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"Opportunity.
I shall pass through
this world but once. Any good
therefore, that I can do or kindness
that I can show to any human being, let
me do it now; let me not defer or neglect
it, for I shall not pass this way again."



Mission Guatemala Wanted:

A team of
people
to help
make a
difference

By Dr. Kevin Bjork

If ever there was a place for showing kindness, it is in the difficult setting of caring for those who, because of age or circumstance, have lost their independence and require assistance for the basic daily functions we all take for granted. In addition to the countless opportunities for showing kindness within our families and community, Trinity has made a commitment to taking that same kindness beyond the walls of our church and immediate community.

Guatemala is the poorest country in Latin America and the one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. I have had the privilege of participating on eight surgical trips to Guatemala. During those trips I had the opportunity to learn about the poverty and lack of medical resources that bring suffering to a warm and hard-working people.

During the 2007 Mexico Mission trip, a conversation with Pastor TJ Anderson

**Informational meeting:
Wed., Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m.
Garden Room**

led to the prospect of Trinity forming a mission partnership in Guatemala, and a small group going on an exploratory trip to Guatemala last November.

On that trip we were based out of the Catholic mission in San Lucas and visited many of the other Mayan villages that surround the shores of volcanic Lake Atitlan. Our objective was to explore the existing medical services that were currently available to the communities and pin-point the place where Trinity could assist.

Our exploration brought us to the villages of Panabaj and Santiago where in 2005 Hurricane Stan struck the region and caused a mudslide which buried a

large portion of the village of Panabaj.
The path of

destruction also destroyed the only hospital that provided health care for the 40,000 people living in the surrounding area. The medical services moved to a temporary structure to continue providing medical service while plans for the construction of a new hospital could be developed. I had previously been in contact with the hospital medical director and supporting organization Pueblo a Pueblo (village to village) that was helping to finance and direct the new hospital project.

Our timing was good in that they had preliminary architectural drawings and were preparing a site for the new hospital. We asked where Trinity could help and were told that assistance was needed for both the construction project itself, and for the medical services that would be provided from the new hospital. You can imagine Tom Thiets' enthusiasm at the prospect of getting in on the ground floor of such a wonderful project. He has remained in touch with the hospital administrator regarding the construction project. *(continued on page 10)*



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Our Life with Joe



Tomorrow my family says goodbye to our German son, Joachim Baessler. For the last 11 months, Joachim has lived with us as an exchange student and it has transformed our family. Joe (as we call him) is from a town near Stuttgart, Germany and came to us through the Young Life student-exchange ministry called Amicus. We have a friend named Nancy who is the area director for Amicus, and gave us first choice of the students coming to Minnesota/Wisconsin for this past year, and we picked Joe because of his big smile and the good spirit demonstrated in his profile.

I worried about having another person in our family for a whole year – our family works so well, it seemed risky to open it up to another personality (small group theory – whenever a new member adds to a group, it creates a whole new group). What if he didn't fit in? What if he had a terrible attitude, or some bizarre personal habit? What if he brought conflict into our happy little family?

Andrew was off to college last fall, and Joe came in and literally moved into Andrew's Room. Right from the start, we knew that life with Joe would be different, and good. Joe brought a sense of adventure, a spirit that was willing and indeed eager to try new things, and most of all, Joe brought an openness to faith and the church that was a perfect fit for us. My son Soren is highly involved in the Sr. High ministries at Trinity, and

he brought Joe to everything. Soon, Joe was singing in the Sr. High choir, skiing with the Nordic Ski team, and generally a presence everywhere. I knew that he had fully integrated when I saw a picture of Joe skiing with the church outing in Duluth – he was coming down the hill in the church's yellow banana suit (yes, you read that correctly) with a big smile on his face. He sang with Sonia Esch's "Guys that Sing" here at Trinity on Sunday mornings, went to Mexico with the Sr. High missions trip (and proved out the vaunted, stereotypical German work ethic), went to Florida Beach Camp and to Sonshine Festival – his faith grew and it was wonderful to see.

Just this week, his parents and brother have been staying with us, and they will be taking Joe home tomorrow. He has gone from stranger to son and brother to us. He has been a gift to us in so many ways – we are grateful for the opportunity to have been his American family.

I share this just to make a few observations. First, God always works through people – as soon as we open ourselves to new people, new relationships, we open the door for God to bring us new learning, new perspectives and new growth.

