

Trinity Parish

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Disciples in the Making, Making Disciples

Webster's Dictionary defines *disciple* as *one who assists in spreading the teachings of another*. In the Christian faith, disciple is commonly used to describe a follower of Jesus, or quite literally, an apprentice to Christ.

As Trinity's Strategic Planning Team reflected on the congregational survey responses and listened to the comments at the May 31 congregational workshop, we heard and saw the word *disciple* over and over again. Prayerful reflection resulted in a working vision statement **Disciples in the Making, Making Disciples**. We believe this provides a clearer definition of what our church is about in advancing God's kingdom: Each of us is on a spiritual journey in which our own discipleship is always under formation, while, at the same time, we have responsibility to make other disciples for Christ.

Trinity's strategic planning initiative grew out of a special task force appointed in 2007 to study and recommend uses for the 1915 Market Street property. The task force members realized that a decision on the use of this or any property could be made only in the context of the church's long-term and total mission. There was no single clear concept of that mission, and so we revisited, reviewed, and revised our understanding.

With the endorsement of this work by the Congregational Council earlier this year, the task force was charged with the larger and more comprehensive task of recommending a future direction for our congregational mission—ministries, property, staff, financial and volunteer resources, outreach, worship, and education.

The task forces asked the congregation to respond to a survey about Trinity and tabulated, shared, and discussed the hundreds of responses at the May congregational workshop. A few of the insightful thoughts include:

The purpose of the Church is:

- To bring people into a closer relationship with and commitment to Christ.
- To be and make followers of Christ.
- To reflect God's love by our interaction with others.
- To reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Trinity should strive:

- To be relational, not institutional.
- To become a congregation of disciples.
- To teach that discipleship is an ongoing, life-long process.
- To remember that God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called.

We urge you to read a complete listing of tabulated survey responses and the details of congregational input and discussion on the church website.

The strategic planning process involves additional steps for a clearer understanding of our mission and then for that mission to become actively embraced by the congregation. The first step in the discernment of the vision statement, **Disciples in the Making, Making Disciples**, will guide our thinking into the next step—the formation of a concise, inclusive Mission Statement. The Mission Statement will define **who, what, when, where, and why** for our action plan. Core value statements of what we believe will guide the development of the detailed action plan, effectively planning **how** the different aspects of the Mission Statement will be accomplished over a period of years.

Recently, a number of additional members have felt called to participate in this exciting effort and we rejoice in their input to the process. In the coming months, the task force will share a proposal for a revised Mission Statement and Long-Range Action Plan for ministry. We ask for your prayerful support for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and success of this endeavor.

Douglas Bonsall, Co-Chair
Strategic Planning Task Force

Twenty Years of Operation

Churches Affiliated Child Care Center, Inc. will be celebrating 20 years of operation on Friday, August 15, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Camp Hill United Methodist Church, 417 South 22nd Street, Camp Hill.

There will be entertainment, food and opportunities to reconnect with all of the people who have made this affordable child care possible for families. Further information will be provided in **Trinity Today**.

Monetary donations and baked goods will be appreciated. Please contact Margy Fox at 695-4187 or Cindi Teter at 938-8421 for details. Thank You.

**Donate
Trinity's Blood Bank**

September 21, 2008

Sign-up in the Gathering Space
September 7 and 14, 2008



STAFF NOTES

Freeze Frame

A preacher cannot possibly preach a sermon dealing with every verse of each of the appointed lessons on a given Sunday morning. Oh, we can try to touch upon **themes** from all the appointed lessons, but to dig deep into every solitary verse would be to preach well into Sunday afternoon . . . and evening . . . and on into Monday. Such digging is best suited for a different forum, such as a Bible study. That means I leave out proclamation about verses I can only hope to emphasize three years from now, when that lesson comes up in our lectionary cycle again. So, for example, on July 6, while I did touch upon the Old Testament lesson, I did not tackle one part of that lesson that I was drawn to initially. In Zechariah 9:12, after the prophet prophesied the debut of a great king who will establish a dominion of peace, and restore the people Israel to their home, Zechariah calls out to Israel: *Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope!*

What an evocative image! A picture of a people who are imprisoned . . . but this time, by hope.

