

Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church • Camp Hill, Pennsylvania • October 2008 Edition
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The Yale Classical Guitar Duo **Sunday, October 19** **4:00 PM**

Trinity's 2008/2009 Concert Series continues on Sunday afternoon, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. with **The Yale Classical Guitar Duo**. These gentlemen are among the finest guitar players in the United States and have received much acclaim from their peers in the profession.

Austin Moorhead is a well established classical guitarist based in New Haven, CT. An active performer and teacher, he has received first prize in several well-known national and international guitar competitions including those sponsored by the Music Academy of North Carolina (2006), Eastfield College, Dallas, TX (2006), and the American String Teachers Association (2007). Austin holds degrees from Arizona State and Yale Universities.



David Veslocki holds degrees from Yale and the Eastman School of Music in jazz and classical guitar performance. He has performed at several New York City venues including the famed Avery Fisher Hall. He has won the prestigious Elliot Fisk award and Down Beat magazine's "Best New Pop Rock Group". Admission is free. Bring your friends!



October Artist of the Month **Linda Buckwalter**

"As far back as I can remember, I was drawing or painting. I enjoy the feel, the sight, and the smell of colors. While painting with a group of fellow artists or alone, it is such a pleasurable and all consuming experience. I have had my art accepted and hung in state juried shows. I display art which has been created with different mediums, with different subject matter and with different techniques.

I have 42 credits of undergraduate art classes and considering completing the course work needed for my art degree. Over the years, I have studied with many of the local artists and primarily work with oil and water colors. I like to create art where the subject is recognizable but I am always trying to do it with less and less detail, to capture the feeling without the detail. It is a process that is all consuming in which I love becoming lost in the work of creating. My art is my avocation.

Often I am asked about the watercolor paintings with texture. I like to use wrinkled paper or add tissue paper to the work. Sometimes a painting is begun with the tissue paper over the watercolor paper first, the colors are applied very wet to soak through and then removed to observe the results. It is at this point I decide to keep the print, enhance the print with line and/or additional color, or dry the tissue paper, tear it and add it to the composition before adding additional color to complete the painting.

My vocation is as a Professor of Mathematics at Harrisburg Area Community College. I have enjoyed teaching for the last 21 years. As far back as I can remember mathematics was also something I enjoyed. So it is with much delight, that I can pursue both. Summers, I can enjoy doing my paintings plein air.

My husband and I live in New Cumberland with furry four-legged family members, lots of books, canvas, paints, brushes, and other art supplies."

CONGRATULATIONS

TLC SOFTBALL TEAM

**Won 2nd place this season in the
West Shore Softball League**

Senior Members Fall Retreat

Trinity Seniors will sponsor an opportunity for a day of fellowship and Bible Study at Camp Hebron on Wednesday, October 15, 2008. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and return about 7:00 p.m. Total cost is \$20.00 per person which will cover both lunch and dinner. Vicar Cheri Korte will be the program leader.

Registration forms will be available in the Gathering Space. Please complete the form and return it to the church office by Tuesday, September 30 with a check made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and marked for Seniors Retreat on the memo line.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Conrad at 774-3331.

We hope to see you there!

Whatever you sow, that you shall also reap.
Galatians 6.7

Across the fields October flings
Hands full of scarlet leaves,
And Nature adds a golden thread
To the tapestry she weaves.

Trinity Parish Deadline

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

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STAFF NOTES

How You Have Grown!

It never fails to amaze me—one week, I offer the bread at communion to a young person in our congregation. The next week, I offer the bread to them again, and they are about two inches taller than they were the last time I fed them. “Growing like weeds! My, how you have grown!” I say to them at worship’s end. By the time they hit senior high school, I am looking up, up, up at them, and reaching up, up, up to place bread in their hands.

While I realize it doesn’t take much for someone to be taller than I, it still fascinates me to see how quickly young people grow when that adolescent spurt occurs. The growth is visible, the change noticeable, practically from day to day. Makes me think about the growing that is less visible and less noticeable to the naked eye, but real growth nonetheless. In particular, our growth in faith.

So often we assume our growth in faith is similar to the growth a child experiences as they mature into a young adult, as if faith-growing takes place only during the ages of 1-17 years. Or, as if faith-growing takes place only when someone is actively engaged in academia. Not so! We have the possibility and potential of seeing our faith and trust in God increase **throughout** our earthly lives. I can speak to my own experience. I know I’ve grown and matured in my Christian faith journey. But I’d have to say that more growth and maturity has taken place in the years **following** my seminary education than in my years **of** seminary education. Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives, reflecting on how that faith impacts what we say and do in our little corner of the world—**that’s** where faith has opportunity to grow.

