in the memo line.

7th & 8th grade confirmation class met on Saturday September 25th at All Saints Lutheran in Davenport. Balloons and a relay race helped introduce the books of the Bible and conversation about how it was written. A walk outside led us in our study of the creation stories in Genesis 1 and 2. Did you know that there are 2 separate stories, one where creation happens in 7 days and another where creation happens in 1 day? Take a look. A closing worship included a guided meditation about creation and our thanks to God.

Our next class will be on Saturday, October 30, 9am-noon @ Trinity. Students in the class are: Cole Wehde, Megann Moeller, Mary Jacobson, Becky Hickerson, Kali Hein, Peyton Ahrens, Hannah Owens, Leanna Rouse, Brady Koogler. Four students from All Saints joined our class.

9th grade confirmation - The Apostles' Creed was written long ago to explain the Trinity. It is written in 3 sections called articles, each one defining one person of the Trinity. We'll use 3 short films to discuss these articles. One film is about a compassionate violin maker, another about a father who sacrifices his son to save a train filled with people and another about a young girl who learns about obedience, faith and trust. Confirmation Sunday will be October 31st for Noah Pelzer and Caleb Schnekloth. Fellowship will honor our 2 confirmands so plan to stay and help celebrate.

Adult Sunday School will continue our study of "Making Sense of Scripture". The Bible is a collection of books that contain various kinds of literature, poetry, history, parables, gospels, letters, law codes, etc. How do we make sense of all of this? We've been exploring the world of interpretation. Its quite a journey. Come join us!

DISCIPLESHIP & STEWARDSHIP

These two parts of our ministry instruct the way that we live as part of God's family. Refreshed by worship and the hearing God's message of grace, we step out into our daily lives as witnesses. The information in this section of the newsletter reflects our live together.

WELCA- Women of the Evangelical Church in America supports many mission projects and the Circle meetings follow a Bible study that is printed in a monthly magazine called “Lutheran Woman”.

Cluster Gathering- the annual fall gathering for WELCA groups in this area will be held on October 9 at Our Redeemer Lutheran in West Liberty. The theme is: **Renew, Respond, Rejoice!** A Bible study will be given by Pastor Lynn Thiede and Chris Harris will tell us about Thrivent Builds in El Salvador. Registration begins at 8:30am Contact Betty Thumma or Alma Chapman if you plan to attend.

WELCA General Meeting- Trinity women are invited to a business meeting on Monday October 4 @ 7pm @ Trinity.

Ruth Circle- Fri., Oct. 15 @ 1:30pm at a place to be announced.

Esther Circle- Thurs. Oct. 21 @ 7pm at Betty Thumma’s home.

Youth Group for students in grades 7-12 helps to build community for our youth, give a place to ask questions and grow in faith and to participate in service projects as a way to express their faith.

Nine students met in September to enjoy a pizza supper from Pizza Hut. While eating we shared our Kyries & Alleluias (highs and lows). A few games of Bananagrams (similar to Scrabble) showed Ashley Byrd to be our champion! We closed with a prayer of thanksgiving. Each person named something that they are thankful for that began with the letter of their first name- dogs, apples, music, etc.

Our next meeting is Sunday October 17th at 5pm. Supper will be provided. Bring your own soda.

Wellness Committee- Our bodies are a gift from God. This committee helps us to care for these gifts.

We’ll meet on Tuesday October 5th at 7pm to discuss training for those who would like to be leaders in the Healing Touch Ministry, healthy snacks for fellowship and spirituality & walking.

Stewardship Committee- To be stewards of our time, talent and treasures is our “work” that shows our thanksgiving to God for the wondrous news of the gospel.

The committee will meet on Monday October 25 @ 7pm to plan our Time & Talent information. The Stewardship emphasis will be held during the Epiphany season this year with an ending Mardi Gras celebration on Sunday, March 6th!

Evangelism Committee- This committee helps us to stay connected as the family of God. Their latest project was the picture directories. Copies of these will be added to the church pews so that we can continue to get to know one another better. The best way to make someone feel welcome is to know their name! The committee will meet after worship on Sunday October 10th in the fellowship hall.

Women’s Retreat- Renew, Refresh, Reform will be held at Trinity on Saturday October 16 at 9-1pm. Cost is \$15.00 which includes lunch. Sign up in the Narthex.

Council Highlights for September 2010
Council oversees the work of all the committees, the budget and hires staff. Working together with Pastor, they see that the worship & education of the church is done in proper order.

Council members: Mike Pelzer, Les Schnekloth, Julia Martin, Sandi Hein, Jody Byrd, Mike August, Eric Newton, Charline Thumm, Deb Cook.