Most of us at Trinity have no notion of what it is to be truly imprisoned, unless we have been incarcerated, or had a loved one serving sentence in such a manner. Those of us who volunteer to lead worship at Dauphin County Prison every couple of months gain a deeper appreciation for the pain the inmates experience living behind bars. We rejoice with them in our time of worship together, but as we head out into the cool, fresh air, I, for one, leave feeling sad and sober and contemplative, remembering these brothers and sisters in Christ we have left behind those bars once more.

If we've never experienced physical incarceration, then perhaps we have known the feeling of being imprisoned metaphorically: Circumstances from which we cannot extricate ourselves. Situations in which our hands are tied. Decisions made from which there is no escape or recourse, but only the steady trudging forward into what seems like a bleak future.

Zechariah spoke his prophetic words to people who had known imprisonment, exile, the utter lack of freedom, and a future which only appeared to be a black hole of nothingness. But then he, the very mouthpiece of the Lord God, calls them by a new name: *O prisoners of hope!*

Whatever had happened was past. Now the thing that captured them, holding them fast, was hope in what the Lord God had planned for his people—in this case, the arrival of a king whose powerful yet peaceful rule would extend from shore to shore, and whose legacy would be to restore God's people to real life. Here was hope for a new future, and this hope was "imprisoning" them in its tight grip. Zechariah called Israel to return to its stronghold, which in fact was the Lord God himself, Israel's fortress and strength.

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**Fall 2008
Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Laurie Cole

**There Is A Season: Experiencing
Contentment In Every Season Of Life**

Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 a.m.
11 Sessions lasting from
September 10 to November 19, 2008

The series will be held at
**Trinity Lutheran Church
2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill**

Babysitting will be available.

**For questions or registration
Call Judy Trissler at 774-6036
or Bert Weaver at 697-3259**

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the September 2008 Edition of **Trinity Parish** is Sunday, August 10, 2008. Please forward all articles to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org

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What about us? Have our hearts and minds, imaginations and energy been captured by hope in Jesus Christ? Have we so learned to trust God, our stronghold—trust in his Son’s victory over sin and death, trust in his love for you and me, trust in the power of the Holy Spirit he promised would dwell in us—that we might at last find ourselves breathing fresh air in our “imprisonment” in God’s triune life?

Remember, hope is not the same as optimism. Optimism usually relies on one’s own sense of infallibility, our trust in our own ingenuity. Instead, hope reaches out beyond ourselves and our abilities and inabilities. Hope relies on that One, external to us, who came to us.

As Trinity Lutheran Church, we must continue to find ways to tell the story of our Lord Jesus who has come to us. In so doing, we invite others to be imprisoned by that same hope which holds us fast. Using both traditional yet innovative means, we are to encourage them to trust God as their stronghold, then join with us in serving God in our community and world. Let us announce to them that the air is fresh and clean in this new life and future offered. Breathe it in deeply, then share it.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Artists of the Month

This month’s exhibit is a showcase of social commentary works by artists and writers. The works demonstrate sincere and original expressions of visual and written art which promote the positive values of peace and justice in society.

Works include fine art, photography, poetry and prose, or a combination of the aforementioned. This exhibit is under the direction of Fleur Byers who is an artist, instructor and demonstrator. Ms. Byers has served as coordinator for the annual display of the Arts for Peace and Justice over the past years and is a strong promoter of the message that it brings to the community.

It is the hope of the Arts Committee that you will take time to browse and enjoy these works.

Bring your friends, family and lawn chairs
to the outdoor
Summer Sundaes Concerts

Sunday, August 24

5:30 p.m. FREE Picnic

6:30 p.m. Concert & Sundaes

presented by

FaithX: Devin Ackerman, Kevin Brady,
Marianne Brock, Pam Easley, Dan
Henderson, Randy Ober, Beth Reeser,
Michael Schwalm, Paul Walker, Debra
Wilson, Rick Wilson

FREE

**PICNIC &
ICE CREAM
SUNDAES!!**



Concert held indoors in the event of inclement weather.