It would have been easy to pass on this opportunity, but in opening our home, we opened ourselves to God working new things in our lives. Secondly, it has reminded our family that we are citizens of the world, not just citizens of Stillwater, Minnesota or the U.S. God has called us friends, and made us brothers and sisters with all of God's children. It is easy for me to be parochial – I must always remember that even the earliest Christians knew that our true citizenship is in the family of God.

Finally, the whole year is a lesson in how blessings flow both directions. We reached out to give a young man a great learning experience, and in turn all of our lives have been blessed. The magic of serving our neighbor in love is that it is always a story of abundance – serving in love always creates more; it never bankrupts our love, our energy, our time. Loving your neighbor is the best way to honor God, have a great life, and to have love returned. No wonder Jesus always boiled it down to love.

Who is your Olympic champ?

With Pastor Kris Linner

We like to watch the Olympics at our house. It fills us with hope as countries put aside political differences and athletes compete together. As I watch the coverage of the Olympics, I am drawn to the personal stories of the athletes, stories of determination and perseverance, stories of disappointment and triumph.

This year I am looking forward to hearing more about Dara Torres, a 41-year-old woman who is swimming faster now than she did in her twenties. She recently won the 50 and 100 meter freestyles to book her spot on her fifth Olympic team. I think Dara Torres will be one of the heroes of the 2008 Olympics.

I had the gift of sharing an afternoon with one of my faith heroes this week. Like an Olympic champion, I hold up my faith hero as a role model.

June has taught me that spirituality is an ongoing journey of growth and change. June is a life-long learner who continues to embrace life's difficult questions, who is open to new ideas, and who is not afraid to change her mind or speak her mind and who welcomes diversity of thought. She is one of the most open-minded and accepting Christians that I know.

It is June that has modeled for me persistence in prayer. As a young woman she saw the horrors of apartheid first hand as she worked as a midwife in

the bush country of South Africa. She prayed everyday for decades and decades for justice to prevail. June did not stop praying and working for freedom and justice in South Africa until she saw apartheid come to an end.

Like an Olympic athlete, June is remarkably persistent. She is determined to put her faith in action. As June approaches her ninth decade of life, she continues to work at making a difference in the world. She is a voice for the voiceless, a friend to the disenfranchised and a champion for those that society deems as unworthy. She has helped build transitional housing for abused women, establish food shelves for the hungry and build coalitions to advocate for the rights of the oppressed.

June has inspired me to be a life-long learner who seeks a faith that is continually changing and growing. She has encouraged me to be persistent in prayer and she has motivated me to live my faith in the world. I consider June to be an Olympic champion of the faith. I am a better Christian because of my friend and mentor, June. I thank God for the example she is to me.

This year as you watch the Olympics, thank God for your Olympic champions of the faith.



Let us know...

If you or a loved one is in the hospital please contact the Church Office. We would also like to know if you are no longer able to get to church, because we have home communion friends who would be glad to bring you communion in your home. Or, if you have recently welcomed a new child into your family, the New Child Ministry Team would love to celebrate with you by dropping by for a quick visit to deliver a meal and a gift for the child. Let us know of your important life transitions by calling the Church Office at 439-7400.

pray where you are



For me, prayer and spiritual practices are pretty much one and the same – They both help keep me connected and aligned with the Spirit of God that lives in me and through me.

1. According to Myers Briggs, I am an ESTJ. For now, I am reflecting on what the "S" category brings to my personality. It means I take in information through my senses (seeing, smelling, feeling, hearing, tasting).
2. When I water ski now, it's on two skis. This is mostly because of old age and weak back.

With those two facts in place, let me tell you about my favorite spiritual practice – water skiing! Imagine a beautiful summer day. As I glide across the water I feel energy and excitement from the wind in my face. I feel refreshing coolness from the spray of the water. I feel deep warmth from the sunshine as it hits my body. The sight of the

sparkle on the water delights me, and I enjoy the moment in time with my family and friends. My whole being inhales the colors of the sky, the shapes of the clouds, and the lush greens of the pine trees on the shoreline. I ski past the loon family and thank them for treating my ears to their mysterious calls throughout the day and night. I breathe in deeply and am overwhelmed by the smell of summer and the awesomeness of God! "How can I keep from singing your praise? How can I ever say enough, how amazing is your love. How can I keep from shouting your name (Jesus!)? I am loved by the King and it makes my heart want to sing!"

Whether you water ski or not, I encourage and invite you to use your God-given senses to draw you into spiritual moments with God throughout your day.

