

Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · October 2009 Edition
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pastor Hardy's Retirement Celebration January 16, 2010

Plan to attend Pastor Hardy's Retirement celebration on January 16. We are so excited about this gala celebration to honor our Senior Pastor. Your invitation with all the details will be included in the November *Trinity Parish*. A scrap book is being prepared which will be given to Pastor Hardy at this event. In this month's issue is an insert for you to use to share any memories you may wish to have included. Please send your "memories" to the church office by December 18. Contact Barbara Kriebel or Bob Frymoyer, Co-chairs of the Retirement Task Force, for additional information or to answer any questions you may have.

Habitat for Humanity

Trinity is preparing a work crew for the **Harrisburg Chapter of Habitat for Humanity**. The first open date available is **Saturday, November 7** with a shift from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving on the team, contact coordinator, Barb Musselman at 975-0988.

Parisian Organist to Perform at Trinity

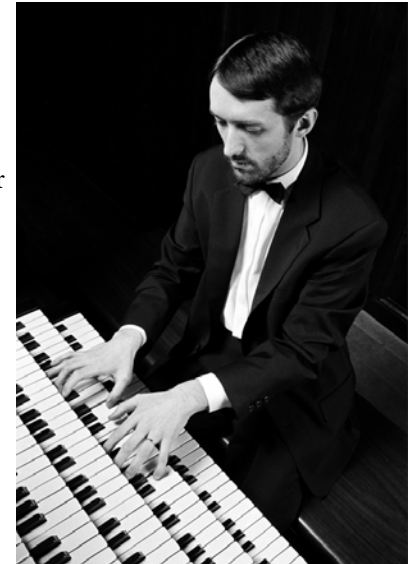
The 2009/2010 Trinity Concert Series continues on Friday evening, October 16 at 7 p.m. with a concert by organist Olivier Latry.

Latry, titular organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, is one of the world's most distinguished organists, not only in France, but in the international community as well. He was born in 1962 in Boulogne-sur-Mer, France, and began his study of piano at age seven and his study of the organ at age 12; he later attended the Academy of Music at St. Maur-des-Fosses, studying organ with Gaston Litaize. From 1981 until 1985 Latry was titular organist of Meaux Cathedral, and at age 23 he won a competition to become one of the three titular organists of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. From 1990 until 1995 he taught organ at the Academy of Music at St. Maur-des-Fosses, where he succeeded his teacher, Gaston Litaize. Since 1995 he has taught at the Paris conservatory.

Not wishing to specialize in a particular repertoire, Latry would like to be an ambassador of seventeenth to twenty-first century French organ music, hence his equal devotion to the art of improvisation. Today he is counted among the most noted "improvisateurs" in the exceptional French tradition from Charles Tournemire to Pierre Cochereau.

Latry has performed in more than forty countries on five continents, appearing most often in the United States. In 2005, Mr. Latry played a solo recital at Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles and opened the new Rieger organ at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania. In 2006 he was the featured soloist for the opening of the new Dobson organ at Verizon Hall in Philadelphia where he performed for three sold out audiences in gala concerts with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Latry and his wife Marie-Therese have three children and live in a little village outside Paris.



OUR VISION

"Disciples in the making, making disciples"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Called by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's Disciples, we seek to equip ourselves and others to live like Christ, and to be sent into the world proclaiming and living the Good News as daily witnesses of God's transforming love."

Blood Bank News!

Are we going to make 200 units for the year 2009? Of course Trinity's Blood Bank is! The final blood drive for the year was held on September 20, and a big **thank you** to all the wonderful, fantastic people who donated. Some of our donors are as faithful as clockwork, either here or at one of the donor centers. Some donate regularly, but we have to share with the lodge, work, or other groups. Some members donate at Community Blood Drives, and there are others who donate only when their health allows. Anything goes! Just be sure to donate to Central PA Blood Bank and tell them #157, or specify Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill.



