

# TRINITY'S GOOD

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## August Birthdays

- 8/01 Stephen Weid, John Hartweg,  
Chris Nettles, Katy Miller,  
Jacob Jacoby  
8/02 David Ufkes, Tom Bragg  
8/05 Nikki Scheetz  
8/06 Vickie Livingston, Madison Harrison,  
Doris Holtsclaw  
8/10 Kyle Miller, Mason Stevenson  
8/12 Sara Sargent  
8/15 Linley Bartell  
8/16 Erin Brown  
8/17 Shawn Gutting  
8/18 Rob Gronewold, Peyton Gutting  
8/19 Ramo Stott, Jeff Cole  
8/20 Jadon Johnson  
8/21 Christian Holtsclaw  
8/25 Karla Johnson, Katelyn Jacoby  
8/27 Brandy Fecht  
8/28 Amy Housewright  
8/29 Braxton Boyer  
8/30 Russ Schoch, Gilbert Duffy,  
Bria Repplinger  
8/31 Malysa Galloway

## August Anniversaries

- 8/01 Tyrone & Vonda Jacoby  
8/02 Darin & Samantha Klingler  
8/09 Andy & Terry Redenius  
8/13 Dan & Peggy Higgins  
8/15 John & Denise Schwartz  
8/17 Carl A. & Helen Hartweg,  
Pr. Greg & Maressa Busboom  
8/26 Ed & Gerrie Harrison,  
Galen & Kim Krieg

## Summer Music Needed

Choir will not be singing until September. If there is anyone interested in helping provide music for the summer, please contact Linda Hartweg or sign up in the choir room.

**Blood Pressure Checks by Health Ministries Team**  
The nurses of Trinity will be doing blood pressure checks for the congregation on the second Sunday of each month in the Welcome Center. These checks will be held before and after church.

## Sewing Group

The sewing group will only meet the first Monday of the month for the summer and will resume their regular schedule in September.

## Financial Update

As of June 30, 2008

### Current

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$71,819  
Amt. Received YTD - \$63,959  
Amt. Spent YTD - \$66,479  
Current Fund Balance - \$4,184

### Benevolence

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$9,318  
Amt. Received YTD - \$9,252

Thank you for your faithful giving as together we live out our mission of Celebrating Christ's love as we welcome, encourage, and serve God's people!

**CLASP Director Needed**  
Trinity is in need of a director for the CLASP program, which meets each Tuesday after school until 5:00 p.m. The primary functions of this paid position are to coordinate and lead bible study and activities for students from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Please contact the church office @ 357-2468 for an application.

**Welcome Center Update**  
As of June 30, 2008, the amount given to the Welcome Center totals \$362,133. Of this

amount \$21,317 was given through June 30, which compares to \$20,183 given through June 2007. Total cost of the project was \$548,653. For 2008 we have paid \$3,335 in interest through June compared to \$3,506 in 2007. We have reduced the Marine Bank loan by \$43,889 so far this year, leaving a loan balance of \$113,561. In addition there are \$62,000 of our own funds on loan to the Welcome Center. On January 10, 2008 the construction loan ended and our payments now are due monthly in the amount of \$2,412.29. Let's continue to work together as we pay down our debt as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity. **Together**, we are living out our congregation's missions of Celebrating Christ's Love as we Welcome, Encourage, and Serve God's people.

### Donations for Shepherd's Pantry

The food pantry could use the following items that aren't always available each month from the state food pantry system:

- Boxes of dry milk
- Cans/jars of spaghetti sauce
- Pancake batter
- Syrup
- Fruits and Vegetables

Shepherd's Pantry would appreciate any donations that members are able to make. Thank you for your help.

### Thank You

Thanks to friends and family for the many cards and good wishes on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A special thank you to the sewing circle for hosting the coffee hour in my honor. Your kind words and congratulations were most appreciated.