But not without nourishment or nurturing. We must be ever intentional about feeding our faith. That nourishment can come in many forms. For some of us, a classroom setting (Bible studies and Sunday school, for example) is the place where learning promotes growth. For others of us, it is in a more active forum, such as a service project where, with our hands and feet, we are doing Christ’s works of compassion. In the process of that serving, our faith is strengthened. For still others, it is in the quiet time of prayer and meditation, listening for God’s voice and discerning His will, where a mature faith can take root. And, of course, so many of us find gathering in worship as food for the soul.

Whichever type of nourishment suits you, the point is that, without being fed regularly, our faith stagnates and can grow shaky and tenuous. When that happens, we are less willing to follow Christ’s lead and more distracted by the world’s cares. We are less confident in God’s promises and more dependent on our own seeming abilities. We end up thinking we walk our life’s journey alone, instead of walking in the guidance and strength of our Lord.

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Let us instead be like that father in Mark's Gospel who brought to Jesus his son, suffering from an unclean spirit, and implored Jesus to heal him. The father said to Jesus these words: "I believe; help my unbelief." (Mark 9:24b) That father expressed the truth of our faith—that it needs always to be growing, and only with God's help can it do so. Let each of us seek the nourishment we need for such increase of truth in our great God.

And, frankly, when our faith does grow, I think it **will** be visible to the naked eye. Especially when that faith motivates us to love and servanthood and generosity. In that case, as I feed you the bread of Holy Communion, I will certainly be thinking to myself, "My, how you have grown!"

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Parish Ministry

The vision of the Every Member Prayer Ministry, now beginning its fourteenth year, is to bring every member of Trinity into a deeper relationship to God and in so doing inspire us to pray for each other. Developing a greater intimacy with Jesus supports the growth of the whole church as we pray as a community each week for a group of members. One of the most important goals of this ministry is to make sure every member feels connected to prayer by each other. It gives us an opportunity to reach out through prayer to members we might not even know. Through prayer we are connecting with God and with each other.



Every member of the congregation is a valuable part of our church ministry. We demonstrate how cherished each member is by praying for them. The pastors, staff and church members do this regularly through the lists that can be found in the Sunday bulletin and a list for that month is in *Trinity Parish*.

Prayer Partners contact each family group on the list for their week to tell them they are being prayed for that week. They will intentionally be prayed for by their partner.

If you would like to share in this partnership by being a prayer partner contact Donna Sprowls, ministry coordinator at sprowlsd@aol.com or 766-8075.

Cooperative Internship with Zion Lutheran, Harrisburg Introducing Bette 'Jeanne' Larsen

A little over a year ago, in an article in Trinity Parish (June 07) Pastor Edmiston introduced an exciting new vision for a cooperative internship with Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg. Pastor Edmiston oversees this joint internship program working in cooperation with both Pastor Michael Heckathorn of Zion and Pastor Hardy and staff for Trinity.

This shared internship is in its second year and we have welcomed Cheri Kortz, Trinity's intern. Now a bit of information about Jean Larsen, Zion's intern. Jeanne introduces herself as "an upper middle aged white woman who has had the call to ministry a bit later in life. God was calling me, but I was both slow to hear and quick to argue. He finally got through to me, and I thank God. Hopefully my life experiences as an older person will provide me with tools and understanding in my new calling." For twenty-five years Jeanne taught Latin, Greek and English grammar at a Catholic junior/senior high school. "Simply by spending so much time in a Catholic school, I learned a lot about the Catholic Church, its practices and doctrine. Most importantly, I had a great experience teaching and working with teenagers, she said. I am looking forward to internship, to learn and participate in the life of a parish with its mission in God's work. Jesus' gift of grace is overwhelmingly wonderful, and I need to share the message of His free gift of grace." We give Jeanne our prayers as she shares her gifts of empathy, kindness and honesty in expressing God' love.

Summer Supper Club Potluck

The supper clubs that met over the summer will gather again on Sunday, October 19 at 12:15 p.m. for a potluck luncheon. All Trinity members are invited to join us as we share a meal and our experiences. If you would like to know more about supper clubs this is a great opportunity to get more information. Look for a sign-up soon in the Gathering Space, or contact Kellie Argot through the church office.

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.

- October 19: **Snow Flower and the Secret Fan** by 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) season is back for 2008. With the advent of a new YG season upon us there is so much to do. The summer was truly a time of strong preparation for this season to begin. New meetings, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG participants. A lot of hard work has gone into this year to make a success. Hopefully it will all pay off. The calendar is the most jam-packed that it has ever been. There is truly something on almost every weekend. It felt good to have a break the last few weeks but it feels even better to be back for this YG campaign. It will be all good!