Alzheimer Support Group

will meet Wednesday, August 27,
from 7–9 p.m. in the Library
For more information, contact Donna Sprowls
766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com

The Book Discussion Group invites you!

Join us the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

- August 17: **The Grace That Keeps This World** by Tom Bailey
- September 21: **Running with Scissors** by Augusten Burroughs
- October 19: **Snow Flower and the Secret Fan** Lisa See
- November 16: **Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World** by Jack Weatherford
- December 14: **The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: A Memoir** by Bill Bryson

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) summer is in full swing. As usual, there are several YG events each month over the summer to keep the YG connected until we start back up again in the fall. No matter what time of year it is, the time is always right to get on out to YG and see what we are all about. We have something YG related on almost every weekend. YG is a place for everyone in grades 5-12, so get on out to YG soon and take part in all of the faith, fun and fellowship. Just to let you know what YG is all about, here is a taste of what we did so far this summer.

The month of June started the YG summer off in fine style. We started by taking 17 YG and two advisors to Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp. This week long event is a great one to be at every year. The camp has been going for many years now, and this year was definitely one of the best. Our kids all had a great time and learned tons about themselves, their faith and their baptism. This week is like no other – SOLID! On the day after our return from Con. Camp, why not have a YG POOL PARTY? So that's just what we did. From 2-6 p.m. the next day, 20 YG and some advisors gathered at Ilsa's house for a day of fun-in-the-sun. The rain in the forecast held off just enough for us to have a great, relaxing and warm day in the sunshine. It was fun grilling and chilling with all of my YG friends. A good time was had by all. We finished off the month with our first successful YG CAR WASH of the summer. The weather was great and we actually got to wash a few cars, imagine that. Still a lot of people must have been on vacation because the Carlisle Pike was dead. We still managed to make about \$300 to help fund the Sr. High Summer Beach Retreat. I would definitely like to thank all of the congregation who came out to support the YG CAR WASH. We need you always to help support the many YG events. So for those who came out – you rock! Well, that was the month of June for you. July and August hold a Sr. High Summer Beach Retreat, and two YG Pool Parties; and then it's YG TIME AGAIN!!! Let's enjoy that summer first though. :-)

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director



100 Words from China Service Ventures: Response to the Earthquake in China

The words below come to us from Steven Ray, Developer with China Service Ventures (CVS). Trinity supports the work of CVS through the Missions Committee and received from them an original hand painted scroll titled **The Gifts of the Spirit**. Several members of our congregation met Steve at the Regional Global Mission Event in May. (For those interested, the cost of a mission trip with CVS is \$3,800 per person.)

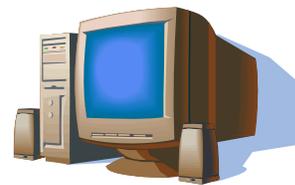
Steve writes: The picture of death and destruction from the recent earthquake near Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China are horrific. The sight of parents searching for their children in collapsed school buildings is something we might want to forget, but can't.

Christian churches and their members have also felt the devastation. Pastor Lin, CVS's Bethel Bible coordinator, has contacts in this area. One reports "that brothers and sisters are sleeping in the streets without food and clean water, and the church is gone". What can we do to help? How can we both serve the Christian community and the general population? Some ask if there could be teams in 2009 to help with aid to reconstruction.

To all of this I say YES, with the help of God. In the next few weeks, China Service Ventures will be exploring responses to help assist not only with church reconstruction but also to extend appropriate aid to meet the needs of the general population.

Plans are beginning to take shape for our summer 2009 Youth Service Project to work around or near the earthquake area. Perhaps a Men's Ministry Work Team would like to serve by helping to reconstruct a church. How would you like to serve and express your love and concern for the people of Sichuan?

Craig Staller



COMPUTERS NEEDED!

If you or someone you know has a computer with an XP operating system that you no longer need, and you would like to donate it to our Computer Lab, please contact Mary Alin Lubold at maclubold@comcast.net (728-9203)

or

Christopher Couch in the church office.