Psychologists have found that people want to feel that they are making a difference, especially when it comes to the jobs they do. (Luther knew this all along!) When we are aware of how our work makes a difference to others – even in small ways- our job satisfaction rises. So does our productivity. In one study of 60 fire fighters, 10 actually hoped that they could fight more fires so they could have a greater impact on people. We want meaning and purpose in our lives, we want to make a difference.

The average working American spends between 40-60 hours every week engaged in activities called work. That's a lot of our time and energy! The process of finding meaningful work; making work choices that align our strengths and passions with the needs of the world can be transformational. So how are you doing? Do you "fit" your work? Do you find a deep sense of enjoyment and satisfaction in your job? Can you say that you are good at your work and the work you do is important? Congratulations if you answered "yes" to all of those, unfortunately, one third of Americans say, "I hate my job." Many more find employment success but no satisfaction in their work.

Aligning your strengths and passions with the needs of the world is not just an exercise for those already having jobs but also a good place to start for those who are looking for work. The U.S. Department of Labor provides these tips (amongst others) for finding a job:

Know Thyself

Have a strong sense of who you are. Know your assets and how to market them to employers.

Translation: Know your unique design... God created you uniquely!

Be Your Best

Locating a job is a full time endeavor. Give full attention to all that you do. Errors will knock you out of the running.

Translation: Living in alignment with your unique design helps you be your best—for yourself, those around you and the world.

Making a Difference at Work

Have a Positive Attitude

A pleasant personality is a necessary asset. Your eagerness to adapt and to be a team player is essential. Show that you are flexible. A sense of humor and positive attitude are pluses.

Translation: Be excited about your work choice, see how you can make a difference in the world through your work and share that attitude.

Finding career direction is a journey. It starts with discovering the essential "you": the person that God created you to be, the person who truly resides behind the fears, defenses, and stresses of everyday life. Each one of us has a particular set of strengths that, when expressed, make the world a better place. When you develop these strengths as far as you can, you can make your greatest possible contribution to the world, and enjoy personal and professional satisfaction that goes along with it.

Do you know that Trinity has a ministry that assists people of all ages in exploring purposeful career and life planning? Do you know that you have a caring community that will challenge, support and mentor you? This summer I have been working with young adults who are exploring their first career and considering how to make a difference in the world through their work choices. I am coaching adults who are in job transition, adults who are exploring career changes, and adults who are "retiring" and looking to design later-life with meaning and purpose. We'd love to offer our resources to you too! You can explore the many possibilities waiting for you in a fun and confidential environment. We offer classes, individual coaching and referrals to additional resources. If you are interested in exploring meaning and purpose in your work life please call me, Jody Thone at 439-7400 ext. 119 or e-mail me at jthone@trinitylc.org



By Jody Thone



On Purpose MINISTRY

God shines through you

Career, Calling & Purpose

Wednesdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15,
6-8 p.m. – Cost: \$15

Come explore the process of designing your work & life from the inside-out.



Introduction to the Enneagram

Sat., Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park

Cost: \$30

This retreat will introduce the nine distinct personality types and show you how you can discover your deepest direction in life.



Living Your Strengths

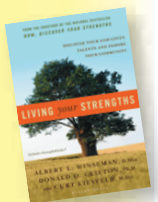
Tue., Oct. 28, 6-9 p.m.

Office Conference Room

Cost \$25

Trinity's Living Your Strengths workshop is designed to bring us together to explore our strengths and learn about the incredible power of our community when we serve God from our strengths.

For more information or to register for these classes go to:
www.trinitylc.org





GRATEFUL HEARTS GENEROUS LIVES

The Gift of a Generous Heart 2008 Campaign

***Trinity is a vibrant,
growing ministry.***

*Because of God's Spirit in our midst,
love is shared, lives are changed
and our neighbors are served.*

***This year, our goals are
bold.***

Our Participation Goal is 100% – every member, every family
making a commitment to financially support the ministry of Trinity.

Our Financial Goals are few, but significant:

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| 1. Grow our Missions and Ministry budget by 5% | \$100,000 |
| 2. Make up for the ending of the St. Croix Prep. lease | \$150,000 |
| 3. Reduce our short-term debt | \$100,000 |

These goals are significant and important for us to reach.



Goal 1 continues growing the ministry and missions efforts that have brought vitality back to Trinity's ministry. More people, more opportunity for ministry, a bigger vision for missions – local, Twin Cities and Mexico, Africa and Guatemala, means more resources are needed.