The summer was a good one for the YG all around. We had three successful POOL PARTIES which drew out about 15-20 YG and numerous advisors at each of them. We attended the HARRISBURG AREA CONFIRMATION CAMP in June. Seventeen of our YG plus me and one other advisor were there for the week. This year's Confirmation Camp was definitely one of the best ones yet, everything was perfect. The highpoint of the summer was definitely our SENIOR HIGH BEACH RETREAT in Ocean City, Maryland. We had 10 YG and five advisors along for this always fun trip. The weather was perfect, the beach was awesome, and being with one another was the best part. We got to have fun in the sun, shop, eat out, tan, swim in the ocean and pool, have a beach candle prayer, and spend time together. With having a smaller group go this time around, everyone got to know each other a lot better (and that was awesome!). Bottom line, it was a fabulous event from start til finish. It was definitely one of the best beach trips to date. We even had two semi-successful CAR WASHES to help fund the Senior High Beach retreat. The weather rarely cooperates with any of our car washes. It doesn't matter what dates I put anymore, it still rains most of the time! Blah... All and all it was a great YG summer. But with that said, it is now busy time again. This year will be a big one in so many ways.

This year is a gathering year as well, which calls for extra planning and preparation. Every three years the ELCA hosts the National Youth Gathering which is a nationwide event gathering youth, pastors and advisors from everywhere. Next summer's gathering is in New Orleans. Preparations for our YG's attendance are being made as we speak by me and Tania Springer. We need to get the youth registered and figure out travel arrangements, etc.

It is a hard job, especially with airline prices being so crazy to determine! To put it mildly, we really had a tough time with plane tickets last time. We had to pay a lot more than we budgeted for and the airlines certainly were not helping. I had to ask the parents of the participants for more money and we had to raise more money to even make the trip happen. Hopefully, this time will go a lot smoother. We are trying to be as offensive as we can be on all fronts to try to eliminate these kinds of problems. So please keep us (and me) in your prayers this season that everything falls into place nicely, because I'm very stressed about it already. With that said, I must get back to work. I have a lot to do. I am looking forward to this YG year. It will be a definite busy one, but a good one all the same. The year will ROCK! I can't wait!!!

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Trinity Team Recently Traveled to LWR Warehouse

On Monday, August 18, fourteen persons traveled to New Windsor, MD, to work at the Lutheran World Relief warehouse. Our team (Doug Bonsall, Judy Collins, Ken Collins, Pat Eby, Irma Graybill, Linda Hoffer, Tom Hoffer, Jason Lubold, Patty Marshall, Karen Peiffer, Kathy Powers, John Shannon, Drew Yuen, and Jon Yuen) arrived full of energy to unload an 18-wheeler, inspect and pack cartons of Health Kits, School Kits, Sewing Kits, and Layettees, fold and bale quilts, and recycle boxes from all over the United States.

Teamwork and conversation made time pass quickly and a lunch of soup, salad and hot entree nourished us for completing a "job well done." Hoisting cartons weighing 40 to 85 lbs. didn't slow us down! We ended the day exhausted, having packed 45 Health Kit, 113 School Kit, 6 Sewing Kit and 32 Layette cartons to be sent anywhere in the world.

There was little conversation during the afternoon ride to Camp Hill. It's safe to say we experienced a *good tired* knowing we had volunteered our time to meet the needs of others through LWR. This month Trinity volunteers are highlighted on the Lower Susquehanna Synod website. Check the link, News and Events, on www.trinitycamphill.org and read about our work. We're going again in October; watch for the date to be posted in an upcoming **Trinity Today**.

True Conversion

For twenty-five years as a pastor it has never ceased to amaze me how generous church folk can be. Whenever there is a special need for financial gifts, the money is always there. Be it a hurricane in the Caribbean, a tidal wave in South East Asia, or an earthquake in South America, church people give generously; for a new building, a new organ, or a new roof, church people give generously. But how different it is when church people consider their offering. Suddenly, the amount of money they have to give disappears till only 20% of the people carry 80% of what it costs just to keep the doors open and the lights on.

I think I know why. We have become so encumbered and enamored with the views of our culture that we see Giving as something related to the budget. But then council draws up a budget based on what we expect people to give and not on what the scriptures tell us is required – a tithe – a tenth of our income.

I don't understand it. **How can it be, that after all God has done for us in Christ, we can not live on 90% of our income and out of gratitude return 10% to the Lord?** If only we could give in our offering as generously as we give to the various needs we encounter!

I wish I knew how to accomplish that. I have preached stewardship sermons for twenty-five years, in a number of congregations, with little apparent effect. I have seen novel campaigns, imitations of the early horse riding messengers of the West, and a variety of methods to increase giving — all with only a momentary impact. But I am left wondering why we have to resort to such gimmicks when the fact of the matter is that scripturally the faithful people of God are called to tithe. What keeps us from offering what is required of us?

