

# Trinity Parish

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## Greetings from our New Vicar

Dear Friends,

The rumors are true! Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill really is an amazing place with a warm and welcoming congregation. Thanks for the prayerful support as I embark on this new adventure in the Lord's work. I expect to learn a great deal about ministry as we work side by side sharing our unique gifts in service of the Kingdom.

I am what the church lovingly calls a second career student. My varied history includes first and second grade school teacher, bookkeeper, office manager, Red Cross blood services PR consultant and Thrivent financial representative. Each of these positions taught unique skills that I find are helpful to the ministry. I now see that God has been preparing me for ordained ministry for a long time.

I was born in Philadelphia but migrated to the south as an adult. My most recent home was Blacksburg, VA where I was an active member of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church.

Kristen, my 11 year old daughter, and I will continue living at Gettysburg Seminary during my year at Trinity. Kristen will be attending sixth grade at Gettysburg Middle School. She is looking forward to becoming an active member of the congregation at Trinity. Another daughter, Stephanie, lives in Blacksburg, VA and is attending graduate school at Virginia Tech. She will be married to Evan on August 12<sup>th</sup> so when you read this I will have acquired a son in the family as well.

We share our apartment with Bayley the black lab, Dino the green anole, Teddy the hamster, and Fire the beta fish. Bayley is a therapy dog and will be doing some visiting at Manor Care. The rest of the zoo simply eats and provides entertainment for Kristen's friends who come visit.

Thank you for taking seriously your responsibility to the wider church. Opening your doors to help train future pastors is a gift that benefits many people and congregations. It is

indeed a blessing to have been assigned as vicar to Trinity. I am looking forward to an exciting year of mutual ministry.

Blessings,  
*Vicar Barbara Pond*

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## Organist Carol Williams September 24 – 4 p.m.

Organist Carol Williams will be in recital here at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 24, at 4 p.m. This recital is being co-sponsored with Camp Hill Presbyterian Church.



Williams studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London before visiting Paris for study with Daniel Roth, Organist at the Church of St. Sulpice where Charles-Marie Widor was organist for 63 years. Moving to the USA, Carol undertook postgraduate study at Yale University, with Professor Thomas Murray, where she was awarded an Artist Diploma and the Charles Ives prize for outstanding achievement. In New York, she undertook Doctoral study at the Manhattan School of Music where she received the D.M.A. degree.

In October 2001, Carol was appointed San Diego Civic Organist and Artistic Director of the Spreckels Organ Society, the first woman to hold the position and the first female civic organist appointed anywhere in the United States. She now devotes all her time to concerts here and abroad.

Carol has been a guest performer with the BBC Concert Orchestra and the Beijing Symphony Orchestra when she performed the inaugural recitals on the newly-installed Austin organ in Beijing's Forbidden City Concert Hall. She is featured in the video "Pulling out all the Stops" when she was filmed in concert at St. Thomas' Church on New York's Fifth Avenue.

## Trinity Senior Fall Activities

The 2006 fall schedule for Trinity Seniors begins with lunch on September 29 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Following lunch, Judy Smitley will present "Noah's Wife," a new enactment on her series in the lives of women of the bible. We enjoyed her presentation a few years ago. Let's have a good turnout for this one too!

Our one-day retreat at Camp Hebron will be Wednesday, October 11. Vicar Barbara Pond will be our program leader. This is a great way to get to know our new vicar and vice versa. Mark your calendars now. Reservations will have to be made in late September.

### OTHER DATES FOR THIS YEAR ARE:

**Lunch in Fellowship Hall – November 15**  
**Christmas Luncheon at the Officers Club in Mechanicsburg – December 15**

In all cases, watch *Trinity Today* for details.

Joan Conrad

## DEADLINE

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## Staff Notes

### A Day at the Beach

We settled our beach bag, towels, and flip flops down on and around five beach chairs. Our family, on a Disney cruise, now had the opportunity to spend an entire day on Disney's "private island." The sand was white and soft, the water clear and a lovely blue-green color. My youngest headed down to the water to look for shells. Randy and the older two went off to rent snorkeling gear. I surveyed the scene with contentment. What a beautiful day! What a beautiful setting!

About an hour later, an extended family (who had likewise settled down for the day at the beach chairs near us) came back up from the water, all hustle and bustle. As they drew near, I could hear the frustration in their voices. At least two of the kids were crying, two older children were looking guilty and chastened, the grandparents and aunts and uncles were busy gathering up all their belongings, and the red-faced parents were **angry!**

"These kids have been **atrocious** this entire vacation! We are sick and tired of listening to your bickering and whining and fussing . . . It's always the same . . . You just can't stop bugging each other and be good for once . . . We're not staying here another minute if that's the way you're going to behave . . ." With all their beach paraphernalia in hand, the adults led the way, the kids trudging behind, and they went back to the ship.

While the rest of the long, lazy day stretched out before me, the day was over for them. I felt a kind of sadness that they were going to miss out on this beautiful day and this beautiful beach, although I know that sometimes as parents we do reach the breaking point. Most of us have dealt with whiny children and temper tantrums. Come to think of it, all of us have had to deal with whiny grown-ups who throw temper tantrums. And, of course, the Lord God has had to deal with **us**, in all **our** whiny-ness and fussiness and simply atrocious behavior.

It's rather a surprise that God has not said to us, "We're not staying here another minute if that's the way you're going to behave!" For the news that greets us each morning is a fresh reminder of how we can't stop bugging each other and be good for once. As I write this, the Mid-East is a powder keg

of tension. We're heading toward the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, with all its attendant emotions. A police officer in Reading has been killed in gun violence. Actor Mel Gibson has spewed (albeit under the influence) a diatribe against Jewish people. Yes, we humans so often exhibit simply atrocious behavior. Why shouldn't God just end the day, once and for all?