Wilber Johnson

Trinity Prayer Ministry  
This **ministry at Trinity** is for anyone who wants to join us in prayer one day a week. Come to the Welcome Center at **7:00 a.m.** on Wednesday mornings. Prayer request slips are located in the pew racks. They may be filled out and put in the collection plates, or you may call Connie Schulz (357-6667) or the church office (357-2468) to request prayer. These names are used for the Prayer Ministry only and not in the prayer chain or Sunday morning prayers. Together we live out our congregation's mission of celebrating Christ's love as we welcome, encourage, and serve God's people.

### Committee Night

Committee Night is Tuesday, August 5. No meetings have been scheduled at this time.

### HUGS in Hancock County **"What Do We Tell the Kids?" is the topic for the August meeting of HUGS,** a

support group for cancer patients or survivors, their caregivers and loved ones. The meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 5, at Memorial Hospital, Carthage, in the executive conference room. Nancy Huls, a registered nurse from Blessing Hospice, Quincy, will offer suggestions to help families approach the difficult conversations that are necessary when a loved one is facing a potentially terminal illness. She will also give a brief overview about the Hospice program itself. HUGS provides support for people dealing with cancer by offering monthly meetings for fellowship and education. A limited amount of financial assistance is also available through HUGS. For more information about HUGS, contact Florine Dixon at Memorial Hospital, Carthage, 217-357-6565; Stephanie Willey at the Hancock County Health Department, 217-357-2171; Jetty Calvert at Carl Sandburg College, 217-357-3129, or Deb Limkemann at Sherrick Drug and Medical, 217-357-3353.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped each night or provided food or prayed for a great week at VBS. The kids had a great time at the marketplace, in music, at crafts, at recreation and during synagogue/tribe time. The live animal night was a favorite with everyone. We couldn't have reached these children without your help. Thanks again!!!

You Are Invited to School Bag-a-Thon on Wednesday, August 6 from 9 am to 4 pm

The ladies of the church are making school bags for Lutheran World Services. In past years the sewing circle has made all of the bags and you have generously filled them. This year we are asking for your time and talent as we make them.

You can't sew? No problem. We need people to turn bags right side out, pin on handles, pin on facings and iron bags when they are done.

I'm too busy! If you can come for only one hour or two, please come. We will work from 9 – 1 and 1 – 4. If you can come for the day, bring a sack lunch. We will provide beverages for our lunch. We will also have beverages during the work periods.

I'm too old (or too young)! Any ages are welcome. If you can pin, fold or iron or carry bags to the next work station, you are needed.

I'm not a lady! Men and boys are also invited to come and work. This is an all church project.

What should I bring? If you have pins, they would be helpful. If you plan to stay for lunch, bring your sack lunch. Most importantly, bring yourself.

Any questions? Call Jackie at 357-2012.

## School Bag Time is Coming Soon!

On August 6, members of Trinity will spend the day sewing school supply bags for Lutheran World Services. On August 10 the bags will be placed in the rear of the church and in the welcome center so that you may pick one or more bags up and fill it/them with supplies before they are sent off to the mission field. All of you have been very diligent in doing this for many years and your efforts have been appreciated.

These school bags may be used in areas affected by natural disasters, by war, or where there is no access or money for supplies. They are also used for adult literacy classes.

Please include the following items in each school bag:

- Tablets or notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8½ x 11 inches, containing a total of 150 to 200 sheets of paper (no loose leaf notebook paper please)
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well too)
- One 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers (please do not sharpen)
- One eraser approximately 2 ½ inches long
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons

Place the items in the school bag you pick up and leave it in the welcome center or rear of the church. If you wish, you may place the small items in a large size Ziploc bag within the school bag. The sewing ladies will later add 12 sheets of construction paper to each bag and prepare them for shipment. Thank you in advance for helping us out again.

## News From Our Sponsored Children

Trinity Lutheran Church:

My name is Derrick. How are you over there? I am OK and now at school. Thank you for my birthday gift of \$10. This is the same as 168551 in our currency. Out of this money I bought a pair of socks and a belt. Thank you. Good bye for now.