Perhaps Martin Luther can help us understand what is really at stake. There are three necessary conversions, he would say, that are required before one is a fully fledged Christian. The first is the conversion of the heart. He would say the easiest of the three. The second, is the conversion of the head, a somewhat more difficult accomplishment. And finally, the conversion of the pocketbook — the giving of at least a tithe to the church for the work of God — is the conversion which so many of us have yet to make. That we will take that final step, as we grow in faith, is my fervent prayer.

Pastor Stew Hardy

Families

To be a part of a family is a blessing. Members of a family care for each other and support each other. Every person in the family has special gifts and talents, contributions to make. Families can work together to achieve a common goal. Families can reach out to help others.

From our own parents, we learned about love, nurturing, security, guidance and a place that we could call home. As children, we were given opportunities to participate in activities that would help to shape us into whom we are today. We also had our share of responsibilities at home and school to do, but regardless of how busy things were, Sunday worship and church activities were always a part of the family routine. Now, Ryan and I are the parents and strive to provide that same love, nurturing, security and guidance for our three children, Jesse, Matt and Sarah. Each of them brings joy to our family with their individual gifts and interests.

We are part of God's family and the Church is our home. God has given each one of us special skills or talents to share. We take care of each other and pray for each other. As members of the body of Christ, we should look for opportunities to help others. I believe that through the giving of yourself, whether it is your time, talent or treasure, you receive so much more. Through our involvement in choirs, committees, Bible studies, Sunday school and more, Ryan and I have been touched by so many faithful individuals, witnessed God's love in action and made lasting friendships along the way. Our church family has always been with us to celebrate our joys — births, baptisms, and graduations. During our times of trial and sadness — the death of my father and my cancer diagnosis, our church family lifted us in prayers and cared for us in ways we could have never imagined.

In Colossians, Paul writes: Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ — the Message — have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing; sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives — words, actions, whatever — be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way. (Colossians 3.15-17 from The Message)

God has been so good to us. In all that we do and with all that we have, we should seek ways to share His love with others.

Kim and Ryan Hannigan

Sup and Study

a time for community at Trinity
October 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12

Sup and Study is a mid-week experience occurring semi-annually at Trinity. Our fall Sup and Study will take place on five consecutive Wednesday evenings, beginning October 15. Each Wednesday gathering consists of supper, starting at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall, followed by classes at 6:30. We adjourn by 7:30. During the class time, childcare is available and activities for younger children. There is a cost for meals—6 dollars for adults, 4 dollars for children—capped at 15 dollars for an entire family attending. There is no cost for the classes.

This fall we have two class offerings of great substance and relevance. Here they are, described by the presenters and coordinators:

Financial Freedom

*coordinated by a team of Sean Eisenhauer,
Joe Fidler, Lou Grammes, and others*

The genesis of the effort was a need perceived to assist parishioners in managing finance to avoid hardship and marital conflict. Of course, a financial course attracts interest in promoting stewardship as well. And we will incorporate principles of stewardship into the course. But we need folks to have their financial house in order if we are to have a realistic expectation of increased stewardship. Yes, yes, we know all about the biblical references and widows' mites but let's see if we can keep marriages from cratering first. The topics to be covered will be: Budgeting/Communicating/Debt Management (3 sessions): Saving / Giving / Lifetime Financial Planning (2 sessions). Judge Mary Frances, federal bankruptcy judge for our district, will make the debt management presentation on October 29.

Livin' the Faith When Monday Comes

composed and led by Pastor Nancy Easton

Do your Sunday beliefs do a disappearing act when confronted by Monday realities? The challenge for the people of God is to connect this faith we proclaim with the lives we lead. In our course, we will study the Bible to learn how scripture provides meaning for the routines of our daily work and life. As well, we will discuss how the church can better nurture and equip the saints for ministry in the world, be it in our homes, places of employment, or communities.

The theme for Sup and Study is renewal. The invitation is to renew ourselves in understanding, spirit, and act. Registration for Sup and Study is done by using forms distributed in the Gathering Space. Any questions about Sup and Study may be addressed to Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries, by calling the church office or e-mailing Christopher at christopher.couch@trinitycamphill.org.

"Imagine" ...a Camping Presentation on Oct. 19

On Sunday, October 19, a new Special Topics Class is being added to the fall roster. A presentation will take place in the Nave during the Church School hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.), whose topic is IMAGINE, the new capital campaign initiated by the Lutheran Camping Corporation. The campaign centers on substantial new property adjoining Camp Nawakwa's original grounds. The possibilities are many and exciting for development and expansion of new opportunities for campers of all ages.