Goals 2 and 3 are one-time goals that position Trinity for the future. The loss of the rental income is important for us to now make up in our annual giving. The reduction in short-term debt gives Trinity added financial flexibility and reduces the cost of borrowing.

This year, each family will have a personalized packet of information to pick up on Sun., Sept. 21 or 28.

Packets not picked up will be home delivered by Trinity members on Oct. 5.

Then, there are some special events:

Sat., Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

Bob Stromberg of Triple Espresso in his one-man show "The Gift of Laughter"

is the feature of an All Congregational Event.

All ages from 6 to 106 are invited.

Hosted by the Gratitude Team



Oct. 11-12

**Trinity celebrates with a
Commitment Weekend**

Bishop Peter Rogness is our guest preacher, and all financial commitments are returned in worship.

***The Gift of a
Generous Heart 2009
– it will be a wonderful
time of generosity and
gratitude.
Remember –
100% participation!***



Do you have a message of gratitude to share?

We appreciate receiving your messages of gratitude. We lift them in prayer and we share them with the appropriate people. Contact the Gratitude Team directly by email gratitudeministry@trinitylc.org or by leaving a message in the offering plate or at the Church Office.

learning and growing

Sailing the Apostle Islands

Wed., Sept. 3–Sun., Sept. 7. Cost: \$450
Only one spot left!

Info. meeting Mon., Aug. 25, 7 p.m.

Come sail your cares away under the sun and beautiful stars of Lake Superior. Sail in groups of six with a licensed captain. No sailing experience is necessary. Limited openings are available on a first-come, first signed-up basis. Check out www.superiorcharters.com for a more complete description of this sailing experience. Register online at https://secure.webaloo.com/trinity/event_registration.aspx



God Loving Outdoor Women

First GLOW Outing— a Glowing Report

By Kat Carlsen

“I needed this weekend
away more than I knew!”

“I couldn’t be
happier than I am
right now.”

These aren’t the comments I expected to hear from a group of women that had spent an evening in the pouring rain—but they are a few of the words voiced by the group of eleven Trinity women during the inaugural God Loving Outdoor Women (GLOW) retreat.

The adventure—that began on a damp Friday afternoon and ended on a glorious Sunday morning—drew together women from all walks of life. Some were experienced outdoorswomen, some were novices—but for all there was time and opportunity to explore new friendships and interests. Though the group was diverse in terms of age, occupation and abilities, three things drew us together: Love of God, the willingness to try new things, and the desire to make new friends.

Singles Connection

Summer Worship/Dinner gatherings

5 p.m. – Worship together at Trinity

6:15 p.m. – Meet at:

August 30 – Ruby Tuesdays (Stillwater)

Minneapolis professional women’s lunch group

If you work in Minneapolis and would like to connect with other Trinity professional women for lunch and conversation, please contact Katie Beaudet at beaudetk@gmail.com. Regular lunch gatherings are the fourth Friday of each month from 12-1 p.m. in the Westin Building.

Knitting Ministry

Fri., Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to Noon

Living Room

You are invited to join them to knit up a storm! The group is currently making hats, newborn caps, sweaters, and prayer shawls for Dr. Mark Jacobson’s hospital in Tanzania. These will be delivered this October. If you choose to knit at home, please drop off completed items in the Church Office, attention Tom Thiets. Please contact Pastor Kris Linner at ext. 107 or Barb Bylander at 439-4364 with questions.



Once the Friday afternoon downpour calmed and we’d set up camp, we took the opportunity to get to know one another. Pastor Siri led a devotion that included having us write our cares on pieces of paper, then giving them to God as we tossed them into the fire. The evening included lots of great discussions and—as could be expected with any group of Lutheran women—lots of great food, too.

We rose to clear skies and bright sunshine Saturday morning and, after a hearty outdoor breakfast, we took to the trails. Some hiked along the beautiful St. Louis River while others biked to Duluth and back. The scene was one of casual conversation, encouragement and laughter—God was clearly smiling too. Saturday evening brought more laughter, great camaraderie, gooey s’mores and a good night’s sleep.

Who Wants Basketball?