Yet, 2000 years ago, he thrust himself once more into the midst of all our bickering, whining and fussing to shape his creation to his design. Jesus Christ, God's goodness and perfection in the flesh, dwelt among us and began to teach and show what a day of living with God can be like. Such a day under the rule of God is not just a day at the beach, but something much more. It's a day lived open to the prompting of God's Holy Spirit. It's a day lived expectantly about what we can look forward to as our future, even though we will die, and all because of the Christ event of cross and resurrection. It's a day lived in generous fellowship with others. It's a day lived in gratitude for forgiveness and love which have the power to heal many wounds.

As we begin this new day, pray to God for his mercy to flow over this broken world of ours and transform it inside out. Give thanks for God's mercy in our own lives, even as we have behaved badly. Praise God for each blessed moment of this day—moments that are gifts from his hand. Worship the One who did not abandon us or send us away in a fit of anger, but who insists on entering the fray with us, to lead us into holiness. Through prayer, thanksgiving, praise and worship, we may yet find ourselves surveying the scene around us and able to say, "What a beautiful day!"

*The Reverend Nancy R. Easton*

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2006**

**Report to Room 126**

**Call: Jeanie Bentzel at 766-3526**

## **Letters to Trinity**

Dear Pastors and friends at Trinity:

We would like to express our sincere thanks to you for all your support and prayers during a very difficult time for our family.

We appreciate every card and every phone call and every prayer. Thank you for being such a great church family.

With thanks,

*Reuben, Debbie and the children  
The Balasundram Family*

Dear Friends:

A special thanks to Pastor Hardy and Pastor Brock for their visits while I was in the hospital. Also my thanks for the cards, telephone calls and also the gorgeous flowers delivered to my home.

*Stellamary Bertram*

Dear Trinity:

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 24 hour prayer vigil on July 13 for my husband, Jim McGovern. The power of prayer is so awesome and because of all the prayers, he came through the open heart surgery with flying colors and is now recuperating at home. May God bless each and every one of you and I thank God for giving him back his life and giving him back to me.

Thank You,

*Barbara McGovern*

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## **Attention Bowlers & Want to be Bowlers**

Join the new Trinity Lutheran Bowling League! We will be bowling on Wednesdays, October 4 to March 21 at ABC West Lanes, 8:45 p.m. to about 10:15 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person per week, which includes three games of bowling and shoe rentals. We will be bowling as doubles, but you need not have a partner. Come have fun with your fellow church members, and/or bring a friend. All are welcome. For more information or to join please call Lisa Wolf at (717)737-7168 or e-mail her at lee5472w@hotmail.com. There will be an organizational meeting September 27 at 8:30 p.m. at ABC West Lanes. If you can't participate every week we are also forming a substitute list, call for more information. Hope to see you there!

## ***Additional June High School Graduate***

**Danielle Masland** graduated from Cedar Cliff High School and is attending West Chester University's Honor Program, majoring in Music Performance. She is the daughter of Beth of Camp Hill.

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## ***Getting to Know Our New Members***

Some of our recent new members, installed in June 2006 are:

**Janet May** and **Jonathan Baxley** of Lemoyne joined Trinity after moving here from Ocala, Florida. Janet is presently seeking employment and says Jonathan likes Sunday school, especially arts and crafts and meeting other children. She would be interested in a Sunday School Life Skills Class for Jonathan. In her spare time Janet likes to go to the library, watch movies and enjoy family gatherings. She also has a son Jay (17) who is still living in Florida.

**Laurena Huebner** of Wormleysburg chose to become a member of Trinity after she was asked to help as an advisor with the youth program. She continues as a Youth Advisor and says she loves sports and community service. Laurena is employed as a Procurement Specialist at SYSCO Foodservice of Central PA and previously attended Tree of Life Lutheran Church, Harrisburg.

We welcome these new members, that they experience the love and divine power of the Holy Spirit through fellowship here at Trinity.

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## ***YG News***

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. Youth Group (YG) 2006 - 2007 is finally here! This year is gonna rock! The YG calendar is jam packed with tons of stuff. This new season promises to be the best one yet! For those still new to YG or for those who need a refresher course, let me explain what YG is all about.

YG is short for youth group, that is our name, plain and simple. What we are is "a faith-filled family which is centered around Christ in all that we do." We are all different and unique individuals, or parts of a body, which meet and become one

through Christ. He is the center of all that we do and all that we are. YG is all about friendship. We are a click-free environment that accepts each individual's gifts and talents. After all, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. It is awesome to think that you have 75 other brothers and sisters on every other Sunday night. We evangelize in all that we do. Now that you know who we are, let's talk about what we do.

The YG is always a busy place. In short, our calendar is always full. YG is for anyone in grades 6-12. We have quite a large group, and this year will be no exception. Hopefully, it will be one of the biggest years to date. We have large group YG meetings every other Sunday from 6 - 8:30 pm. We have Jr. High and Sr. High YG events taking place on most off Sundays. We have monthly events and get-togethers. We have fun nights, YG retreats, synod-wide retreats for all ages, and Confirmation Camp. We also have events outside of the church.

The time is always right to get on out and take part in YG. There is no time like the present, especially with the new season beginning. You will make friends for life, plus you'll develop a better and more personal relationship with Christ. Get on board now because YG is going to have its best year yet! Bring a friend, always and anytime! WE LOVE FRIENDS! For the latest in everything YG, and I do mean EVERYTHING, please check out our YG web pages on the church website. The site has the YG Calendar, some event details, downloadable forms, the YG verses, rules, prayers, and tons of YG pictures from all events. Check us out today at:

[www.trinitycamphill.org](http://www.trinitycamphill.org)

or e-mail any YG questions to: [youthyg@yahoo.com](mailto:youthyg@yahoo.com)

C U @ YG!!!