A well-known member of Trinity, Russ Brown, our sexton, was so proud when he found that diabetes still allows him to be a blood donor if he goes to a donor center! So instead of just doing a great job of arranging the blood bank room, he was able to do his part as a donor. If at one time you were deferred, please check with Jeanie Bentzel, 766-3526, or the Central PA Blood Bank, 566-6161. It is possible that you will be accepted—just like Russ!

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the November 2009 edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Saturday, October 10, 2009 – no exceptions**. If articles are e-mailed, please send to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org. Articles may also be dropped off in the *Trinity Parish* box in the church office.

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STAFF NOTES

A Generous Hospitality

Let's see now... how many cups of coffee have I consumed in the Gathering Space of Trinity Lutheran Church? Then, add to **that** number the number of cups I consumed in our pre-2001 Fellowship Hall? It's like trying to play that old game at parties: "Guess how many jelly beans (or gum balls or pennies or M&M's or whatever) is in the jar!" I can't tell you how many times I have taken my office mug and filled it with coffee and half-n-half. It's simply part of what happens on a Sunday morning at Trinity. And I speak not just for myself. Many of you also have enjoyed that refreshment time together.

As I write this article, the Fellowship Team is advertising for a volunteer to arise and take on the leadership of coordinating Garden of Eatin' I on Sunday mornings. I'm hoping that by the time this newsletter is published, a leader will have taken up the mantle of that ministry, and my writing here is a moot point. But if no volunteer steps up, perhaps my words can serve as impetus for someone to consider the importance of hospitality in the church.

That coffee hour has been mainstay and sustenance for staff and parishioners and visitors alike for years. Those who have handled that coffee hour have been generous with their time, energy, and gifts to make it happen every week. Garden of Eatin' II, later on Sunday mornings, has been aptly handled by a variety of individuals, groups, committees, and teams, and it, too, has offered a generous hospitality to anyone venturing into the Gathering Space from either outside our doors, or from another section of the building.

I cannot imagine a Sunday morning without that kind of hospitality. There are images that cannot be erased from my mind:

The restless child, munching on animal crackers for a few minutes before Dad brings her back into the worship service. Two older gentlemen in suits near the sliding glass doors, discussing the latest Penn State win, gesturing wildly, but not so much that they would spill the contents of their cups. A mother informing her young boy that, no, he didn't really need five chocolate chip cookies—two would be enough. A parishioner introducing himself to a guest with a shaking of hands, a hearty welcome, and a leading over to the coffee urns. A rest for weary legs in one of those comfy brown wingback chairs—opportunity to take a load off your feet, but still be in the midst of the hubbub. The pastors, often like ships passing in the night on Sunday mornings, now catch a moment in the Gathering Space to greet one another and ask how their day has gone—and then off they go, to speak with or listen to someone else.

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Of all the images noted above, it is the one about the parishioner greeting a visitor that I consider the loveliest of all. Were Garden of Eatin' I and II just an opportunity for fellowship, that would be nice for Trinity members, but represent a closed community. Instead, I consider what happens in the Gathering Space as **hospitality**, which is different from fellowship. Hospitality means a welcoming of the stranger, the one we do not know, the one who does not yet belong, or does not feel they belong. Hospitality is an opening of us and our community to receive the stranger in our midst. It is not a new, trendy practice, but centuries-old, with its roots in our Judeo-Christian foundation. As we read in Leviticus 19:33-34: *When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.*

That is hospitality. We must always be ready to offer it. And what happens in that Gathering Space every Sunday morning is a prime moment of hospitality—a sharing of God's love and grace in coffee pot, on cookie tray, through conversation—so that **anyone** who comes in our doors will feel welcome.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Finding Your PLACE in Ministry
Sunday, November 1, 8, 15, and 22
9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

Today, more than any other time in history, people have more choices as to how to give of their time. They find themselves asking, "Where do I fit in?" and "What can I do to make a difference in my life and the lives of others?" God created us with gifts to be shared. This course can help you discover how God has uniquely designed you and provides direction in your journey with God and each other.