Comfort Food

What is your favorite comfort food? One of my childhood favorites is ham and green beans. When I find myself in stressful times, I crave ham and green beans. It's an inexpensive meal, easy to prepare, always filling and has a sense of familiarity. But what if just having a meal was a comfort?

On Monday, June 9, a group of Trinity volunteers prepared, served and hosted it for families of the DELTA Community at the United Church of Christ in Penbrook. DELTA is a group that is dedicated to helping homeless single parents and their children in our area and exists to provide care and support for the local poor and homeless through



emotional, educational, financial and housing assistance needed to achieve self sufficiency. Additional information about DELTA and their mission is available on the internet at www.delta-community.org.

Joe Hunter prepared a "loaves and fishes" meal at Trinity to feed more than thirty parents, children and staff of the DELTA Community. Joe and John Jones packed their vans with pots and pans, serving utensils, paper plates and cups. We said grace at the church and Michelle Jones, John Jones and Irma Graybill served these families a feast of barbecue sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, green beans, garden salad, fruit salad, and a variety of desserts. Karen Peiffer was an excellent host, visiting with the parents and children, listening to their stories and offering support. Karen also provided comfort to children in the nursery while their parents attended an educational program.

We shared a nutritious home-cooked meal with a group who showed gratitude with each request for a first or second helping. One small boy asked for salad as his first course and came back for salad again before eating anything else. When the leftovers were wrapped in "to go" packages, both kids and adults showed delight, especially with the macaroni and cheese which was a big hit. In turn, we also learned about the growing human service needs of others in our own communities.

Food brings people together and this event was no exception. It was a joy to be a part of this evening and I extend my thanks to all the Trinity volunteers who shared their gifts. The next time you sit down to enjoy a meal of your favorite comfort foods with your family, think about being a host volunteer for a future DELTA Community dinner.

Lorraine Graybill

2009 Discipleship Opportunities

The Apostle Paul addresses the presences of spiritual gifts in three main scripture text: (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4). Through these scripture passages, we learn that God bestows at least one spiritual gift to each of us through the work of the Holy Spirit.

These gifts are to be used out of love for one another and in service to one another. As you look at the new **2009 Discipleship Opportunities** form, you will discover many possibilities for service through Trinity Lutheran Church.

As your Spiritual Gifts Coordinator, it is my task to help you identify your spiritual gifts and match them with discipleship opportunities through our church. By participating in future Sunday Church School classes, workshops and forums, we will help each other recognize and affirm our spiritual gifts.

Our current information is dated and incomplete. To begin this year long process, I encourage you to complete the **2009 Discipleship Opportunities** form mailed in July. Return the form to the church office or place it in the offering plate before August 17. The information provided will be available for committee use by early September.

Additional forms are located in the Gathering Space information rack and church office. I encourage you to explore the many opportunities of service at Trinity and grow in your discipleship.

Yours in Christ,

Judy Collins
Spiritual Gifts Coordinator

The Lament of the Stony Field

(Matthew 13: 1- 9)

Is it to my blame, O Lord,
That I am full of rocks?
You made me as I am.

I received a portion equal to the seed
The sower lavished on the fertile field,
And I nourished it as best I could.

Are not the shallow rocky ones
Also precious in your sight,
As are the sparrows of the field?

And if I can not offer
Abundant crops of golden grain,
Then I will raise up rocks for you.

Virginia Hine Ely

Adventures in Bibleland begins September 7

Parents are invited to Room 122 along with their children for the first day of **Adventures in Bibleland**. **Adventures in Bibleland** is Trinity's Christian Education program for all children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Each Sunday, we help children explore stories in the Bible through music, drama, science, cooking, computers, games and more. Not only do they learn Bible truths, but they also have FUN at the same time! In addition to growing in their faith, children also learn how to be of service to others. Last year, children participated in the Wishes for Wells project, raising more than \$2800 for the construction of water wells in poor villages in Tanzania. They've proven that no one is too young to do God's work!