Yours in Christ,  
**Peter A. Fox**  
*Youth Ministry Director*

**P.S. YG CALENDARS ARE OUT NOW! IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE A NEW YG CALENDAR, LET ME KNOW VIA E-MAIL AND I'LL GET ONE TO YOU ASAP!**

## **Women of Trinity (WOT) Fall General Meeting**

Women of Trinity will hold their general meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Linda Roberts who is currently serving on the WOT Board as secretary. Linda will be speaking on the Church's Affiliated Child Care Centers, the designated recipient of our Blessing Box donations for the coming year.

There is no need to sign up or "join up." All women are welcome. Dessert will be served.

Please come and consider inviting a friend or guest!

### **Waiting to See Who God Chooses!**

*A letter to Trinity.... Reflecting on a Christ Renews His Parish weekend.*

Dear Friends at Trinity:

How awesome to know you are where God wants you to be.

If you are anything like me, you are probably thinking, "I don't know if I want to go to this thing... I don't know much about it. They really don't tell you much..." Well let me just say this: I would recommend that you *step out in faith*, and see what "Christ Renews His Parish" is all about. The reason why "they" don't give you much information is that they don't want to spoil the surprises that are in store for you!

Honestly – when I *first* arrived, I thought, "What am I getting into?" But, because I had made a commitment to go, I felt *obligated* to honor that commitment.

By mid-day the first day, I was already glad to be there. I grew quite fond of the women in my little group...

Everything we could want or need was provided for us... (You won't fully understand how true this is, until you've experienced it for yourself)!

This weekend, our time was set-aside for God... We were spending two days and one night focusing on Him and His leading in our lives.

Everyone (the women on the Giving Team as well as the women on the Receiving Team) was blessed!

Please consider signing up for the next one in November, if you haven't already attended a CRHP weekend. It'll touch your heart and your life.

Sincerely,

**Betsy Knarr**

#### **ADDENDUM:**

It's been a few months since our "Renewal Weekend" in June... Now, I'm on the "Giving Team," looking forward to meeting the people God has chosen for His "Receiving Team" this November (we're already praying for each of you)! I can barely express how awesome it is to know God's purpose in your life...to have direction...and to know you're "in the center" of God's will. Our team *knows* where God wants us to be – right now. He is preparing us not only for the next Renewal Weekend but also for a life of service. And I never realized how joyful a life of service can be, until now!

Oh, how I look forward to meeting those whom God is leading to the "Christ Renews His Parish" Renewal Weekend. (He'll be leading you *onward* to a richer, deeper, more joyful Christian walk)!

May God bless you as you prayerfully seek His will for you. Please be sure to ask Him if it's *your* turn to experience this for yourself. (And to those who feel His leading – I'll see you in November)! Thanks be to God!

### **ATTENTION TRINITY GOLFERS!**

**Annual Golf Outing  
Saturday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Valley Green Golf Course**

**Any questions, call Jim Fox at 657-2544**

## Blood Bank News

Trinity's Blood Bank is running well over our goal at the half-year point! However, the Central PA Blood Bank is really in need of blood, and as you well know, Jeanie and Neil Bentzel are never satisfied. Trinity can always do better!

The next blood drive is September 17, 2006. Report to Room 126. Sign-up will be on September 3 and September 10 in the Gathering Space. Remember to sign up early so you will get the time slot you want! Do you have questions? Call Jeanie Bentzel at 766-3526?

Sixty percent of the United States population is eligible to donate blood – only five percent do! Since the Central PA Blood Bank will use in excess of 66,000 pints of blood this year, it is time that we all do our part. Watch for the large blood bank poster at the "Carnival of Giving" on September 10!

*Jeanie Bentzel*

## Book Discussion Group

Trinity's Book Discussion Group meets on Sunday, September 17, to discuss *The Lincoln Lawyer* by Michael Connelly. Connelly, a winner of the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Award, is famous for his novels featuring detectives Terry McCaleb and Harry Bosch.

In *The Lincoln Lawyer*, Connelly introduces us to Mickey Haller, Borsch's half-brother and a criminal defense attorney, and his unique approach to defending his clients.

Trinity's Book Discussion Group meets the third Sunday of each month in Room 234 at 9:30 a.m. For more information on Trinity's Book Discussion Group, contact Craig Staller at 717-921-1957 or [c.staller@att.net](mailto:c.staller@att.net).

For a listing of the selected books through March 2007, see the listing outside Room 234 or on the church's Web site at:

<http://www.trinitycamphill.org/Education/BookDiscussionGroup.htm>.

## Contributions in Memory or Honor of a Love One

Over the course of a year, Trinity spends about \$4,500 for altar flowers, communion elements, candles for the sanctuary lamps and other altar supplies in support of our five weekly worship services. Many people have appreciated the opportunity of making contributions to offset the cost of a vase of flowers, or the communion elements or the candles in the sanctuary lamps in memory of or in honor of someone special in their lives. This is usually done on or around a date of significance to them. However, the way that we have handled the contributions has limited the number of people who are able to make contributions in memory of or in honor of a special person in their lives, particularly on the dates that are most meaningful to them. Therefore, the Worship Committee has adopted a new policy, effective September 1, concerning making contributions in memory of or in honor of a loved one. There will now be no limit to the number of people that can be remembered on a specific date. A standard contribution of \$20 per listing to help defray the cost of altar flowers, communion elements and altar supplies is requested. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to both remember loved ones and to help support the cost of our five weekly worship services.

*Jeff Weaver, Chair*  
Worship Committee

"Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receive the impossible!"

"Christians keep the faith ... but not from others."

"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, Jesus, could you get that for me?!!"

"The best way to know God is to love many things."