The self-discovery process will help individuals identify their personality, spiritual gifts, abilities, life passions and experiences. A workbook will be used throughout the four week course. (Limited space is available; pre-registration is advised by contacting Judy Collins at 737-9921 x239.)

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum - Sunday, October 25, 2009 Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for a discussion on **"As Darwin Turns 200...Lutherans Can Celebrate Evolution and Creation"** from pages 34-35 of the September 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. We'll consider "How should we interpret Genesis in the light of evolutionary theory?" and discuss a conciliatory theological position between evolution and creation advanced by several Lutheran theologians. If you do not have access to the articles, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957) for a paper copy.

Services of Healing
October 17 and 18

Once again, Trinity will offer a Service of Healing at our regularly scheduled worship services on the weekend nearest the date designated to commemorate St. Luke. St Luke is described in scripture as "the beloved physician and thus is identified with the church's ministry of healing.

On October 17 and October 18 our worship services will emphasize healing of heart, mind, and body. All those attending will be invited to come forward for a laying on of hands and anointing with oil by our pastors. In addition, the regular monthly Healing Service will be held in the chapel at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 18. We hope all will join in this opportunity to give thanks for the healing God offers us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lutheran World Relief

A team of ten Trinity members worked at the Lutheran World Relief warehouse, new Windsor, Maryland, on Monday, August 24. We received a letter from Loretta Wolf, director of material Resources, which reads as follows: *"Thank you for coming to give of your time and energy. In doing so, you are helping to meet the needs of others around the world. You did a wonderful job of packing the LWR kits and checking the hygiene kits. In total, 183 cartons were filled...an amazing amount of work! We are currently loading five forty-foot containers of LWR quilts, kits and soap going to Burkina Faso, Africa. We look forward to your return."* **Our next day trip will be Monday, October 26.**



YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is back for 2009. 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 it 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!

It's October already and I just realized that I never told you about the YG summer. I miss those warm months already. Anyway, 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. Ten 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 the ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in New Orleans, LA. This was easily one of the best gatherings to date. We got to serve the people of the New Orleans community and even had an opportunity to do servant work with the St. Bernard's Project doing mold-mediation for one of the hardest hit regions in New Orleans during Katrina.

To continue with that theme of SERVICE, we are planning on attending a servant trip with LutheranHands this coming summer in the mid-west. One of my good friends runs a servant ministry called LutheranHands. He plans and coordinates service opportunities for youth groups and churches from this area. I've been working with him to involve our Sr. High YG in a servant trip for awhile, and this summer it will happen. We do not have any of the details yet, as he is still working with others to determine the greatest need for service. So what we know now is, it will probably be in the mid-west and we'll probably be flying. The estimated cost will be around \$800 for each youth to attend. We plan on getting this money through our church budget mainly, as well as through a few YG fundraisers. Since it is a service trip, I'd like to keep the cost minimal (or next to nothing) for the actual Sr. High participants to go. Bottom line, we will need your help and support to make this trip happen. So please support our youth in making this endeavor a successful reality.

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



Letters to Trinity

Dear Mr. Range & the Congregation of Trinity:

I wish to especially thank you for the opportunity to show some of my art work at your church. You are blest to have such a beautiful space, and doubly blest for sharing it.

The arts and religion have always had a relationship, for art also is a product of the soul.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Joanna Buck
July Artist

To the Trinity Cares Ministry,

A special thank you to Terry and Gil.

They arranged and provided transportation when I was unable to drive. Their quick and friendly help was appreciated.

Thank you so much.

Arlene Corso

Dear Trinity Members,

Tim and I want to thank all the members of Trinity who prayed for us, sent sympathy cards and letters of inspiration at the death of our brother, Herb Lovell. We feel blessed to be part of such a loving Trinity family.

Judy and Tim Trissler

Trinity Lutheran Church,

I want to thank everyone who sent me cards after my knee surgery. I appreciated this and your prayers for a speedy recovery. I also received a lovely prayer shawl. However I had several setbacks with two stays at Manor Care and three stays at Holy Spirit Hospital since July 20. I am now at home and starting physical therapy.