If you are a parent of children in kindergarten through fifth grade, please join us along with your child at 9:30 a.m. for our kick-off event. Registration will start on September 7 and continue throughout the year. For more information, contact Mary Alin Lubold at maclubold@comcast.net (728-9203) or Christopher Couch in the church office.

Stories to Tell & Gifts to Share

Giving to the Church

It's the part of the stewardship program we usually don't like to hear about: giving our money to the church.

It can be hard to hear about giving because we often find it difficult to think about why we give. Sometimes we may feel we have to give because we're supposed to, it's our duty or responsibility. Other times we may give because we feel guilty or obligated. None of those motivations do much to inspire the joy of giving or the joy of hearing someone ask us to give.

But giving can be a joy. When we focus, not on what we are giving, but on the giver and the gifts God brings into our lives, we can respond in joy.

The little boy in the story about Jesus feeding the 5,000 willingly gave his lunch for others. And as he gave joyfully, Jesus used what he gave to do miracles.

God does the same today. That which is given in joy gives joy. And that which is given in joy can be multiplied to reach many.

That's the story we have to tell about the gifts we have to share.

Then it might be said of us as Paul said of the believers in Corinth: "They gave themselves first to the Lord" (2 Corinthians 8:5).

From Your **Director of Learning Ministries**

August. Dog days. Don't tell my cat.

By the time we read this, we'll have enjoyed Vacation Church School and our adventures with "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything" (so we have to do it for them). I am deeply grateful for the program direction provided by Amy Koch and for all the help given by so many adults and youth.

Not to alarm anyone, but the new school year approaches. Our first Sunday for all of our learning ministry classes to resume is September 7. Over the summer, though, four adult education classes met on a regular basis with two Special Topics Classes for adults and youth taking place as well.

In the new school year, we will again be offering Sunday morning classes for all ages, zero (so to speak) through retired and beyond. The Church School hour on Sunday morning is 9:30 to 10:30, and classes happen in all three levels of the church.

Look for new learning ministry brochures at the church—with the text on the website—describing all of our church's services and all of our learning opportunities for the fall.

Parents, on September 7 please bring your children to their learning area to register your children, meet teachers and shepherds, and receive some orientation for the new year. Then, with time, move on to your own classes. What? You haven't tried an adult class? Well, new years are great times to resolve to try something, aren't they?

Trinity Preschool Playgroup, our church's weekday school program, will be starting the new school year, too. We have new staff plus returning and full classes. Heather Rose will enter her third year directing the preschool.

You will read elsewhere of our need for Sunday morning staff. Our pressing needs remain for lead teachers for the Prekindergarten Class and the Senior High Class. (No, these classes do not meet together.) There's curriculum for each class, supplies, and volunteer and staff support. Of course, I'd hate to delay the opening of these or other classes for lack of leadership. Remember that working in a church school is uniquely designed for those who have had no prior experience in education. Heart for the age group is the main requirement.

Have the rest of a pleasing summer, all, and be in touch,

Christopher

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity,

We are grateful for the many cards and expressions of sympathy at the recent death of Guy's sister, Margaret. It is good to be a part of such a caring community.

Guy and Barbara Edmiston

Dear Trinity,

I would like to thank all the wonderful people of Trinity for their expressions of love and support during my recent total knee replacement. Vicar Mike's visits were much appreciated as well as all the others who took time to visit and encourage me. All the cards and flowers were wonderful to view and to read. I know people cared.

I feel so blessed to be part of such a caring church family who never forget that the Lord leads us in everything we do.

God Bless.

Judy Meisinger

Dear Trinity:

I'm sitting here with my beautiful prayer shawl around my shoulders – wrapping me in the warmth of all the prayers from Trinity members. The shawl came on a down day – so thank you for thinking of me; and thank you to Ida Arms for knitting the 610th shawl. I will treasure the shawl always.

Thank you to Ralph and Helen Bigelow for delivering the pretty pink peonies, roses and daises from the church flowers. They came right after I got home from the hospital – an extra plus to my homecoming to get the flowers and their visit.