*Vincent Van Gogh*

## Parish Ministry Spotlight

*"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,  
and saves the crushed in spirit."*

Psalm 34:18

When the call comes with a request for a meal by the **Meal Ministry** there are always willing volunteers; whether it will be a weekend or around a holiday, these great people come forward. All planning and arrangements must be completed within a few days --- starting with consulting the family of the deceased by Linda Waechter, Meal Coordinator, to determine time, approximate number of guests and type of meal desired. The Telephone Coordinator, Jo-an Eckert must get busy calling volunteers for set-up, serving and clean-up. The **Meal Ministry** provides an opportunity for family and friends to gather following a funeral or memorial service to celebrate the life of their loved one.

This year so far the **Meal Ministry** has hosted nine luncheons serving over 600 people. After the meals, Linda and the other volunteers are always thanked for attentive service, attractive table settings, the time given to make the gathering special and much more. Following are some recent letters received by Linda on behalf of herself and the volunteers:

*...I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful job you and your volunteers did helping with the luncheon after my mother's memorial service. I was overwhelmed by the number of people who joined us and I believe someone had to run to the store to replenish supplies. We certainly appreciate all the effort that goes into events like this and please pass along our thanks to everyone who helped. It was a difficult day to get through, but knowing that we had the caring and support of the church community was a great help.*

*...Thanks so much to your wonderful committee of volunteers for the luncheon reception you provided for our family and friends following the memorial service for my mother. I especially am very grateful for all you did personally to make the entire event so lovely. You guided me thoughtfully in the planning process, you arranged to get the various foods and beverages, set up the room in a most attractive manner with table settings, flowers, and table cloths, and served us graciously. And you and your committee were still at it, cleaning up into*

*the afternoon, as we left the church. What a gift this was to all of us! We enjoyed ourselves thoroughly! Thanks one more time.*

*Donna V. Sprowls*

### RENEWAL WEEKEND CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

**MEN'S WEEKEND--NOVEMBER 4-5, 2006**  
**WOMEN'S WEEKEND--NOVEMBER 11-12, 2006**

Christ Renews His Parish is for anyone seeking spiritual renewal, desiring to build up the Body of Christ or gain a deeper sense of purpose with our Christian community, Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ is calling you – COME!

You may pick up brochures and sign up on the bulletin board across from the entrance to the Gathering Space or speak with any of the members of the present CRHP Teams: MEN: Joe Fidler, John Gilson, Arnie Greenlund, Tom Hoffert, Jim Kincaid, Erich Sprowls, Al Sundara, Jeff Weaver. WOMEN: Donna Campbell, Joyce Dromgold, Patricia Eby, Jessie Gilson, Stephanie Jacobs, Betsy Knarr, Nancy Shutika, Linda Soehnlein, Jean Thompson, Betty Wallower.

### September is for Camping

The season is changing, warm days, crisp nights, geese flying, nature hikes, snipe hunts, falling acorns, campfires and s'mores... Sound good? Camping with Trinity members and friends always means wonderful memories! Plan on joining us September 15–17 at Gifford Pinchot State Park. Please call Peggy Emory 343-3096 or 364-4177 for details and to make your reservation or contact Dan Reed and he will see that Peggy gets your info.

If you camp a lot or never have and think you might want to try it out, there are many members who could help you with questions and equipment. It is by far one of the greatest family activities going and the fall camping weekend at Pinchot is close to home, which makes it possible to come for one or two nights, or even Saturday's pot luck dinner and Worship, if that busy calendar is a challenge. Everyone is welcome! See you in September!

**TRINITY PRESENTS THE 150 MEMBER  
KYIV SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS**

**MONDAY EVENING,  
OCTOBER 30, 2006  
7:30 P.M.**

Last stop on their East Coast tour before returning to Kiev, Ukraine.

In addition to great music, hear testimonies of religious persecution behind the Iron Curtain and how so many have embraced Christianity through this ministry.

**Missions Corner**

**“ON EAGLE’S WINGS” CHRISTMAS CARDS**

“On Eagle’s Wings has a wonderful new fundraising vehicle for us. They are offering a pack of ten (10) absolutely beautiful Christmas cards, carrying the “On Eagle’s Wings” northern themes from the covers of their Advent Reflections. Each pack is selling for a very special price of \$15.00. All monies raised will support this most valuable ministry in the Northwest Territories. These cards are designed by truly gifted artists, Mike Lee and Archie Beaulieu. The packs will go on sale at the Carnival of Giving on September 10 at the Missions Booth. Payment is due with your order. Orders also may be made at the church office, with Elizabeth Winters at 697-3637, or after services in the Gathering Space during the month of September. What a wonderful way for you to tell others about “On Eagle’s Wings.” Thank you for your support.

**THANK YOU, BAKERS, BUYERS AND GIVERS**

Offerings received on *Bread Sunday at Trinity* both in bread sales and the offering plates totaled \$6,316.00. The World Hunger Appeal is that much richer now with the help that you have given. Thank you, bakers, buyers and givers. Your “bread” is now feeding those who are crying out for food and hope. If you haven’t sent in your gift, please remember to do so NOW so that others may be fed.

*Elizabeth Winters*

***Speak out on Education***

- Are you concerned about education in our society and in the church?
- Does neglecting our responsibility to educate ourselves and our children in the faith have repercussions for our society?
- Does anyone in your family attend a public school?
- What are the best ways to achieve quality education for all students?
- Are there better ways than property taxes to provide financial support for our public schools?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, join a group here at Trinity, studying and responding to *Our Calling in Education*, the first draft of an ELCA churchwide social statement. (You may remember that we studied a possible statement on sexuality several years ago.)

The ELCA develops social statements on issues of interest to the church and society. The final document, if adopted by the ELCA churchwide assembly, becomes the basis for our church’s public statements and advocacy about this issue. The proposed social statement on education is likely to be on the agenda of the ELCA’s 2007 churchwide assembly.