I want to express my thanks to Pastor Hardy, Pastor Easton and Vicar Tom for taking time to visit me at the hospital and sharing prayers together. This really meant a lot to me.

Sincerely,

Carl Winfield

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the beautiful fall foliage. As we view your many wonderful colors, may it remind us just how wonderful you truly are.

Thank you for our pastors at Trinity and for our Vicar. We ask that you continue to be with them as they prepare their sermons, serve the church, and serve you. Their tasks are many. We pray that you will protect them and help them as they continue in your work.

We ask that you be with all who will be baptized this month. May their parents take heed to the words in the Baptismal ritual. May your words not go unheard but taken to heart.

We ask that you be with all who will be married at Trinity this month. May you be invited to the marriage as well as the wedding.

We ask that you be with the new members that will be joining Trinity at Reformation. May they find at Trinity what they've been seeking – fellowship, love, a community in Christ.

We pray for the sick and the homeless. May you bring healing and wholeness to those in hospitals, at home recuperating, or in therapy. May the homeless find shelter in the cold months ahead. May your love and protection be with them always.

May our actions and words be in the love of Christ so that others may come to you through us. May your peace, love, and blessings be with us always. Amen.

Photos Needed for Scrapbook

Plans are underway for a retirement celebration honoring the Rev. J. Stewart Hardy. But the committee needs your help.

As one of his parting gifts, the committee is creating a scrapbook of photographs reflecting his more than 20 years at Trinity. Congregation members are asked to submit photographs they may have of Pastor Hardy to be included in the scrapbook. Please include your name and phone number with the photo and they can be dropped off in the church office in the box marked "Hardy Scrapbook." The photos can be returned after they are copied.

The deadline for submitting photos is Sunday, November 1.

Birthdays

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 **Harry Weltmer**
1212 Yverdon Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Staff

October 31 **Joann Fetrow**

"Kaffeeklatsch"

Several members of Trinity are investigating a property in close proximity to the church that could be used for small group meetings or "kaffeeklatsch." Interest, imagination, and skills are needed to pursue this project. There are numerous details to be addressed before the idea is presented to the church council for further discussion. If you have questions, please call Arlene Corso at 774-2141. Thank you!

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group invites you the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The book for October 18 will be One Book, One Community selection – to be determined.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Will meet Wednesday, October 28, 2009
from 7-9 p.m. in the library.

All are invited to join us for a presentation by a provider who will address "Home Care, Day Care and Assisted Living: What do the services include and how do you choose?" For more information, contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or SPROWLSD@aol.com

Lutheran Men in Mission Church-Wide offers the "One Year to Live" Retreat

The Burning Questions: How would you live your life if you knew you had only one year to live? Would it be important for you to make some changes to how you live, think, and act? What is important to you now and what would be really important for you to start doing or change or do differently? Right now are you the type of man you think God wants you to be?

A structured approach to changing lives

The "One Year to Live" retreat was developed by Lyman Coleman, founder and CEO of Serendipity Publishing House. Although the retreat follows the story of Jacob, it is not a Bible study or singing Kumbaya around the campfire. It's not about getting 'fixed' by an analyst or lectured by an authority. Its regular guys helping other regular guys sort out their lives in a structured way. Participants learn what's really important to them, what's been holding them back, and they leave with a one-year plan centered on how they would live their lives if they had one year to live. One Year to Live changes lives because it teaches men to lead with courage, serve with compassion and give hope to others. Men do this by rejecting passivity, accepting responsibility and sharing their experience, strength and hope with others. The retreat helps men identify the thoughts, words and deeds that keep them from being the type of person God wants them to be.

Why it works

The retreat is successful because it's designed for men. Its peer oriented, not expert oriented. It's not centered on information but is process oriented, that is, it's a structured series of conversations to explore who you are. All small group leaders are former participants. All event leaders are former participants and small group leaders. So, the system creates its own leadership. Requiring leaders to be event veterans builds trust between the participants and the leaders. Group leaders are role models in helping participants to open up by sharing their life challenges, which helps participants open up and share their challenges.