Bible study led by Pastor: "Love Motivates us"

Minutes & Treasurer's report accepted
Pastor's report given

Old Business:

MSC: to purchase 2 Oreck vacuums with the money raised; one for upstairs & one for downstairs

Jodi will check on more info on gutters for the front of the church & council will meet one Sunday after worship.

New Business:

Recommended that the Stewardship Committee learn about automated giving.
Gave authority to Worship/Tech committee to provide wireless access for the office and worship computers.

Next meeting Oct. 12th.

A copy of the minutes for August are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Vacation and Continuing Education

Pastor will be on vacation October 14-17, and at the Synod's Fall Leadership Conference for Pastors and AIMs on the 18th & 19th and at a continuing education lecture series at Wartburg Seminary on the topic of "Suffering" on the 21st. In case of a pastoral emergencies on these dates call Pastor's mother, Gertrude, 886-3201.

Lutheran College Fair- Students looking for a college are invited to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport on Sunday, October 10th.

Registration begins at 6:45pm, Financial Aid Seminary at 7pm and College Fair at 7:30pm.

For more information, go to www.lutherancollege.org.

Being in the Moment: Tips on Caregiving & Living- a community-wide program on Wednesday Nov. 10th, 1-4pm at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.

Karen Stroblee will share her experiences of caring for her 2 parents with Alzheimer's disease.

Why Does the ELCA have a

Washington Office?- an event especially for lay people to learn about the advocacy work of the ELCA. October 17, 3:30-5pm at the SE IA Synod office, 2635 Northgate Dr., Iowa City.

Grief Group- This special weekly seminary/support group is for people grieving a loss- the "loss" event could include death, divorce, illness, children leaving (or returning) or any life event that triggers grief. Mondays, Oct. 11-Nov. 15, 4:30-6pm at the Methodist Church, Pre-registration is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome! 886-2331.

Book Club- this is an informal group that gathers each month to discuss a book they have read. If you have a common interest in books, join us.

This month we'll meet on Sunday October 10th at 7pm at Trinity to join another local book club to discuss, The Sparrow by Mary Doria Russell. This is a futuristic look at discovering a new planet. It explores issues of faith, prejudice, doubt and the will of God.

LOCAL & WORLDWIDE MISSION

Part of the understanding of ourselves as God's family means that we know that God loves all people. We become God's love to those who are vulnerable in this world.

\$10/10/10 - Bed Nets Against Malaria -
At the Church wide Assembly in 2009, the ELCA voted to join the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. This is a united effort to end the outbreak of malaria around the world. Since malaria is passed by mosquitoes, the best preventative for the spread of the disease is the use of bed nets. The cost of each bed net is \$10.00. On October 10th there will be a special offering for the bed nets that we are calling \$10/10/10 (\$10 on the tenth in the year 2010). Our goal is to raise enough money for 100 bed nets during this school year. Donations can be made at any time by writing a check to Trinity with "bed nets" in the memo line.

Mission & Ministry- Our budget includes items for the ongoing ministry of our church and ministries around the world.
Receipts for August: \$11,323.92
Expenses for August: 10,803.82

Financial Report

8-29 =\$1898.00

9-5 =\$3479.00

9-12 = \$1718.43

9-19 =\$2315.00

Auto =\$150.00

Loose =\$220.25

Sunday School =\$17.26

World Hunger = \$20.00

Cookbook =\$10.00

Vacuum =\$381.07

Memorial =\$50.00

Youth Toy Drive: The youth group will again have a toy give away at Christmas for families who cannot afford presents for their children. We need new donated toys such as dolls, cars & trucks, baby educational toys, gift certificates, etc. Donations can be placed in the Narthex.

Thank you from Wartburg Seminary-
We rejoice in our heritage and the

abundant blessing of your faithful support. Your gifts and prayers strengthen Wartburg for a mission and ministry that serves the Church throughout the world.

I gratefully acknowledge receipt of \$250.00 and note that these funds have been credited to the account of Andrew Zoerb. In Christ, Janelle Koepke, Director of Mission Support, WTS

Banner & Stoles -The Jr./Sr. High Sunday School class will be making a banner for Andy's graduation. The Youth group will also make his red stole for his ordination and the congregation will be invited to help with another stole. Watch for more information.

October Birthdays

1-Bobby Youngs

7-Adam White

9-Deb Cook

11-Dave Oldham

Alicia Gade

12-Halle McCullough

14-J.J.Cook

David Penningroth

16-Jennifer Schuett

18-Erica Esbeck

Nancy Meyer

Richard Ferguson

22- Molly Chapman

Sandy Hein

Andy Zoerb

23-Norene Boyle

24- Don McGlaughlin Sr.

26-Sara Belitz

27-Danielle Schwenker

28-Jeanne White

29-Makenzie Timm

31-Erin Kunde

Kristi Kruse

Andrew Todd