Love from Derrick Watala

### Thank You

Shepherd's Pantry extends a huge thank you to our congregation for the gift of \$855.00. We serve an average of 80 to 85 households a month so this generous donation will help ensure that we are able to purchase needed food items for our clients. Again, thank you!

### Church Council Highlights July 24, 2008

Council members present were Brent Ufkes, Jody Miller, David Hartweg, Kathy Graham, Angie Fecht, Merlin Gronewold, John Dittmer and Linley Bartell. Special guests were Gayle Pope and Dave Poland. Absent were Tammy Snyder, John Schwartz, Ryan Schardon & John Peterson.

Brent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Opening prayer led by Dave Poland.

Brent stated he invited Pastor Gayle & Dave to attend this meeting to discuss what services could be mutually agreed upon. Dave shared that he is interested in assisting with Sunday services and confirmation; however, he does have a full time job and is limited. He recommended having a backup list of ministers that could assist with care when he is not available. He highly recommended having Pastor Gayle assist with pastoral care services during the day, as they work well together and are already familiar with our congregation. Pastoral care services could include wedding, funerals, family emergencies, hospitalizations, daily needs and crisis situations.

Discussion was held about the Evangelism Committee administering communion to the shut-ins and the social ministry team making visits as needed. The Bishop would need contacted regarding any training requirements. Linley and Eileen have meet and planned the music through November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dave stated that he is restricted by the Bishop to provide any type of counseling services (including pre-marital counseling).

Discussion was held regarding time off. Dave pre-schedules his time off to coordinate with his family schedule and to allow adequate time to find coverage. In the event he is unavailable, a supply Pastor will be contacted. Compensation for the services provided was discussed. At this time a mutual agreement was made based on Synod guidelines; however, time will be tracked by both Pastor Gayle & Dave to determine adequate reimbursement for services being provided. Contact information for both will be provided to the congregation via the monthly newsletter, bulletins and/or congregational letter. Feel free to contact either of them directly, or continue to contact Denise & Brent for assistance.

Brent will welcome Dave at this coming Sunday service and give a brief update on the arrangements. Dave is considered a Synodically Authorized Minister who will lead worship services. At this time it is unknown how long this arrangement will be needed as we continue with the call process. After this discussion Dave & Pastor Gayle left the meeting.

The minutes of June 19, 2008 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Merlin Gronewold. Seconded by Linley Bartell. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The following Petitions or Communications were reported:

1. A thank you was received from the Kevin Busboom family for the memorial money.

**Financial Secretary's Report** – Financial Secretary Report dated June 30, 2008 was reviewed. Motion to approve by David Hartweg. Seconded by Kathy Graham. No further discussion held. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2008 was reviewed. Motion to approve by Merlin Gronewold. Seconded by Angie Fecht. Motion carried.

**Christian Ed. (Angie Fecht)** – Angie stated at this time we have no CLASP Director. Advertising has been sent to area churches, but no interest expressed by anyone. Adult directors are paid \$50 and student helpers receive \$15 per week. Lydia Gutting has agreed to take over as Sunday school Superintendent this coming fall. It was noted no surveys were returned. Rally Day is set for September 14<sup>th</sup>. VBS was held last week. Preparations for confirmation in the fall will begin.

**Evangelism (John Peterson)** – The Evangelism committee met. On August 10<sup>th</sup> a concert with the Living Water Praise Band will be held. An ice cream social will begin at 5:30 pm with the concert starting at 6pm. Discussion was also held regarding some property issues, which will be forwarded to John Schwartz.

**Fellowship (Jody Miller)** – Coverage is scheduled until August 10.

**Finance (Kathy Graham)** – The investment and account balances from May - July 2008 were reviewed. Kathy stated that she has had no requests for finance at this time. It was also noted with the markets down – investments are down.