*Mondays, July 7-Sept. 15, 8-9:30 p.m.
Trinity Gym*

If you are 19+ and want to play basketball on one, two, or all of these Monday evenings, email Seth Erickson by the previous Friday. Seth's email is: waterfreenight@gmail.com

Summer Tai Chi

*Mondays through Aug. 25
6:30-8 p.m. – Trinity Gym
Cost: \$20/month*

These sessions are open for people of all Tai Chi levels and will be an exploration of body, mind and spirit connections. Participants will learn to be more centered and self-aware. David Teschler, instructor.

CareGiver Planning Session

*Wed., Sept. 3, 1-3 p.m.
Living Room*

Caregivers will meet to renew covenants, receive 2008-09 CareGiver lists and to plan for the Fall Luncheon, scheduled for Sept. 10.

Senior Worship/ Communion Service and CareGiver Fall Luncheon

*For all Seniors and Hilltoppers
Wed., Sept. 10, 11 a.m.*

It is difficult to believe that fall is just around the bend, but it's time to mark your calendars for our fall get-together. The Worship Service will begin at 11 a.m. in the Worship Center, and the CareGivers will be ready to serve lunch in the Garden Room when the service is over. After the luncheon, Bill Cagley, with guitar in hand, will perform a warm and personal show for us. Bill has been a full-time professional musician for over 25 years. His repertoire includes old-time country, cowboy, folk, and sing-a-long songs and, of course, requests. He's also been known to tell a joke or two. We hope you will be able to join us.



Sunday dawned brisk and clear. Some of us biked, some hiked and eventually we all packed up camp and headed back to our busy lives, but lives enriched with new friends, brighter spirits, a connection to God and excitement about the next GLOW adventure.

The next GLOW retreat will be a sailing trip, Sept 3-7 in Bayfield, Wisconsin. One opening remains. For more information contact Kat Carlsen at Kathy@primestaff.com.

serve the world

Help with Second Harvest Heartland food distribution

Tue., Aug. 19, 5-7 p.m. – Trinity parking lot
Trinity, along with four other area churches, is holding a Second Harvest Heartland food distribution in the Trinity parking lot. Set-up will begin at 1 p.m.; guest check-in begins at 4 p.m., and distribution will be held from 5-7 p.m. We will need help with set-up, registration, passing out food items, assisting guests with getting the food to their cars, and then clean-up. Please contact Tom Thiets at ext. 146 or tthiets@trinitylc.org, or Chuck and Joan Newman at 436-8609.

Valley Outreach Food Shelf volunteer coordinator needed for Trinity

The Food Shelf Coordinator is the liaison between Valley Outreach Foodshelf and Trinity Lutheran Church. The coordinator is responsible for finding volunteers to work at the food shelf four weeks out of the year (quarterly), organizing food drives during MN Food Share Month (March), Thanksgiving week, and during the summer. This is a very rewarding experience and a great service to Trinity, Valley Outreach and the St. Croix Valley community. Training will be provided. If you are interested in this volunteer position, please call Heidi White at 351-1439.

Valley Outreach emergency summer food drive!

The shelves at the Valley Outreach food shelf are sparsely stocked and growing emptier by the day. Hungry families being fed have increased by 60% and the population of seniors has doubled in the past six months, and the shelves can't keep up with the demand for food assistance. Valley Outreach is a community-based organization that relies on support from churches, businesses, community and civic groups, individuals, and charitable foundations in the community. People are being asked to open their hearts and help during this current crisis. Donations of food and money can be made at the Valley Outreach facility located at 1911 Curve Crest Blvd. W. in Stillwater. Food can be dropped off anytime in donation bins located in the back of the Valley Outreach facility or at Trinity near the 4th St. entrance.

youth ministries

Florida Beach Camp 2008!

Wow, 50 hours on bus plus 8 hours in Wal-mart (ask one of the students about that adventure!), plus everything else in between equals one amazing trip! Thirty-three Sr. High students embarked on the life changing trip that is Florida Beach Camp. It was a week filled with the ocean, friends, and faith.

There is nothing quite like cramming onto a bus and spending the next 25 hours with 32 of your closest friends. Students immediately began to bond and create community. Students developed friendships that had not existed before and made more memories with their old ones. That is just one of the many great experiences of the trip!

Once in Florida we hit the beach, shopped, went out into the Gulf of Mexico on pontoons, and played football on Crab Island, shot a round of mini-golf, rode go-karts and bungee jumped! The week was packed with fun and exciting times, there was never a dull moment.

As the week carried on it was evident that Jesus was at work in students lives through the music, leaders sharing their faith journeys, powerful teaching, and small group times. On our last night in Florida we had worship on the beach which was a powerful faith experience for every student! Jesus showed up in a very real and big way. It was an awesome thing to see and be a part of Jesus working in the lives of our students!