The dates, time, and place for study and deliberation on what our church should say about education are September 24 and October 1 and 8 at Trinity from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Room 234. Craig Staller will lead the discussions.

If you wish, you may download a copy of the statement from the ELCA’s Web site at [www.elca.org/socialstatements/education](http://www.elca.org/socialstatements/education).

For more information, contact the church office at 737-8765 or Craig Staller by telephone at 921-1957 or by email at [c.staller@att.net](mailto:c.staller@att.net).



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## 2006 ELCA National Youth Gathering

I will not say a lot because our youth can say it way better in the articles that follow. I will just give you the facts. We had 23 Sr. High YG and four advisors attend the National Youth Gathering, held in San Antonio. There were over 29,000 other participants at the event with us from churches all over the U.S.A. and surrounding countries. It was BIG! The theme was CRUZANDO which means to "journey with Jesus." There were large group gatherings in the Alamo Dome, an interaction center, worship experiences, and night time Community Life for everyone in various hotels. And that was just the Gathering. The city itself has so much to do, from the Riverwalk, to the Alamo, to the Tower of the Americas, it was awesome! All and all, the trip was a blast! It was definitely the best ELCA Youth Gathering that I have been to yet! It rocked in every way! Ooh yeah, it was HOT too!!!

**Peter A. Fox**  
*Youth Ministry Director*

### EVERYTHING'S BIGGER IN TEXAS

The ELCA National Youth Gathering defiantly messed with Texas. The Trinity youth group brought 23 youth to the event to battle scorching temperatures (even after the sun went down), walking sometimes what seemed to be hours, and over 25,000 other Lutheran youth all enduring the same harsh conditions. Although the temperatures may have been higher than the Texas sky, the 4:00 a.m. bus ride forced us to get up before the sun, and we had to herd our way through the thousands of people. I still had my absolute best youth group experience and one of the most fun weeks of my life.

Probably the biggest events on the trip were the gatherings in the Alamo Dome each night. The

HUGE crowd of advisers and youth who attended the event rushed into the air conditioned dome to find the best seats for speakers, bands, some crazy songs, and a BIG way of expressing our faith. Cruzando, meaning "Journey with Jesus" in Spanish, asked us to cross borders and open our minds and hearts to other Christians around the world. We heard personal stories of young men and women who have overcome poverty, slavery, abuse, and boundaries to live a free life and who have followed the path of Christ. Music artists conveyed their faith through quite loud "get up and go crazy" tunes and all of San Antonio were forced to see that the Lutherans, full of energizing faith, had marched into town.



The daily dome events were not the only exciting activities we encountered. The interactive center, which was filled with blow up games, live music, stores, ropes courses, and much more, was on the top of my list of attractions. Other tourist sights included: The Alamo, a Mexican flea market, the Riverwalk, and a boat tour which all made the trip memorable. My favorite part of the event however, was spending time with the spectacular youth group we have at Trinity. Youth and advisers all connected as one faith family. Even I, being a freshman on the trip, had countless laughs with seniors, advisers, freshmen and everyone in between. Only three more years until the next gathering in New Orleans! Until then cross boundaries and vaya con Dios! Or in other words, "Go with God!"

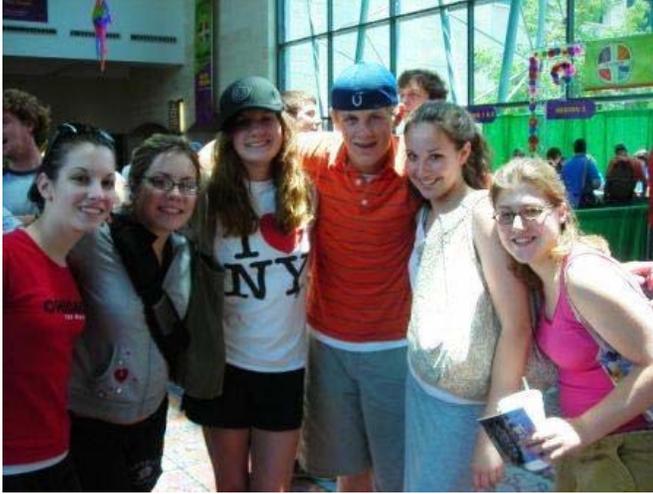
**Ilsa Snyder**  
*Freshman YG member*



### NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2006: SAN ANTONIO

To most teens a five day trip with their church is something that doesn't sound appealing. However, for the 23 youth that went on the San Antonio trip from Trinity it's something they'd been looking forward to for months or even years. We left Camp Hill for Baltimore by bus at

the ungodly hour of 4 o'clock on Wednesday morning. After arriving at the airport we checked in, went through security, ate a quick breakfast, and then loaded the plane for San Antonio, Texas. Once we were in San Antonio, we checked into our historical hotel, The Menger. With a hotel in the heart of the city, we could even see the Alamo from our hotel room window. Soon we began experiencing the city and the actual gathering along



with 30,000 Lutheran youth from around the country. Our mornings were filled with a unique hip-hop worship led by Agape, while our afternoons were packed with sites of the city. We saw the Alamo, Riverwalk, The Tower of the Americas, and a Mexican market. After sightseeing and dinner it was finally time to head off to the Alamo Dome for the evening. Here we danced, sang, and listened to speakers with 30,000 Lutheran youth also in San Antonio, an experience unlike any other I've ever had. When the large gathering in the evenings finally came to the end we often had opportunities to spend more time out at dances and other such activities offered at the gathering. When the time came to leave on Sunday most of us were both excited and reluctant. We couldn't wait to get back to our lives but we didn't want to leave all the fun we were having together in San Antonio. Around 10 o'clock Sunday night we all arrived home safely from a trip filled with memories we will never forget.