"This retreat is very powerful. You spend time with God and a group of like-minded Christian men. You are challenged by God and by your group. This caused me to get some things out of my life that don't belong there. It also gave me a gift – Christ's light seen through me by several other men. I highly recommend it." **Doug Haugen**

"One Year to Live changed my life. This retreat was the most powerful experience I have ever had. There were so many things in my past that were keeping me from being the man that I knew God wanted me to be. This retreat opened up these hidden parts of my life and made me face them with God so that He could heal and empower me to go forward with my life." **Fred Bohls**

"Like most men I used to have only passing conversations with other men at church. Now I have meaningful conversations with my brothers in Christ, and I know that they are available to me at any hour of the day." **Norm Smith**

DATE: October 16, 17, 18

LOCATION: Luther Ridge Camp, Asheville, NC

Trinity MasterBuilders to help defray the costs and transportation.

Please see Fred Bohls for further information. 732-5050

fcfp@ix.netcom.com

Don't Miss This One

Trinity's Lutheran Men In Mission Board has a wonderful event planned for the men on Saturday, April 10, 2010. It is a day long retreat that has everything that will be one to remember...terrific comradery, wonderful food, outdoor activity, beautiful location, timely discussion, guaranteed relaxing fun and a timely program.

Here are the details:

Location: Phillip Borgiorno Conference Center, a short distance from Carlisle, in a wooded area overlooking a scenic valley.

What to expect: We begin the day at 8:00 a.m. with a deluxe continental breakfast in their beautiful dining room. We then meet in a well appointed meeting room for our get together, introductions and events of the day. The room will have coffee, tea, hot chocolate and bottled spring water available all day. There will be ample time to enjoy breaks and hiking through the area, as well as enjoying each other's company.

The Program: Our theme subject is "Developing a Relationship with God through Prayer". We will devote time to take close review of the "Lord's Prayer". Christopher Couch, Trinity's Director of Learning Ministries will be our moderator.

Meals: The Borgiorno Center is known for delicious and abundant food. A buffet lunch and a buffet dinner will be included in our day.

What to wear: Relaxing casual clothing.

The Cost: \$25.00 includes everything. By the way, all men of any age are encouraged to join us. Why not bring a friend or neighbor?

A sign-up area will be displayed in the Gathering Space after January 1, 2010. Here is a tip: Take a long envelope marked Retreat and place a buck in it at least once per week. That will be an easy way to save for the retreat, as well as a weekly reminder to reserve that day...April 10!

Jack Bush

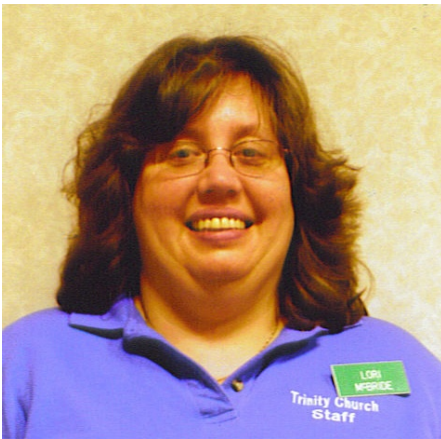
Meet the Candidates

Did you know that Trinity Church maintains a loan fund to assist members in the preparation for church vocations in the ELCA? Currently studying at Gettysburg Seminary are Marianne Brock, preparing to enter Diaconal Ministry, and Lori Anne McBride, studying for Certification in Theological Studies. Marianne and Lori Anne will be recognized on Sunday, October 25 at the Congregational Luncheon as we also welcome Trinity's newest members.