Another reason that Florida Beach Camp is such a great trip aside from the lives that will forever be changed is because of the ocean. The ocean serves as a great reminder to us, of the characteristics of God. As the sometimes big and powerful and other times quiet and gentle waves roll up to the beach without fail we cannot help but think about God. For just as the ocean never ceases with its waves, God

never fails to pour out love, forgiveness, grace and mercy to everyone. Florida Beach Camp 2008 truly was an amazing trip and we cannot wait until next year!

*In Christ,
Cory Jones
Director of
Youth Programs*



Sr. high small group kick-off

This fall we are kicking off an exciting year of sr. high small groups! Students can be matched with a group or choose their own group. Small groups provide the much needed support and encouragement to live out the Christian faith as a teenager. If you are interested in being a small group leader, contact Cindy for information about training and materials at cjones@trinitylc.org or ext. 137. **Watch for our exciting fall kick-off event!**



The River is a place where sr. high students can come and be a part of what God is doing at Trinity. Stay connected with friends and God over the summer!

Aug. 20, 7-8 p.m. – Service Project
Aug. 27, 7-11 p.m. – @ the Drive-In

The River this fall!

All sr. high students are invited to check out The River this fall every Wednesday night from 7-8pm! The River is a sr. high gathering with a student led band, fun games and a place to ask questions about faith. This is a great place to get connected. New people are always welcome! Contact Cory Jones for more information at ext. 144.

Get ready for Confirmation 08-09!

Confirmation is an important milestone in a student's faith journey. Confirmation students have support and encouragement as they discover the Christian faith for themselves. Students build important relationships with peers and leaders as they explore and live out their faith. Grades 7-9 must register each year. Registration forms are available in the Youth Center and online at www.trinitylc.org/family_forms.aspx. You should have already received your Confirmation handbook in the mail. We are also in the process of recruiting small group leaders, large group helpers and facility hospitality. Contact Cindy Jones at ext. 137 with questions.

Important Confirmation dates

Aug. 15 – Registrations due
Sept. 17 – Confirmation Leader Training from 6-8 p.m.
Sept. 24 – Confirmation Family Night (students and parents) 7-8 p.m.

MEA Getaway

Join us for an awesome weekend up at Camp Castaway October 16-19! MEA Getaway is a great opportunity for sr. high students to hang out with friends and grow in their faith. There will be exciting worship times, outdoor games and sports, giant hot tubs and much more! Contact Cory Jones for more information at ext. 144.

children's ministries

Wow, did we get wet during “SPLASH CAMP” Bible Stories with a splash!

All sorts of young children came for Splash Camp, and learned some great water stories from the Bible: The parting of the Red Sea, Jesus calming the storm, and Paul being shipwrecked and teaching everyone to trust in God for their survival. These three stories on the three days of camp kept us swimming with fun!

Using water, by squirting, dripping, splashing, soaking, spraying, pouring and drenching (the youth leaders!) was a cool way to learn from the Bible! We even had an actual storm move through on our last day. So we practiced our “Trust in God,” and the storm moved on!



Come gather together and begin discovering God's amazing creation!

Explore and uncover God's incredible and surprising world through:

- large and small group learning
- music and activities
- special events
- projects and service
- and so much more!

Children and families can learn together! Join with others on an adventure aimed at new opportunities to grow your faith and your relationship with God.

Sign up now!! Registration has begun for: Sunday and Wednesday Learning, Two by Two, age 3 through Grade 2, Bible Explorers, and Club 56. Pick up a registration form at the Information Center in the Commons, Children's Ministry Office or register online at trinitylc.org

Choral Notes and an Invitation

This past week I returned from the trip of a life-time to the World Symposium on Choral Music in Copenhagen, Denmark. For me, to hear six choral concerts a day is pretty close to a perfect day! Not only did I hear six choirs a day, but each choir was from a different country – Norway, Iceland, Japan, South African, Canada, Argentina, etc – each singing their repertoire – their song. Of course, I was moved in many and varied ways over the eight days: by the rhythmic precision of the children from Indonesia, the sweetness of the children from Uganda, the joy of the South Africans and the sound of the Norwegians. They were all doing something they felt important in their lives and to the lives of those who hear them.