*Allison Miller*

*Sophomore YG member*

### **CRUZANDO SPIRIT**

Cruzando, or journey with Jesus, was the overall theme of the week at the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas. We were able to learn

about faith journeys through guest speakers during the worship services at the Alamo dome. There, we had a chance to witness thousands of other youth with similar beliefs and worship of the same God. Various Christian bands also participated by leading the rather large group in song. The most challenging perhaps was the songs that were written entirely in Spanish.

First of all, the flight to San Antonio was my first ever flight. But I must say, I can't think of another group of people I'd rather share this experience with. Despite my near nervous breakdown in the waiting area, I survived the flight with even a smile on my face upon landing. I mean after all, I just landed in one of the most spectacular cities in the United States, San Antonio.

The hotel where we resided, The Menger Hotel, is one of America's oldest hotels, and rumor has it, a haunted one. The hotel's historic charm and beautiful décor quickly put any fear of sharing a room with a ghost to rest. But I must say that the outdoor pool lined with palm trees also helped. The hotel was conveniently located in the center of all the Gathering locations and was also right next to the Alamo.

One thought that comes to mind when thinking of San Antonio is the famous Alamo. So, of course it was one of our first stops during the week. I must admit, I was slightly embarrassed upon arriving how little I remembered about the Alamo from eighth grade social studies. But a short video about the history of the Alamo inside one of the rooms fixed that problem. Whatever amount of history you know, everyone can appreciate all the amazing photo opportunities the Alamo has to offer.

The Riverwalk is also a famous spot within San Antonio. The San Antonio River was lined with plenty of shops to occupy you for hours. Also, plenty of Mexican restaurants occupied the walkway. We chose some of these eateries for our meals, and we ate like kings and queens. We also took in a boat tour of the Riverwalk observing the beautiful sights while learning more history about San Antonio.

San Antonio is a city that is heavily influenced by Mexican culture. An open-air Mexican market resided a few blocks down the street occupied by tiny shops and eateries. This was also a great spot to purchase keepsakes and discounted souvenir t-

shirts. On Saturday night, there was also a fiesta featuring food, dancing and singing. A special fireworks display concluded the night.

The National Youth Gathering was an experience I won't soon forget. Actually, I don't think I will ever forget it. I was close to declining because of my intense fear of flying and I am so glad I didn't. I feel so much closer to every person in the youth group and also had a chance to meet more



pretty amazing people. And by the time I walked onto the second plane, I wasn't nearly as nervous and possibly enjoyed the flight this time around thanks to the eccentric Southwest Airline's flight attendant. I wasn't exactly what you would call excited when we landed in Baltimore because after three hours from departing I already missed San Antonio and all that the National Youth Gathering had to offer.

**Kaelee Pines**  
*Junior YG member*

### THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

July 12, the senior high members of Trinity's Youth Group arrived at the church at 4:00 a.m. to make the drive to Baltimore to catch our flight to San Antonio for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. We arrived tired, but ready to sing, dance, talk, learn, and sightsee! Our hotel, The Menger, was great – right downtown and close to everything! We saw many of the famous San Antonio sights including the Alamo, the Tower of the Americas, and the Riverwalk. We went to the convention center where there were bands playing, high ropes activities, arts and crafts, dances, and other activities. Every night, we went to the Alamo Dome for speakers, band concerts, singing, and

dancing. This was the best part because we got to see all 28,000 Lutheran youth in one place at one time! The trip was a lot of fun! Thanks to all of you who supported us on this trip! We couldn't have gone without your help!

**Anne Tolsma**  
*Senior YG member*

## *Birthdays*

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

September 7

**Erma Oman**  
207 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

September 12

**Charles Frey**  
3308 James Buchanan Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

September 17

**Jeannette Kennedy**  
c/o – Suzanne Reese  
781 Poplar Church Road  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

**Vivian Martz**  
824 Lisburn Road  
Apt. # 211  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

September 22

**Mary Zeigler**  
4700 Oakhurst Blvd.  
Kindred Place – Apt. # 116  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

September 29

**Doris Pond**  
100 Mount Allen Drive  
Messiah Village – Room # 26  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

### STAFF MEMBERS

September 14

**Bill Brown**

September 27

**Christopher Couch**

## From Your Director of Learning Ministries

The new Church School year begins on September 10 with the churchwide Carnival of Giving. Classes for all ages resume on September 17. Affirmation of Baptism and Affirmation of Faith (new members') Classes begin on September 24.

On Sunday, September 24, Confirmands, parents, and mentors should come to Room 236 at 9:30 a.m. (After getting our Lutheran coffee and other drinks and snacks downstairs.) A letter was sent from Pastor John Brock in August to the families of Confirmands given in our church database. If you have not received a letter about Confirmation and are an eighth-grader (or parent of an eighth-grader) or an older youth who has not completed Affirmation of Baptism, please contact the church office right away to let Pastor Brock or me know that we should have you on the class roster and, more importantly, for the Confirmation experience.

We have mentors serving our Confirmands in a one-to-one way: that is, one mentor for each Confirmand. We ask the Confirmands' families first to consider providing a mentor, if that is preferable. But we are sure to need additional mentors. If you would like to serve as a mentor, please contact Pastor Brock or me. The relationship made between mentor and Confirmand is formative, constructive, and positive. And often the arrangement is simply very likable.

Fall 2006 learning ministry brochures can be found throughout the church, and any questions about our learning opportunities for the fall may be addressed to me. Please keep in mind that there are interactive learning experiences for all ages during the Sunday morning Church School hour, 9:30 to 10:30. Nursery care is offered during that time. (And Lutheran coffee.)

We are always looking for good teachers and shepherds for our classes. If you would like to serve or simply try out any of our groups, please be in touch with me or the appropriate class leader.