Marianne, Director of Camp Nawakwa and Associate Executive Director Lutheran Camping Corporation, began her studies at the Seminary in 2007. Initially in the Master of Arts in Religion Program leading to Associate in Ministry, Marianne is now seeking candidacy for the ELCA Roster of Diaconal Ministers. Diaconal Ministers are consecrated for ministry of Word and Service building bridges between the church and the world. At Trinity Marianne sings in our Faith X praise band. She is the wife of Pastor John Brock and the mother of sons, Benjamin and Evan. She serves on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries



Marianne Brock



Lori Anne McBride

Lori Anne, Management Technician for the Bureau of Labs, Department of Environmental Protection and part time Receptionist at Trinity, began her studies this fall. Working for certification, her goal is to enter the field of Christian Education. Lori is actively serving in many ways at Trinity including, Women of Trinity, Christian Education and Evangelism and Parish Ministry Committees, hand bell choir, Altar Guild, and assistant Praise and Worship Singer.

The Church Vocation Loan Fund is administered by the ELCA Vocation Support Advisory Committee whose mission is to help identify, provide encouragement and financial support for the development of individuals preparing to serve Christ and His kingdom through ministry in a church related vocation. Loans, considered on the basis of written application, are forgiven at the rate of 20% per year of employment in Christian ministry within the Lutheran Church or its related ministries. We give thanks and pray for Marianne and Lori as they seek to prepare to serve Christ and his church in new ways and places.

Judy Hunter

Weekly Prayer List

October 4-10: Paul and Cheryl Enck; Jason Enck; Corey Enck; Tina Emerick; Kathy Elias; Joyce Elfreth; Marian Eler; Shaun, Patricia, Chris, and Lauren Eisenhauer. **October 11-17:** Darrell Eichorn; Jane Eichenberger; Reynold and Deb Eiche; Greg, Susanne, Matthew, and Samuel Ehgartner; Sandy Edmunds; Laura Edmunds; David, Kathleen, Dennis, Derrick, and Kristina Edmiston; Guy and Barbara Edmiston. **October 18-24:** Jamie, Nicholas, and Nathaniel Eddy; Richard and Jo-an Eckert; Teresa, Sara, and Emily Eckard; Pat Eby; Kathy Eavey; Randy, Nancy, Sarah, Matthew, and Rebecca Easton; Jessica Easton; Tom, Pam, Zachary, Joshua, and Sarah Easley. **October 25-31:** Russell, Angela, and Ruston Dzielak, and Taylor Sultzbaugh; Alexander and Addison Durst; Jason and Tyler Dunn; Sean Dunlop; Steve and Karen Dunlap; Ray and Barb Dumas; Thomas and Cheryl Dufalo; Janice Duchene; Birgit Duchene; Thomas and Linda Drye.



SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1, 2009

On Eagle's Wings Summer Bible School

We arrived in the tiny, isolated, aboriginal village of Deline in the Northwest Territories of Canada. Our small plane had flown over Great Bear Lake just 46 miles from the Arctic Circle. As we gathered our 120 pounds of craft supplies (and a few personal items), we learned that an elder had died. This community of 600 people was waiting for a priest to arrive. With just a couple of hours until we were to teach our first day's lesson, Barbara Kriebel and I met up with our fellow volunteer teacher Roger Plouffe. There was no facility in which to hold our program (the large community space was needed for the funeral activities). We made do with a too small room in the old rectory and the children came.

The desire to learn of God's love is so great that word spread quickly and 51 children found their way to us during that week. The theme for this year was **JUMP!** –

Jesus Understands My Ups (and Downs!) and jump they did, and sing and shout about the care Jesus bestows on each of us. Three hours a day for five days is never long enough for the children. Most days they arrive early bringing such joy and anticipation. We ended up using the hockey arena for our sessions and the priest never came. The funeral went ahead without the benefit of the clergy. Most of the time there is no ordained clergy. This worries the parents and elders of Deline. How will their children have a faith strong enough to face the challenges of their world? This is why the mission of **On Eagle's Wings** is so important. This is why we are so welcomed into the community and why we return each year. It is hard to say good bye to these loving children at the end of the week, but another community awaits us.