That gives me a perfect segue to choir at Trinity. Choir people at Trinity have a great commitment to what they do; it is important in their lives and hopefully in your life as a Trinity worshipper. Singing in a choir is the most inclusive form of music performance that exists. Joining the choir, you are quickly assimilated into a community with purpose and vision – as well as friendship. And, if I must say so myself, the Temple Choir includes some of the coolest folks around. The Temple Choir may be the adult choir, but the word adult in this case includes young adult to older adult. We are truly, one of the few, intergenerational groups in the church – come to choir and you are ageless. It develops the mental and therefore physical health of every participant.

Of course there is a commitment. What worth doing doesn't ask you to commit your time and talent? But we are also flexible and work with just about any time commitment.

I am very proud of the Temple Choir. They are an excellent group of musicians, they take seriously what they do, but they don't take themselves too seriously. Their great joy is leading worship – giving those gathered for worship another encounter with the goodness and beauty of God. The year's plans include a choral festival with Sigrud Johnson of St. Olaf College, performance with orchestra, Good Friday presentation and, of course, leading worship most Sundays at 9 a.m.

So, take this as a very cordial invitation to give choir a try. Rehearsals will begin Wed., Sept. 3 – and as is typical of this group – we will begin with dessert in the Commons. If you have any questions, feel free to send an email at ccarver@trinitylc.org or call me at 439-7400, ext. 118.

Soli deo Gloria – to God alone be the glory.

Carol Carver

Director of Worship and the Fine Arts

worship opportunities

- Wednesdays, 7 p.m.: The River (Grades 9-12 youth worship)
- Saturdays, 5 p.m.: Worship, Communion
- Sundays, 9 a.m.: Drive-In Worship, Communion
- Sundays, 10 a.m.: Traditional Worship, Communion
- Sunday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.: the.source Alternative Worship

Fall worship
schedule begins
Sept. 6-7

Baptisms

- Taylor Marie Larson, daughter of Ryan & Andrea Larson

Congratulations to...

- Stacy & Deke Wolden, on the birth of their daughter, Marit Evelyn, on July 1
- Angela & Michael Kennedy, on the birth of their son, Michael Raymond, on July 4

Altar Flowers

- July 19-20 – In loving memory of baby Isabelle (Izzy) Monique, given by parents, Monique & Todd Weiss
- July 26-27 – In memory of our beloved daughter Shelley's July 27 birthday, given by Don & Sue Larson
- July 26-27 – In loving memory of Bob & Patrick Murphy given by the Murphy family
- Aug. 16-17 – In honor of Sarah Raper & Andrew Jackson's wedding, given by the Jackson family

Sympathy to...

- Zanny (Mike) Johnson, whose sister Lisa Dumke, passed away.
- Don & Gayle Lobitz on the death of Don's brother, Lloyd
- The family and friends of Dianna Hallas, who passed away on August 6.
- David & Paul Genter, whose mother, Eva Genter, passed away August 10.
- The family and friends of Lillian Hertenstein, who passed away August 12.

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8:15 a.m. – Boutwells Landing
8:25 a.m. – Raymie Johnson
8:35 a.m. – Croixdale
8:40 a.m. – Oakridge
8:45 a.m. – Rivertown Commons



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Mission Guatemala

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I visited the villages again this past March during a surgical mission trip to drop off some medical supplies and to meet with the current staff. Many of the staff members are local Mayans who received their training in Guatemala City and have returned to serve at the village hospital.

Another trip is planned the first week of November. This trip would have several components: construction projects, information technology and supply chain services, medical services with all villages surrounding the lake, and community and cultural education. The intention of this trip is to be part of the planning process towards developing Trinity's Mission Guatemala program.

Our time will be divided between actual hands-on projects and organizational and program development.

- Tom Thiets will oversee all of the trip logistics, direct the construction projects, and relationship building with local groups and companies.

Sat., August 16

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
5 p.m. WORSHIP,
COMMUNION

Sun., August 17

9 a.m. DRIVE-IN WORSHIP,
Houlton, WI
10 a.m. WORSHIP,
COMMUNION

Mon., August 18

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
6:30 p.m. Congregational Council
Mtg: Office Conf. Room
8 p.m. Adult Basketball: Gym

Tue., August 19

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
10:45 a.m. Growing with Music:
Rm 108B
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group:
Office Conf. Rm
6:30 p.m. 2nd Harvest Heartland
Food Distribute