**Memorial (John Dittmer)** – No report.

**Property (John Schwartz)** – No report

**Social Ministry (Tammy Snyder)** – No report.

**Stewardship (Merlin Gronewold)** – No report.

**Worship & Music (Linley Bartell)** – Linley stated she continues to send a letter to the head ushers reminding them of the monthly duties. She has possibly two new assisting ministers. Music has been planned through November 23, 2007. She requested Brent welcome Dave this coming Sunday and makes the morning announcements. Linley also reviewed an additional organ bid that has been received. This company gave a bid of \$93,000 for a complete rebuild of the console. A recommendation was made to consider a digital organ in this process.

**Youth (Ryan Schardon)** – No report.

**Call Committee** – No report.

1. **Pastor's Report** – No report.

**Old Business:**

- A. Sunday school survey – no surveys returned as previously stated.
- B. Food Resource Bank – Merlin reported the committee met on Tuesday evening and approved the name "Share the Harvest". A gathering is being planned with St. John's on October 11<sup>th</sup> if arrangements can be finalized. Currently 10 people have committed to the program. More details will follow.
- C. Geographic Parish – no report.
- D. CLASP Director – covered under Christian Education report.
- E. Website – Merlin stated that Greg is looking for feedback, ideas, comments etc. regarding the congregational website. It was requested to put the website information in the newsletter (if not already included). Merlin stated there have been just over 100 visitors to the website so far this year. Any pictures, articles, etc. that you would like to share, should be forwarded to Greg Gronewold.

## New Business:

- A. Nursing Home Worship – Trinity is scheduled to lead services on September 21<sup>st</sup> & December 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hancock County Nursing Home.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. by Linley Bartell. Seconded by Brent Ufkes. No further discussion. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Recorded By: Jody Miller  
Council Secretary

### Web Site Ideas

Greg Gronewold is asking for your input pertaining to the church's web site. If there is anything you would like to see added, changed or updated, he would like to know. You can leave him a message through the church office.

### Welcome Dave Poland!

Dave Poland of Christ Lutheran Church in Nauvoo has been through the Synod's Lay Ministry Program and has agreed to serve as Trinity's interim pastor. Dave will be with us on Sundays and will be available for shut in visits and some emergencies. Being employed full time elsewhere, we will also be able to call upon Pastor Gayle Pope for her assistance when needed. If pastoral care is needed, contact Denise at the church office at 357-2468 or Brent at 217-430-8604 and further contact will be made.

If needed, you may contact Dave or Pastor Gayle direct. Dave's numbers are Home 453-6405 or Cell 357-5354 and Pastor Gayle's Office 453-2757 or Cell 357-1280. Please keep these numbers on hand. We are looking forward to working with Dave and Pastor Gayle and forming an alliance that will benefit both congregations. Welcome, Dave!

# FAMILY News

"Family News" is a place where we can celebrate together the many good things that are happening in the lives of Trinity's members and friends. We hope to include news about all of our members and their families. To submit good news, please call Denise at the church office (357-2468) or send an e-mail to [oldtrinity@hotmail.com](mailto:oldtrinity@hotmail.com). This is yet another way we are ***caring for each other***.

**\*Larry and Cheryl Buckert** recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip to the Wisconsin Dells with their 2 sons and families. Larry and Cheryl were married here at Trinity on July 21, 1968. Congratulations!

### Praise Fest!

A Praise Band Festival will be held on Saturday, August 16 from 3 to 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 402 Main Street, Carthage. The festival will include many area praise bands. Snacks and food will be available, as well as games and activities for the children. Bring your lawn chairs. A freewill offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to the Memorial Hospital Capital Campaign. Join us for Christian fun and fellowship!

### Synodically Authorized Ministry Retreat

A SAM Retreat, "Opening the Book of Faith: How Lutherans Read the Bible," will be held on September 12 and 13 at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2800 W. Jefferson, Springfield, Illinois. Cost is \$50. For more information or a registration form, please contact the church office.