Our greatest need right now is for an assisting or co-teacher for the Senior High Class.

There will be a number of Special Topics experiences for church members, presented by pastors, guests to Trinity, and our own. One Special

Topic is an indepth look at our denomination's draft statement on education. The Lutheran Church will speak for all of us soon regarding our vision and strategy for effective, faithful education. If you would like a chance to respond to the draft statement, please take part in the study beginning September 24 during the Church School hour and ending in time for us to send our feedback on to our church leaders. The study will be led by Craig Staller, who's been at work on the statement for the denomination.

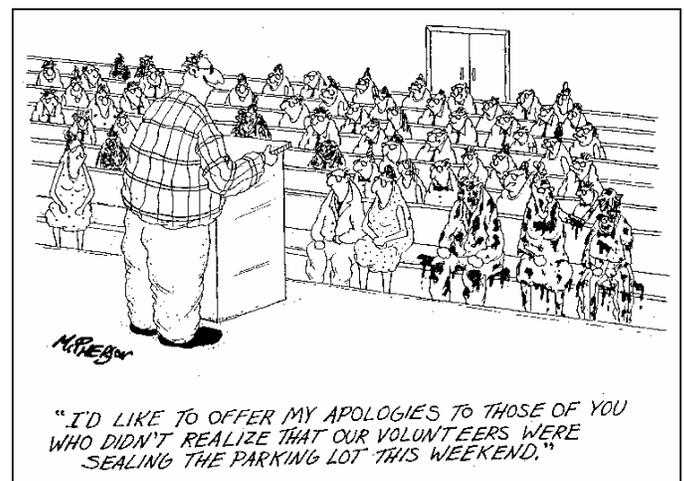
The fall Women's Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 13. The subject is *Boundaries*, which is a book as well as a study. Dr. Hazel Brown will come to Trinity to lead this look at understanding how to have helpful, needful, and appropriate boundaries in the activity and pace of our lives. The Bible Study meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m., for ten Wednesdays. Posters throughout the church give more details. Childcare is available.

A fall Sup and Study will take place for the church family over five Wednesdays in October and November. We will share a catered dinner followed by classes led by laypersons and pastors. Registration for Sup and Study will begin soon. All are invited and welcome.

So many things going on—activities with Women of Trinity, Lutheran Men in Mission, the resumption of our Thursday morning Bible Study, other Bible studies—plus so many opportunities to take part in ministries for the parish, the community, the region, and beyond.

God keep you in all that you do and choose to do,

*Christopher*



## *Weekly Prayer List*

**September 3-9:** Mike, Michelle, Raeann and Kaelyn Buskey; Douglas Bushman; Terry and Elizabeth Bush; Virginia Bush; Jack and Shirley Bush; Rumi Burnett; Robert Burchfield; Chris and Charis Burak. **September 10-16:** Walter and Arlene Bucher; Paula, Nathan and Jacob Bruns; Linda Brunner; Lauren Brunner; David and Rebecca Brunner; Sonja, Kinsey, and Hayley Brunner; Nathan Brunner; Jeffrey, Kathy, Chelsea, and Emily Brunie. **September 11-23:** Betty Bruner; Susan and Bill Brown; Marcia Brown; Kathleen Brown; Cassandra and Meghan Brown; Betty Brown; John Brough; Carl and Margie Brothers. **September 24-30:** Robert and Ruth Brommer; Gretchen, Madelyn, Carolyn, and Benjamin Brodie; John, Marianne, Benjamin and Evan Brock; Carol and Katie Bricker; Elmer and Sharon Brice; Gretchen Brewer; Marie Bretz; Judith Bretz

## *Trinity Prayer Concerns*

We pray for all students, from kindergarten to college, that they have a successful year.

We pray for the start-up of the Sunday Church School program, and for the teachers, that the Holy Spirit would work through them to bring the love of Christ to Trinity's learners of all ages.

We pray for Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries, that he be guided by the Holy Spirit to help seek and implement Trinity's needs for learning now and in the future.

We pray that Kathy Brunie, chair of the Educational Ministry Committee, with Christopher Couch, will work to organize and expand the educational ministry program this year.

## *Global Missions Event*

On Thursday, July 27, six members of Trinity: Jean Romberger, Hans Romberger, Dough Bonsall, Craig Staller, Elizabeth Winters and Doris Hookway arrived at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, for the ELCA Global Mission Event. What a rewarding experience!

Whether we were joining over 1,300 Lutherans from the U.S. and Canada and a group from the

Episcopal Church USA at the opening celebration, or taking advantage of participating at one of the 86 sessions explaining our church at work around the world, we could feel God's presence with us.

One of the most though provoking ideas came from the Rev. Lisandro Orlov from the Lutheran Church in Argentina who said "The Christian Church is possibly the only organization in the world that exists solely for benefit of those people who are not its members."

Listen to a few scattered thoughts of those who attended: "For me the GME experience drew attention to the most important part of our Christian calling – to feed the hungry, provide shelter to the homeless, heal the sick and spread the Good News."

The connection with others in the faith, with those who are hurting, and with God who makes him known through Jesus Christ, my own faith is renewed."

Worshipping, learning and seeing the mission work being done by our sisters and brothers in Christ really gave me a lift."

The most meaningful part was joining with the hundreds of other Christians in fellowship and song."

Many people came as families, and the children and youth were kept busy and seemed to be having a wonderful time. If you would like a broadening opportunity for your children to see God in Christ around the world and in our own neighborhoods, come to the next GME!

If you would like a greater understanding of what your church does for others, come to the next GME. If you want your own faith to be renewed, challenged and enlightened, come to the next GME. If you want to know other members of Trinity on a deeper level, join them at the next GME.