Thank you all for your cards and especially your prayers – I am on the road to recovery!

God Bless.

Joan Waldner

Birthdays

Homebound

- August 1 **Jan Hassinger**
506 Joyce Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- August 4 **Carol Keesee**
1901 N. 5th St., Room 3-M-1
Harrisburg, PA 17102
- August 13 **Jacob Fischer**
3604 Franklin Avenue
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- August 28 **Ed Beck**
3605 Kohler Place, Unit 7
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Staff

- August 6 **Paul Hensel**

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Heavenly Father,

- We humbly bow our heads before You, to give honor and praise to Your Name, and to give thanks for the countless blessings that You bestow upon us. Let us join together in inviting Your Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts; let us seek Your Face always; and let us travel ever forward in Christian love and discipleship.
- Lord, we pray for our beloved Trinity Lutheran Church; we pray for the continued good health of our pastors, and for all those who teach us in faith. We pray for the physical and spiritual strength of our families, and we pray that our homes will be filled with love, righteousness, and Christian purpose!
- It is with joy in our hearts and songs on our lips that we give thanks for our own Faith X Band. We are truly blessed to have such talented musicians among us; and we pray that their Summer Sundae Concert Series will continue to draw us together, lifting our spirits higher and higher! **Let us sing to the Lord! Let us give a joyous shout to the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1.**
- Because we live in a troubled world, we pray for our missionaries, and for all those who travel into dangerous regions spreading the Good News and tending to the needs of others. We would ask, Holy Father, that You might watch over them, and bless their ministries.
- Christian Community is at the heart of every congregation, and so we pray that our new **2008 Membership Directory** will become all inclusive.....matching names with faces, and faces with friendships. We also pray that **Our Leading The Way To Ministries Capital Campaign** will not only be a resounding tribute to the wonderful ministry of our beloved Pastor Stewart Hardy; but that it will also achieve its goal of debt elimination!
- Divine Father, alone we are sinful, weak, and wayward; alone all of our efforts will be futile and surely end in failure and disappointment...It is *ONLY* when we invite You into our hearts that we can begin to experience the pure joy of Your Grace and Salvation! Let us seek wisdom, and let us build forgiving hearts. Let our actions reflect the love we have for You, O God, and let our hands be a source of service and comfort to others.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

We're on the MOVE to end Alzheimer's

Every 72 seconds, someone in the U.S develops Alzheimer's disease. It is estimated that nearly 500,000 Pennsylvanians currently live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Nationally, the number of people with Alzheimer's is expected to quadruple over the next fifty years if no cure is found. Today 78 million baby boomers are approaching the age of greatest risk of Alzheimer's – and finding a cure is more crucial than before.

Memory Walk is the Alzheimer Association's national signature event to help those battling Alzheimer's disease. Since 1989, **Memory Walk** has raised more than \$175 million and is the largest national fundraising event for Alzheimer's disease

Memory Walk takes place once a year in more than 600 communities nationwide. Each year millions will participate as walkers, volunteers and sponsors.

This year's **Memory Walk** theme is "We're on the MOVE, to end Alzheimer's". Members of the Alzheimer's Support Group sponsored by Trinity, along with friends and family, will be "on the MOVE" walking at the local walk to be held, Saturday, September 13 on City Island Park, Harrisburg. We invite you to come out and walk with us and or support us through a donation.

The more people we get involved the more we will be able to do to help families living with Alzheimer's or a related dementia.

For information, contact Donna Sprowls, Support Group Facilitator at 766-8075 or SPROWLSD@aol.com

Fall Schedule for Trinity Seniors

Wednesday, September 17 in Fellowship Hall: catered lunch at noon – followed by a presentation of beautiful works by an outstanding local sculptor.

Tuesday, October 7 at Camp Hebron: one-day retreat leaving the church at 10 a.m. to arrive in time for lunch – after dinner, return to Camp Hill by 7 p.m. Our spiritual leader for the day is traditionally a member of the church staff. A great opportunity for worship and fellowship in a lovely rural setting. Carpooling is available.