Mr. Herman Hanemann of New Cumberland will share the latest news about the recent acquisition of an additional 221 acres of land for Camp Nawakwa and plans for the future expansion of year round outdoor ministry programs. For more than 75 years the LCC of Central PA has touched countless lives through innovation outdoor ministries that encourage faith formation, leadership development and careful stewardship of natural resources.

All church members and guests are invited to learn more about Lutheran camping in our synod and "imagine" all the possibilities for the future. Please visit the website of the Lutheran Camping Corporation, www.lutherancamping.org.

Last Sunday of each month

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum Continues

About 25 adults participated in a pilot series of three Sunday morning discussion forums this past summer that studied some intriguing issues appearing in **The Lutheran**, the official magazine of our church. The monthly sessions will now become a regular addition to Trinity's adult Christian education program, meeting on the last Sunday, usually in Room 232-234.

Please join us on Sunday, October 26 at 9:30 a.m. for our next discussion on "Church & State". You'll find several articles and a study guide on the subject in the September 2008 issue of **The Lutheran** magazine exploring the superstitions behind the wall of separation between our democracy and our faith. If you do not have access to the articles (either on-line or in the magazine), please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

Blanket the World with Love

*Women of Trinity will be observing
Blankets+ November 2, 2008*

In recent years this blanket program of Church World Services (CWS) was expanded to include other emergency relief-type items and was referred to as Tools & Blankets. The blanket program is now in the process of a transition to something called the **Blankets+** program. This title was chosen to convey that blankets are only the beginning of CWS's engagement with hurting communities, as needs change, so does the form of assistance.

Blankets+ enables Church World Service to respond to disasters at home and around the world, and to assist impoverished communities with basic items they need to build satisfying, sustainable lives. Through CWS we can help to make a world of difference for people in need in some 80 countries and the U.S.

When our global family is in distress, the **Blankets+** program is one way we can open our hearts to help. We are currently in the midst of the hurricane season and just recently Hurricane Ike has caused extensive damage throughout the Caribbean, including 61 deaths in Haiti. Those deaths are in addition to the 500 in the wake of Tropical Storm Hanna. Church World Service was responding by sending hygiene kits, school kits and CWS blankets via airlift.

Nationally, CWS has been involved in building long-term recovery capacity along the U/S Gulf Coast, resulting in better preparedness for pre-and post-Gustav and other storms. As local recovery groups undertake recovery from Gustav — on top of continuing long-term Katrina/Rita recovery — CWS is providing material resources and project development support. CWS is providing CWS kits and blankets as needed.

Blankets are still only \$5.00 each. In our own state of Pennsylvania, CWS has a goal of collecting enough money to purchase 1000 acres of blankets by the end of the decade! The total collected since the year 2000 stands at 780.4 acres of blankets. In 2007, Trinity members provided \$2,980.50 to the blankets program.

Please consider the blessings in your own life and contribute to helping others through the **Blankets+** program.

Alzheimer Support Group

will meet Wednesday, October 22,
from 7–9 p.m. in the Library

For more information, contact Donna Sprowls
766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry Committee recognizes various ministry programs in central Pennsylvania. Many of the outreach programs such as Bethesda Mission, Delta Community, Ecumenical Food Pantry, Prison Ministry and Zion Lunch/Winter Shelter are actively supported by members of Trinity. Volunteers give of their time to share the gospel with those who have diverse needs. Trinity is fortunate to have representation on both boards of Churches Affiliated Child Care Center and Christian Churches United.

The Giving Tree, which is found in the Gathering Space each December, gives members an opportunity to purchase gifts for local children. Two additional ministries, Christ Lutheran Health Ministries (13th Street, Harrisburg) and New Hope Ministries, also receive our benevolent support.

We invite you to get involved. Contact Roland Freund, chairperson, and offer your time with any of these ministries.

Open the Gift That is You!

Each of us is a unique package from God. A class of reflection and discovery will help you begin to open your own gift package and find your gifts. Our reflections and sharing will be aimed at helping us discover and celebrate the gifts we use as we minister in our families, at work, in our communities, and in this faith community where we worship and serve.

Participants will

- Explore a theology of gifts and how our gifts include more than our talents.
- Through individual reflection and sharing with others, explore the gifts of personal preferences, talents, skills, interests, and knowledge.
- Explore the gift of relationships by identifying our heroes, heroines, and mentors and the gifts they have contributed to our lives.

Join us Sundays in November (2, 9, 16, 23) at 9:30 a.m. in Room 227-229. Pre-registration may be found at the information desk in the Gathering Space or contact Judy Collins (737-9921 ext. 239) to reserve your seat.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer can strike anyone at anytime.

Take time to learn the facts.

Information Session

Sunday, October 26

Room 126

After all services

All women are at risk.

Early diagnosis is important.

Come view our video and learn about breast self diagnosis.

Have your questions answered.