Barbara and I climb into a tiny four seater airplane and we fly northwest following the Mackenzie River. Our destination is another remote and isolated community called Norman Wells. Here milk costs \$7.58 a liter (quart) and \$45.00 will purchase a small watermelon for the children's snack. Again we are met each day by bright-eyed, happy children excited to learn that just as Jesus helped the people in bible times, he helps us today. The lessons are taught using skits and puppets, crafts and songs. Barbara and I struggle a bit with the songs but the children don't seem to mind. Here in Norman Wells the children we teach are younger, most are between the ages of three and nine. Where are the 12 and 13 year olds? The community is concerned about their teens and pre-teens. Again, **On Eagle's Wings** is able to help. The week before we arrived in Norman Wells the lay leaders of the community had invited AnnE Zimmerman, the Director of OEW, to talk to them about programs for their troubled teens. As we left our northern friends at the end of the week they had such high hopes for their children and youth.

On Eagle's Wings has become a valued resource and support in northern ministry. Barbara and I are able to "walk with our northern neighbors" because of the financial assistance of the Missions Committee and the congregation. Thank you for your help and think about joining us next year. It is an experience you will never forget. Check out www.oneagleswings.org.



Women of Trinity Blessing Boxes Designated to Hardy Scholarship

The Women of Trinity has designated the Hardy Scholarship Fund at the Lutheran Theological **Seminary at Gettysburg** as the recipient of its Blessing Box offering for 2009-2010. Each year, the Women of Trinity select a different organization to benefit from the year's donations.

For 20 years, Trinity has been fortunate to have as its guide and spiritual counselor, one of Gettysburg Seminary's finest, the Rev. J. Stewart Hardy. Pastor Hardy will retire in January 2010.

In 2003, on the twentieth anniversary of his ordination, members of Trinity established in his name a scholarship fund which has been a valuable resource for students attending the seminary. Currently the funds are part of the general financial aid program.

Women of Trinity is celebrating Pastor Hardy's many years with this congregation by designating the 2009-2010 donations to his scholarship fund. Anyone who has not received a Blessing Box can obtain one at the reception desk or make a contribution directly with a check payable to Women of Trinity and noting "Blessing Box" in the memo line. Blessing Boxes may be returned to the church office at any time or at the final gathering at the Women of Trinity General Meeting on May 12.

Blanket the World with Love

Providing comfort to people throughout the world in the wake of disasters is the mission of Blankets+, a program sponsored by Church World Services. Women of Trinity have supported this program for many years.

Women of Trinity will observe Blankets+ Sunday on November 1 and are looking to Trinity members to make contributions to this worthwhile program. Blankets in the program are only \$5 each but can make a world of difference to those in need. Thanks to generous contributions in 2008, Trinity members provided \$2,420 to the Blankets+ program.

Blankets+ enables Church World Service to respond to disasters at home and around the world in some 80 countries, and to assist communities with basic items they need to build satisfying, sustainable lives. This past year, Church World Services provided 15,950 lightweight blankets and 5,245 heavyweight blankets to people affected by emergencies in the U.S. The organization also assisted people in Pakistan following the devastating 2005 earthquake, Sierra Leone to help raise disaster awareness, Indonesia after a dam broke and in Bosnia to assist displaced families.

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

WOT Circle Study for November

The Women of Trinity will continue the Circle Bible studies in November. The groups will study Chapter 2: A Life of Love, I Peter 1:22-2:10 of the book *Stand Strong*, authored by Pastor Bill Hybels.

We are excited a new Circle Group is being offered on the second Sunday of each month during the Sunday Church School hour. All women are invited to join a Circle Group that meets their schedules.