There are two winter Global Mission Festivals scheduled for January 26-28, 2007 in Winter Park, Florida and February 5-6, 2007 at Scottsdale, Arizona.

The next Global Mission Event will be July 19-22, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio at the Ohio State University. Put that date on your calendar NOW and plan to attend.

*Doris Hookway*

## Volunteer Corner

### Volunteer Outreach...

#### *Living God's mission in God's world.*

No matter how we feel about the war, it is important to let our military know the people at home support and respect them. Joyce Grier is doing just that through "Operation Shoebox."

Operation Shoebox is a project of the Capital Club, Verizon Telecom Pioneers, a non-profit organization of active and retired employees dedicated to "answering the call of those in need" by promoting and participating in activities that respond to community needs and problems. The core committee, of "Operation Shoebox" consists of Joyce, a "Pioneer" and two other women who started the project in July 2005.

The objective of the project is to support military men and women deployed overseas. Packages typically are sent to Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo. Packages may include items such as heavy socks, playing cards and candy. People share magazines or paper backs they have read and save comics and cross word puzzles from the newspaper to send. They also include letters in every box. In appreciation of the love "Operation Shoebox" has shown to these service people, Joyce proudly explained she received, on behalf of her group, an American Flag flown over the 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, Medical Task Force located in the desert sands of LSA Adder, Iraq.

Following is a letter Joyce recently received:

Dear Joyce:

*We cannot begin to tell you how much your package means to us. The contents will find a home whether it be one of us, an Iraqi soldier in need or a young Iraqi child whose life is consumed by poverty.*

*Our mission here goes beyond the uniform. We want to send a message of passion that exemplifies the caring and loving nature of our country. With your help, we believe we are beginning to do that.*

*Thanks you from the bottom of our hearts for opening your hearts to a deserving people who will remember and speak of your kindness for generations to come.*

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Jim, Russ, Marc, Roy, Scotty, Josh & Chris

*Also from some of our Iraqi Friends  
Garbi, Joe and Paul our interpreters.*

*The members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Troops  
Company and their families.*

Joyce says they are always looking for names of military to send to. They generally get their contacts from the website [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com) targeting people from Pennsylvania and also through word of mouth. She is anxious to correspond with Trinity members. They did support one Trinity member who has since returned home. If you have a family member or friend deployed overseas, please get in touch with Joyce.

Thanks to families, friends (Trinity included) and contributors, they have sent 380 care packages. The project is on-going and they hope to send many more in the future.

Anyone who is interested in offering support through contributions or writing letters, may contact Joyce at 566-2294 or at [auntiejoyceg@yahoo.com](mailto:auntiejoyceg@yahoo.com)

Even though experiencing hard times these men and women are still assured of the promise of God's love with the aid of "Operation Shoebox."

*Donna V. Sprowls*

### Care Team to be Formed

A member of Trinity, Jim Fickes, is battling ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), a progressive, degenerative neurological condition that leads to loss of muscle movement and eventual paralysis.

A **Care Team** of Trinity volunteers is being formed to assist Jim (42), his wife Suzanne and their children, Jimmy, 18 and Paige, 13, by providing meals, doing light yard work and helping with some of Jim's personal needs

If you can help with any of these tasks, we ask you to attend an informational meeting conducted by Barbara Gascho, pastoral care nurse, Hershey Medical Center, at Trinity on **Sunday, October 1, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 239**. To register, please sign up at the Gathering Space reception desk. For further details call Jane Hess, Care Team Coordinator, (717) 612-6633.

# Just for Kids!



## back to school

*It is back to school time! You will continue to learn, grow and change. The Bible tells us that we are like clay and that God is forming us everyday.*

Directions: Copy these squares onto the square grid below.

Isaiah 64:8

The Clay,

E5
B2
B3
D2
C1

The Potter."

You Are

C5
D4
D5
B5
A3
C2

C4
E1

D3
A4

"We Are

A2
B1

B4
D1

	1	2	3	4	5
A					
B					
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D					
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### Make Your Own "Clay"

Make one or more of these different types of homemade play dough. (Ask an adult to help.) Think about God and how He loves us, shapes us and molds us. Squeeze, roll and shape the clay into many different and unique shapes.

#### Salt Dough

- 3 cups of flour
- 1-1/2 cups salt
- 6 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 3 cups of water
- 3-4 tablespoons oil
- food coloring
- glitter (optional)

Mix the dry ingredients together in a big pan. Add water, oil and food coloring. Whisk until the lumps and food coloring are well mixed. With an adult's help, cook the mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly until the dough thickens and forms into a ball. When the dough cools, knead in the glitter. The dough will keep several weeks in plastic containers or bags.

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#### Rubbery Play Dough

- 2 cups baking soda
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 cup cornstarch

In a pan, mix the ingredients with a fork until smooth. With an adult's help, boil the mixture over medium heat until thick. Spoon onto a plate or wax paper, and let cool.

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#### Oatmeal Clay

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1/2 cup water
- food coloring

Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Add more flour if necessary for the dough to form a lump. Knead the dough on a floured surface until it is smooth. Add food coloring to the water before mixing the dough, or divide into balls and add coloring after mixed and kneaded.

Campbell

"I'm a perfect little angel while I'm asleep, Sir.  
It's being awake that gives me trouble."



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*Women of Trinity Circles Receive Biblical Names*

Women of Trinity circles have traditionally been known by numbers but as circles changed, combined, or became defunct our board decided it was time to make a change. On August 9 the board selected new circle names as follows:

<u>OLD NAMES</u>	<u>NEW NAMES</u>	<u>MEETINGS (Oct. – April)</u>
Circle 1	Deborah	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. in Library
Circle 4	Ruth	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. in Room 237
Circle 5	Elizabeth	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. in Library
Circles 6 & 8	Esther	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, 7 p.m. in Library