Sponsored by Parish Ministry

Emergency Safety Procedures

October 11, 9:00 -10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

- How would you help in an emergency situation to evacuate people from a building?
- What would you do if someone suddenly collapsed and fell near you?
- Have you ever used an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) or would you like to learn how?

Speakers: Chief Mark Simpson,
Camp Hill fire Department

Jo-an Eckert,
American Heart Instructor, AED

Dan Reed, George Wirt and Joe Hunter,
Ushers *(along with usher updates)*

We encourage you to attend. The more people informed the better we all are. Questions call: Bob Foster, (work) 697-2240, (cellular) 512-8430

October is National Fire and Safety Month
A good time to change the batteries
in your smoke detectors.

October Birthdays

Our Homebound

- October 1 **Alverta Hubbard**
100 Mount Allen Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- October 2 **Joan Jarrett**
19 North 23rd Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- October 4 **Sally Arnold**
35 Westfields Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- October 5 **Jane Kirkpatrick**
1700 Market Street - Room 319-A
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- Harry Weltmer**
1212 Yverdon Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- October 10 **Dorothy Dascombe**
1700 Market Street - Room 253-B
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- October 16 **Marina Ritter**
222 Messiah Circle
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Our Staff

- October 31 **Joann Fetrow**

Weekly Prayer List

September 28-October 4: Bradley, Joan, Chad, and Travis Lindsay; Chris, Shannon, and Aidan Lilienthal; Helen Liddick; Bernard, Nora, Mark, and Lisa Levan; Arianna and Gina Leto; Judith Leslie; Jim, Gretchen, and Cooper Leslie; Mark, Jennifer, Morgan, and Kathryn Leshniowsky. **October 5-11:** Donald and Lydia Lerch; Julie Miller-Leppo; Velma Leonhard; Josh Lentz; Frank and Dagny Lentz; Frank and Cheryl Lentz; David and Marcia Lentz; Brad Lentz; Ashley Lentz. **October 12-18:** Eric, Tina, Emma, and Brian Leighow; BonnieLeFevre; Helen Lefevre; Frederick, Merle, and Andrea Ledonne; Lisa Leber; Michael, Whitney, and Amelia Leber; Frank and Linda Leber. **October 19-25:** Joyce Leaman; Charlotte Lazarchik; Suzanne and Mason Lazarcheff; Chad Layton; Rebecca, Crea, and Ty Lawyer; Jordan Lawson; Edna Lauver; Jean Laufer. **October 26-November 1:** Ronald and Gladys Laubenstine; David Laubenstine; Gloria, Shelly, Krista, and Megan Latin; Denise Lashley; Matthew Larson; Robert Lane; Bob and Mary Ann Landis; Patty Lampi.

August 3 Bread Sunday Raises Over \$6,000

Thank you to everyone who made Bread Sunday, August 3, a success. Over \$6,000 was received in offerings and bread sales and will be sent to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Here's how these generous gifts make life-saving projects possible:

- Five deep wells in Ethiopia provide a consistent water supply for a more stable production of crops and livestock.
- Twelve rain harvesting tanks in Rwanda meet the needs of 48 vulnerable children affected by HIV and AIDS.
- Seven new wells in Mauritania provide drinking water and improved irrigation.
- A new water supply in Luzou, China provides drinking water and irrigation for agriculture and livestock.

And many more, including emergency vaccinations of livestock in Kenya, food and water supply for students in rural China, vocational training in Laos, and expansion of a children's health care program in Malawi.

We'll have the opportunity to learn more about the ELCA World Hunger Appeal when the Rev. Rodger Prois joins us for the annual Epiphany Dinner on January 4, 2009. Look for more details in future issues of **Trinity Parish!**

Wellness Voice at Trinity

Wellness kicks-off this fall with dancing on Friday evenings, beginning October 3 at 7 p.m. and continues through November 7. So you think you have two left feet? Professional dancers, Jim and Lillie Herbst, disagree. A partner is not required; we invite singles, couples and families to join the fun and fellowship. Come dance with us! We will cover the elementary footwork and body movements of the foxtrot, swing and waltz. Sign-up at the Gathering Space receptionist's desk or call Judy Collins, (737-9921 x239) for more information.

Pictorial Directory Update

We filled fourteen days of photography with over 530 sittings. Thanks go to 14 volunteers who assisted with Sunday morning sign-ups and 29 host/hostesses who greeted members as they waited to be photographed.

Special thanks goes to our pastoral staff who took photos of members at-home to be included in the directory, Bill Bishop who captured candid shots in and around Trinity, and Kim Shindle who created the overall design for our church directory.

Our book is in process behind the scenes. Photos and addresses will be updated before a proof copy is edited. The time line continues as scheduled, and we can anticipate our Trinity directory in January.