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Meets</u>	<u>Place</u>
Esther	Monday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.	Library
Deborah	Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 9:30 a.m.	Library
Ruth	Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 9:30 a.m.	Room 237
Elizabeth	Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 1:30 p.m.	Library
New	Sunday, Nov. 8 at 9:30 a.m.	Room 239



**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.**

Bishop's Message on Churchwide Assembly Actions

August 27, 2009

Dear Co-laborers with Christ,

As I stated in my pastoral letter of last week (August 21), the actions of the Churchwide Assembly on the issues of human sexuality, the approval of finding means for recognizing same-sex unions, and the ordination of same sex couples in committed relationships revealed deep disagreement and division within the ELCA. Many rejoice in the outcome of the debates, many others lament. I am deeply saddened to see this church tear itself apart over these decisions. The disagreements and divisions are felt deeply in our synod as pastors, congregations, and individual members seek to discern whether and how we can live together in disagreement and ask what it all means for our life together as the Church of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray our way through this time of pain and uncertainty. As we do, it is important to keep several things in mind:

- (1) These decisions did not create new policies. Rather, they authorized the development of policies that will reflect both the change many were hoping for, and a means to respect the position of those who are conscience bound to oppose such change. An amendment to the recommendations mandates that provisions be made in whatever policies are approved to "recognize the conviction of members who believe that this church should not call or roster people in a publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationship."
- (2) New policies cannot be implemented until they are developed in consultation with the Conference of Bishops, and adopted by the ELCA Church Council. The timeline of that process is uncertain, but it will be at least several months before such policies can be developed, November at the earliest. Many have suggested that it will take longer.
- (3) A way is being opened for persons in committed, publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gendered relationships (now barred from serving on any of the official rosters of this church) to serve in such ministries if they are otherwise qualified, as determined by candidacy and call committees. *No congregation will be expected to call a pastor they do not believe is being sent to them by the Holy Spirit.*
- (4) *This church's understanding of marriage has not changed.* Marriage is between a man and a woman, according to the approved social statement; and no pastor is *being asked or is required* to bless same sex unions. The approved social statement acknowledges that there is no consensus in this church on any of these matters. However, the assembly did find ways "to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support, and hold publicly accountable" couples in such relationships.
- (5) While we find ourselves in this period of wondering and discernment, we are still the Church of Jesus Christ, called into mission for the sake of a world God so loves.

We need time. We need prayer, congregationally, communally, and individually. Now is not the time to make hasty decisions. Together, we are still discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us. We need to be in communication with one another. I and the pastoral staff of the bishop's office are available for conversation and consultation.

Even when we are in fundamental disagreement, we are still called to be the church. As another recommendation of the assembly states, we are called to "bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound consciences of all" (Resolution #1 of Ministry Policies).

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Saint Paul admonished the splintered church at Corinth: *If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.*

(1 Corinthians 12:14-18).

Pastors, congregations, members, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. Continue to make your witness known. Proclaim the good news of Christ. Weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice. Hold fast to the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Peace,



Bishop Hoover



**Prison Action Committee
of Christian Churches United**

Invites You to Attend
Community Connections Breakfasts

Inmates of Work Release, Transitional and
Pre-release Programs for Men and Women!

Join us on October 24 at
Wesley Union AME Zion,
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for Breakfast, Prayers,

Inspiration and Information
from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Participants will be picked up
at 8:30 a.m., and back before 11:00 a.m.

There is no cost!

Contact Roberta Smith at 761-0519 or
e-mail at rosethorn3737@comcast.net

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."

**Trinity Safety Training
Saturday, October 3, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Pastor Hardy, aka Camp Hill Fire Dept.
"Chaplain Hardy", will be one of our guest speakers on
what he sees when an emergency happens.

All men, women and youth are invited.

Questions?
You may call Bob Foster at 717 512-8430



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***The Wellness Voice
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Sign up for an AARP Safe Driving Class to be held at Trinity on Monday, November 2, and Monday, November 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This 8 hour (two 4 hour sessions) course is for any driver age 55 and older. There is no test. Pennsylvania requires your auto insurance company to give you a discount of 5% for three years if you hold a clean driving record. Register early to reserve your seat.

The cost is \$14 (\$12 for AARP members with membership #). Make your check payable to AARP and mail the following information to: Owen Moore, 411 N. 4th St., Lemoyne, PA 17043-1608

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