Wednesday, November 19 in Fellowship Hall: catered lunch at noon, presentation to follow by Elaine Karl of Harrisburg called "Laugh Therapy", a relatively new health concept. Fun time!

Sign-up sheets for the lunches will be available in the Gathering Space prior to the events, as well as flyers for the retreat. Watch for details in **Trinity Today** before each scheduled date. All are welcome, consider bringing guests. No need to be a regular member and no one will ask your age.

Questions? Call Joan Conrad at 774-3331.

"Prayers" Needed

Have you felt the power of prayer? Do you like to pray for people? Could you pray for 15 minutes for someone in need when the call came?

People **are** comforted when they know they are being prayed for. Wouldn't it be "Christ like" to help out our fellow parishioners from time to time with only a prayer?

Let me re-introduce the 24 Hour Prayer Vigil here at Trinity. Some of you may have "used" this before; for the rest of us let me tell you a little about it.

The 24 Hour Prayer Vigil is a ministry that offers continuous prayer for a 24 hour period. It is done by request only when a person is experiencing a crisis situation or operation of a vital nature where 24 hours of prayer would get them through it.

Once a request has been received the ministry alerts its "pray-ers" to the specific need and each "pray-er" at their predetermined time (such as 9:30–9:45 p.m.) will pray for the those in need for 15 minutes.

Since this is *by request only* service, it is not a daily commitment to 15 minutes of prayer; you are only called upon when the need arises.

When you pray, we are in God's presence. When we pray to God on behalf of someone else we are doing something pleasing to God, interceding for one of God's children in need.

If this sounds like something you could give to Trinity (15 minutes of prayer) please call Lois Tress at 761-4689 or Elizabeth Winters at 697-3673.

Stephanie Jacobs

YOU can help a child grow in faith!

How? Through children's ministry here at Trinity. Opportunities to minist to our youngest members can be found in Adventures in Bibleland (elementary Christain education program), our preschool Christian education program, our nursery, and our senior high Christian education program. Contact Christopher Couch in the church office to see how you can make a difference.

Annual Steak and Corn Roast

Set Friday, August 15 aside on your calendar for the Men of Trinity (Lutheran Men In Mission) annual Steak and Corn Roast and Golf Outing. This is our greatest social event of the year. Every male member of Trinity is an automatic member of the Men of Trinity.

For the golfers, we have tee times reserved starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Rich Valley Golf Course on Rich Valley Road, Mechanicsburg. The cost for golf and cart is \$35.00 or \$30.00 for seniors. The Steak and Corn Roast will be located at Pine Grove Furnace Park.

For the non-golfers, plan to arrive any time after 2 p.m. There will be games, i.e., horse shoes, a corn husking competition and other fun activities.

The dinner, including a 12 oz. strip steak, corn on the cob, ice cream and beverages will be served about 5:30 p.m. The cost of the cookout dinner is \$12.00. If fathers and grandfathers bring teenage sons, their cost is only \$6.00. That special rate for teens is our way of encouraging them to join us.

We will conclude our day with a short devotional and then head for home with a full stomach and joyful memories. This event is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends. Why not invite a neighbor or other acquaintance to join you?

We will have an information and sign-up in the Gathering Space after each worship service on August 3 and 10. To our fellow brothers, we leave this final word....You owe it to yourself to be included in this great experience.

In case of rain, Pine Grove has a nice large pavilion that will keep us dry and not dampen our fun.

Jack Bush

Weekly Prayer List

August 3-9: Jeff, Lori Anne, Becka and Shanie McBride; Judy McAllister; David Mays; Robert, Karen, David, and Andrew May; Paul May. **August 10-16:** Thomas Maurer; Stephanie, Thomas and Seth Maurer; Sam Maurer; Mark Mathews; Elizabeth, Darby, and Danielle Masland; David, Leanne, Hailey, and Olivia Maser; Vivian Martz; John and Barbara Martz. **August 17-23:** Tom and Nancy Martin; Todd, Stacey, Cole, Brock, and Leah Martin; Elizabeth and Kyle Martin; Melissa Martenis; Patricia Marshall; Alexander Marschka; Tori and Bridget Markel; Paul Marinak. **August 24-30:** John Manyok; Rebecca Maher, and Alex and Max Schertzer; Vic and Millie Macomber; David and Marion Mackley; Shawn Machemer; Scott and Ady Machemer; Arlene Machemer; Barbara Macgee. **August 31-September 6:** Geraldine Mabijs; Susannah Lynch; Robert and Jean Lyman; Donald Lyman; Karen Lutz; Kim Lutterer; Carol Lundquist; Esther Luley.