WOMEN OF TRINITY OCTOBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle Name	Date	Circle Leaders	Circle Time & Place
Esther	Monday, October 6	Joan Gamber & Jean Zimmerman	7:00 p.m. Library
Deborah	Tuesday, October 7	Peggy Bishop, Anne Fry & Betty Wade	9:30 a.m. Library
Ruth	Tuesday, October 7	Ruth Bertovich & Ruth Deitz	9:30 a.m. Room 237
Elizabeth	Tuesday, October 7	Elizabeth Winters	1:30 p.m. Library
Martha Mary <i>Child care provided.</i>	Thursday, October 2	<i>To Be Announced</i>	9:15 a.m. Room 228-230

Future Missions Trips for Adults & Teens!!!

Over 30 persons participated in the Regional Global Mission Event held at Trinity this past May. And groups travel regularly to New Windsor, Maryland, to assist in packing materials for Lutheran World Relief. What a great witness!

The Missions Committee wants to build on this energy for missions and help Trinity members experience first-hand the difference our dollars make in the lives of individuals and communities far and near. Here is a tentative timeline for three future trips to missions we support:

1. A Saturday in November or December 2008: A day-trip to Frank's Place in Camden, New Jersey. Run by New Visions Community Services of Camden, Frank's Place is a homeless day center that provides shelter from the elements and snacks. New Visions, a faith-based organization founded by Lutherans, provides emergency food assistance, clothing, job referrals, medical assistance, and mail service. With the Giving Tree during the season of Advent, we collect items for clients at Frank's Place. Estimated cost: Travel subsidized by the Missions Committee; \$25 for meals.
2. A four or five-day trip in June 2009 to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on the Rocky Boy Reservation near Box Elder, Montana. The Rocky Boy Indian Reservation provides a home for about 4,500 members of the Chippewa-Cree tribe. The reservation is near the Canadian border, in north central Montana. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is an ELCA congregation of about 25 active members that serves the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation. Estimated cost: \$1,000.00 per person. A portion of the trip cost may be tax deductible.
3. A two-week trip in 2010 to the Henan Province of China with China Service Ventures, a faith-based organization that provides education, health, and economic development services. A "Friends of China Service Ventures Visitation" offers visits to the rural countryside to encounter CSV's project sites and a unique view of the Church in China. A "Friends of China Service Ventures Visitation" provides an opportunity to become involved with the people of China through prayer, service, and witness. A normal itinerary includes Beijing, Xi'an, Xinyang (Hudian & Xindian Townships), and Hong Kong. Estimated cost: \$4,000 per person (includes airfare). A portion of the trip cost may be tax deductible.

I also would encourage folks to consider the annual summer trek to work with On Eagles' Wings in the Northwest Territories (Website: oneagleswings.org). Barbara Kriebel and Suzanne Miller can provide more information on costs associated with this trip.

If you would be interested in learning more about any of these trips, please contact me at 717-921-1957 or c.staller@verizon.net.

Craig S. Staller

Lutherfest 2008 Sunday, November 2 (All Saints Sunday!) 5-10 p.m.

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Join fellow area Lutherans for an exciting evening featuring a raffle of packages focusing on food and travel. The evening begins with a reception including raffle, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and punch. Dinner follows in the social hall with a German supper club and musical cabaret hosted by Martin Luther himself! Supper includes three courses (BYOB). The cabaret will feature local vocalists and musicians from Theater Harrisburg and the Harrisburg Singers.

Seating is limited to 150, so purchase your tickets early! Contact Linda Roberts (737-9997 or labrooke@mac.com), or Messiah Lutheran Church Office (233-6731). Tickets for the entire evening are \$35. Bring your checkbooks or credit cards to purchase raffle tickets!

Join us for an evening of fellowship, food and fun with area Lutherans on All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2008. Martin will be expecting you!! Bis dann!

Letters to Trinity

To My Trinity Church Family:

During my recent two month illness, there was no greater comfort to me than to know that my friends at Trinity were remembering me with many get well cards, phone calls, flowers, visits and prayers for my successful surgery and recovery.

I would add a special thanks to the 24 Hour Prayer group and the visit of Pastor Brock and Vicar Cheryl which was very uplifting.

Having such a caring church family has been a blessing to get me through some difficult times after surgery.

Thank you again and may God bless all of you.

Mel Robertson

Dear Trinity:

I would like to thank everyone for the support I received from the members of Trinity. I am especially grateful for the prayers, my prayer shawl, the flowers, and the many cards I received. I am sorry that members could not reach me as the membership book indicated erroneously that my phone number was unlisted. My phone number is not unlisted; it is 732-3758.

Thank you.