Wed., August 20

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
9 a.m. CYF Staff: Living Rm
1 p.m. Vets' Service Committee:
Rm 108B
6:30 p.m. Home Comm. Friends:
Living Rm
7 p.m. the River Worship:
Garden Rm

Thu., August 21

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library

worship attendance

July 12 & 13

5 p.m. 55
Drive-In 386
10 a.m. 185

July 19 & 20

5 p.m. 62
Drive-In 224
10 a.m. 151

July 26 & 27

5 p.m. 50
Drive-In 384
10 a.m. 164

Aug. 2 & 3

5 p.m. 43
Drive-In 283
10 a.m. 136



The emphasis in building this first team is on individuals that may bring special expertise in a variety of areas, but not limited to: medical specialties, construction trades, information technology, dentistry, and pharmacy services. We need team members with an expertise in strategic planning.

The team will purchase tickets and have all travel and project arrangements finalized by Sept. 5, 2008. If you have any questions please contact Tom Theits at ext. 146 or Pastor TJ Anderson at ext.120.



- Pastor TJ Anderson will lead through cultural and community education and exploring our faith through service. A major component will include a visit to the Catholic mission at San Lucas that will include meeting Father Greg, who is an impressive, pragmatic priest and has supervised and served the San Lucas mission for over 40 years.
- The focus will be on developing the structure for our medical involvement at the hospital in Santiago, the San Lucas mission, and other communities around the lake.

Trinity has extended caring arms within our local community and across the globe through Helping Hands, Valley Outreach and Food Shelf, Last Sunday Supper, and has further extended those arms through Loaves and Fishes, Bethlehem-Midway, JESUS Delivers, and Gulf Coast-Katrina. Trinity also has a rich tradition of spreading those arms across the globe to care for those in need in Tanzania, Haiti, and Mexico. If you'd like to be involved in any of these missions, please contact Tom Thiets at ext. 146.

august 16 – september 12 calendar

Fri., August 22

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
Noon Mpls. Professional Women's Lunch
6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal-Hawkins/Peltier: Worship Cntr
7:30 p.m. Arcola Mills Visiting Artist: Worship Center

Sat., August 23

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
3 p.m. Wedding Hawkins/Peltier: Worship Cntr
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., August 24

9 a.m. WORSHIP DRIVE-IN: Houlton, WI
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Mon., August 25

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
7 p.m. GLOW Planning Mtg: Living Rm
8 p.m. Adult Basketball: Gym

Tue., August 26

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm
6:30 p.m. Circle Leaders Mtg: Living Rm

Wed., August 27

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
6:30 p.m. Bereavement Team: Living Rm
6:30 p.m. Guatemala Mission Trip Info. Mtg: Garden Rm
7 p.m. the River Worship: Drive-In, Houlton, WI

Thu., August 28

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library

Fri., August 29

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Living Rm

Sat., August 30

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION
5 p.m. Singles Connection Worship/Restaurant

Sun., August 31

9 a.m. WORSHIP DRIVE-IN: Houlton, WI
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Mon., September 1

Labor Day-Office/Building Closed
7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Library

Tue., September 2

7 a.m. Gratitude Ministry Mtg: Office Conf. Rm
7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
1 p.m. Martha Circle: Norma Swanson's home
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm

Wed., September 3

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
8 a.m. Women's Apostle Islands Outing Departs
1 p.m. CareGivers' Plng Mtg: Living Rm
7 p.m. the River Worship: Garden Rm
7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal Choir Rm

Thu., September 4

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
1 p.m. Miriam Circle Mtg: Living Rm
2 p.m. Caregiver Support: Joseph's Restaurant

Fri., September 5

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library

Sat., September 6

8 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., September 7

9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
7 p.m. the.source: Garden Rm

Mon., September 8

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
7 p.m. Bible Study: Library
8 p.m. Adult Basketball: Gym

Tue., September 9

7:30 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Living Rm
9 a.m. Little Tots & Polka Dots: Lower Level
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conf. Rm

Wed., September 10

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
9 a.m. Pilates Stability Ball: Narthex
11 a.m. Fall Sr. Communion Worship/Lunch
4:15 p.m. Elementary Bell Choir: Choir Rm
5 p.m. Alleluia Choir: Worship Cntr
5 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir: Choir Rm
7 p.m. the River Worship: Garden Rm
7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rm

Thu., September 11

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
9 a.m. Little Tots & Polka Dots: Lower Level

Fri., September 12

7 a.m. AA Mtg: Library
5 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Swager/Dannhoff Worship Cntr

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