Trinity Parking Lot Yard Sale

Men of Trinity will hold a Yard Sale on Saturday, September 13 on the upper parking lot. In addition to offering items to yard sale enthusiasts, there will also be hot dogs, bar-b-que, drinks and other goodies for sale.

This great event begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. Hot dogs with fixins' and bar-b-que sandwiches will go on sale at 10 a.m. and will be available until 1 p.m. So plan to come early or join us for lunch. This will be a fun day, and a terrific social occasion. You very well may find more surprises than are described in this announcement. However, you'll have to come to the sale to find out.

Now we need some help from you. Do you have items you no longer need taking up room? We do not want junk. However, as with any yard sale item, a useless item to you can be another person's treasure. We welcome them for our sale. Drop items off at the church on Thursday, September 11 or Friday, September 12 from 3 to 7:30 p.m. There will be men available to help you. We will not accept heavy or oversized items, such as furniture. We hope to feature a homemade baked goods table, if you would care to provide for that also.

All items will be priced reasonably, including the food and drinks. All proceeds will be designated to the Lutheran Men in Mission Ministries. Our primary objective is to attract more men, especially young men, into a more active role within our congregation.

We certainly expect this day to be a beautiful day and will be asking the Lord for cooperation; however, if we are faced with inclement weather conditions, we will be in Fellowship Hall.

Our final reminder to you is to begin boxing up items you plan to donate and mark on your calendar the Trinity yard sale date...Saturday, September 13. Questions can be directed to the Co-chairmen, George Enney, 737-4115 or Jack Bush, 763-0494.

One other side note to the men of our church family: we will need lots of help. Please volunteer to support the event that promises to be a terrific social celebration. Sign-up sheets will be placed at the Lutheran Men in Mission table in the Gathering Space at a later date.



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Fall is for Camping

September is almost upon us...warm days, crisp cool nights, geese flying overhead, hiking, finishing that summer book, squirrels scampering after acorns, fall colors, Snipe hunts, campfires and s'mores.... Sound good? Camping with our Trinity family and friends always means wonderful memories! This past May, our camping group headed to Ricketts Glen for Memorial Day – we had perfect weather and the weekend was memorable for many reasons—we especially enjoyed the Waterfall Hike!!!

Plan on joining us this September 26–28 at Gifford Pinchot State Park. Please call Dan and Lyn Reed 938-5589 for details and to make your reservation.

Camping is one of the greatest activities going that brings us closer to nature, each other and more of God's creation. The annual fall camping weekend at Pinchot is just far enough to “get away” for a couple days but also not so far to come for one or two nights, or even just for Saturday's Pot- Luck Dinner and evening Worship.

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/or equipment.

Everyone is welcome! We love to see new faces amongst our cherished “old-faithfuls”!

See you in September and “create a memory.”

Looking ahead

Trinity Concert Series 2008/2009

Sunday, September 21, 2008 - 4 p.m.
United States Army Chorus

Sunday, October 19, 2008 - 4 p.m.
Yale Classical Guitar Duo

Saturday, November 8, 2008 - 7 p.m.
American Boychoir

December 7, 14, 21, 2008 - 4 p.m.
Christmas at Trinity

Sunday, March 15, 2009 - 4 p.m.
Michael Burkhardt Hymn Festival

Sunday, May 3, 2009 - 7 p.m.
Expressions of Faith

Sunday, May 17, 2009 - 4 p.m.
Chancel Choir and Capital Area Music Association
The Music of Duke Ellington