Frank Sienkiewicz

It's Your Chance to Extend God's Love to Our New Members

Trinity wants to do more to welcome our new members into our church family. What better way than to share a meal together! A **potluck lunch** is scheduled in Fellowship Hall following worship on **October 26**, the day the current new members class joins the church. The classes from winter and spring 2008 will also be there. It's your opportunity to help integrate our new friends into our midst. Please show our support to these folks by attending this event – and sign up to bring your favorite potluck dish!

Turning Points

*Turning points ...
these are the moments
when the world holds its breath for you,
moments of decision that change
your life forever.*

*As you move on from here,
things will be different around you ...
but the inner you,
where the courage is,
where the love is,
where the dreams are,
will never change.*

Trinity Prayer Concerns

The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all. 1 Corinthians 12:7. "When we minister to others through our gifts, we are tapping in to the inexhaustible energy and motivation of God; when we exercise our gifts, the Holy Spirit flows through us like at no other time. We are doing what we have been called and equipped to do. We experience an extra measure of energy and joy." Dr. Charles Stanley.

Heavenly Father,

It is with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts that we offer up our prayer concerns to You alone. We are truly grateful for the blessings that You bestow upon us: our time, our talents, and our ability to love others and to see the needs in them. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will flow through us, giving us the wisdom and courage to step out boldly in discipleship. Let us not be easily discouraged, for the tasks at hand can be mighty indeed!

- We pray for a safer world, a world where war, hunger, disease, and fear might be no more! We pray for families everywhere that find their daily needs are far beyond their capabilities to provide. We pray that our nation's leaders will come to realize that there is abundant bounty in this earth, and that sharing resources is the right way to live and govern. We pray that Your message of love, hope, and discipleship will be heard by all, as a mantra for successful co-existence and faithful service to You, O God!
- Father, we ask that you might bless and protect all of our congregation members who will be traveling afar; missionaries, servicemen/servicewomen, medical personnel, teachers, and volunteers...all those who are called or sent in service to others.
- Let us remember to hold up in prayer, the many *small prayer groups* that help to make up this great body. Let us remember to pray for those who serve on church ministry committees, especially our church council. Let us remember to give thanks for our fantastic choirs...for their ability to lead and lift our voices to You, Father.
- We give thanks for Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of Trinity...Together they help to make our church activities organized, fun-filled, and purposeful. Make us mindful that they can *only* be effective when we all join in!

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness. Let the whole world know what He has done. Exult in His Holy Name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord. Psalm 105-1.

In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.



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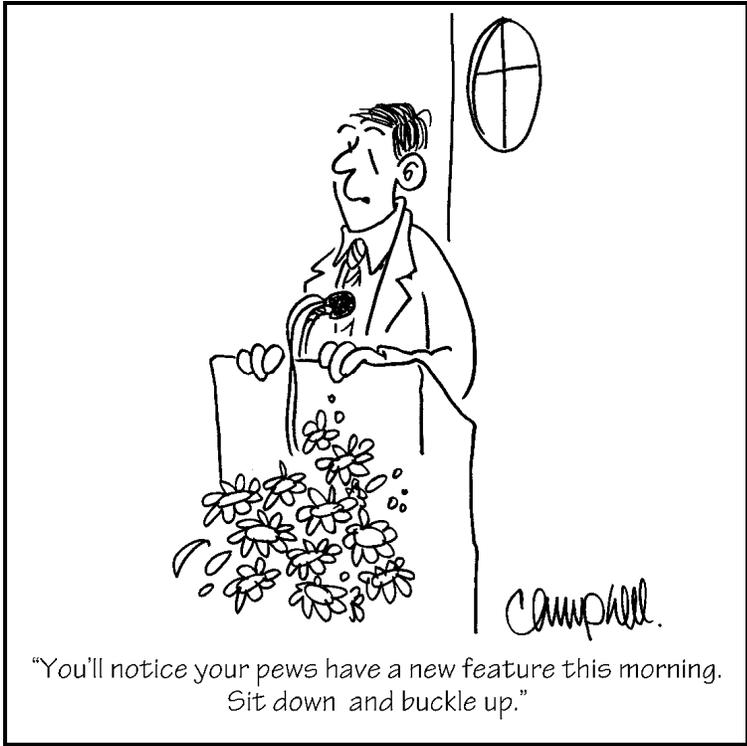
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God has crowned the earth with glory,
and His goodness covers all.
Though we hear Him at all seasons
we can see Him in the fall.

A woman was asked by a co-worker,
"What is it like to be a Christian?"
The co-worker replied,
"It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you
from the patch, brings you in, and washes all
the dirt off of you. Then he cuts off the top and
scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the
seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He
carves you a new smiling face and puts His
light inside of you to shine for all
the world to see."



"You'll notice your pews have a new feature this morning.
Sit down and buckle up."