

TRINITY'S GOOD NEWS

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June Birthdays

- 6/02 Jennifer Clostermery, April Lemley,
Dave Harrison, Alexis Markham
6/03 Catie Harrell
6/04 Jason Waite
6/06 Mark Harrison
6/10 Jason Lemley
6/11 Cindy Brown, Cody Ufkes
6/12 Tim Snyder
6/15 Chuck Ehlert
6/16 Chris Snyder, Matt Snyder
6/17 Diana Harrison
6/23 Phil Gronewold, Mike Menn,
Dorothy Wetterich
6/24 Joel Ellefritz
6/25 Megan Lemley, Grant Clark,
Miranda Klingler
6/26 Josh Schulz, Nicholas Bruns
6/27 Travis Ellefritz, Chase Ufkes
6/28 Angela Schoch
6/29 Alyssa Young, Ryan Kohl

June Anniversaries

- 6/02 Jerry & Lynn Fecht
6/11 Bill & Wilma Fecht
6/12 John & Sandy Peterson,
Dan & Liz Snyder,
Kendall & Mary Sargent,
Jeff & Natalie Cole
6/15 Mike & Cindy Menn
6/16 Max & Elaine Gronewold
6/17 Keith & Terri Ellefritz
6/25 Dave & Judy Hartweg
6/30 Jim & Donna Hills

Confirmation Camp

Five of our confirmation students will be attending Augustana College during the week of June 15. The week is filled with Bible study, worship services, music, service projects and fun activities. Please keep them in your prayers.

Committee Night

Committee Night is Tuesday, June 2. No meetings have been scheduled at this time.

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.

Financial Update

As of April 30, 2009

Current

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$47,609
Amt. Received YTD - \$45,663
Amt. Spent YTD - \$30,613
Current Fund Balance - \$26,523

Benevolence

Amt. Budgeted YTD - \$6,212
Amt. Received YTD - \$6,789

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!

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.

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.

Welcome Center Update

As of April 30, 2009, the amount given to the Welcome Center totals \$399,454. Of this amount \$8,129 was given through April 30, which compares to \$16,935 given through April 2008. Total cost of the project was \$548,653. For 2009 we have paid \$1,571 in interest through April compared to \$1,920 in 2008. We have reduced the Marine Bank loan by \$15,729 so far this year, leaving a loan balance of \$76,488. In addition there are \$62,000 of our own funds on loan to the Welcome Center. Our payments 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.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

*Ryan Schardon graduated from Illini West High School. He has been accepted at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and plans to pursue an engineering degree in Construction Management.

*Kayla Shipman graduated Summa Cum Laude from WIU. She will have a Bachelors in Psychology. She has been accepted into the Masters Program for Guidance Counseling at Missouri Baptist University in

St. Louis, Missouri. She will start there this fall.

Ladies Bible Study

This summer's three sessions will be a study of Mary. Session 1, June 11, The Annunciation; Session 2, July 9, Kinships, Friendships, and Holy Encounters; Session 3, August 13, Mary Among the Disciples. If you are wary of a Bible study about Mary, consider that Martin Luther called Mary "the highest woman and the noblest gem in Christianity after Christ" in a Christmas sermon in 1531.

This Bible Study meets in my home on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. It is informal and no prior knowledge is needed. We discuss, ask questions and together we look for answers. Copies of the study will be in the organist mailbox. If you have questions, call me at 357-2737 or know you are welcome in my home on June 11 at 7 p.m.
Doris Holtsclaw

Synod Assembly

Ron & Susie Schulz will be our representatives at the Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly June 11-13 in Springfield. This year's theme, "God's Work, Our Hands Accompaniment," will focus on what it means to walk in shared relationship with our brothers and sisters around the world. Featured speaker is the Rev. Kevin Ogilvie, who served as missionary to Madagascar before becoming president of the Lutheran Seminary in Saskatoon, Canada.

Also, at the Central/Southern Illinois Synod Northwest Conference Assembly that Jerry and Linley Bartell attended last month, Jerry was elected to the Mission & Outreach Subcommittee for our Synod.

Congratulations

Jacqueline Galloway received the Latherow and Women Working Together Scholarships at the Illini West Honors Night. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and will graduate Summa Cum Laude.

Church Council Highlights *May 14, 2009*

Council members present were Merlin Gronewold, Dave Hartweg, Mary Sargent, Connie Flesner, John Dittmer, Angie Fecht, Linley Bartell, John Schwartz, Dave Poland and Pastor Gayle Pope. Absent: Galen Krieg, Kathy Graham, Ryan Schardon and Delmer Schlueter.

Merlin called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Devotions and opening prayer led by Mary Sargent. Linley Bartell will lead the devotions in June.

The minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Linley Bartell. Seconded by Mary Sargent. Motion carried.

Petitions or Communications: Three thank you notes were received. Marla Gronewold and the IW After-Prom Committee thanked Trinity for its donation. Ramo Stott thanked Trinity for the donation for the Pay It Forward Spring Break Tour. Eileen Logan expressed her appreciation for the organ refurbishing and the new abilities the organ can do. The First Christian Church will be celebrating its 145th Anniversary on Sunday, May 31, at 10:30 a.m. The United Methodist Church announced the relocation of Rev. Bill Pyatt to Mt. Zion.

Financial Secretary's Report – Financial Secretary Report dated April 30, 2009 was reviewed. Motion to approve the financial secretary report by John Schwartz. Seconded by John Dittmer. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2009 was reviewed. Dave Hartweg made a motion to move the excess organ funds to the Welcome Center Fund. Linley Bartell seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Angie Fecht. Seconded by Mary Sargent. Motion carried.

Christian Ed. (Angie Fecht) – Angie reported that Vacation Bible School will be held with 3 churches this year at Trinity.

Evangelism (Connie Flesner) – Connie discussed a need for an at-risk student at the High School. After discussion, John Schwartz made a motion to give \$1,000 from the Marie Fecht fund. Linley seconded. Marcia McGaughey will oversee this fund. Motion carried. John S. has sent in the paperwork for the road clean-up. He has not heard back as of yet.

Fellowship (Mary Sargent) – Mary reported that the sign-ups for the summer Sunday coffee fellowship have fallen off. There was discussion about different ideas. Dave Poland mentioned that the fellowship time is a great time to meet people, especially for the Pastor. Mary will talk to Jody Miller for more ideas.

Finance (Kathy Graham) – The investment sheets were reviewed with the financial reports.

Memorial (John Dittmer) – No report.

Property (John Schwartz) – John reported that work on the roof will begin possibly on June 19 or 20. Hopefully the farmers will be caught up and will work hard to remove the roof on Saturday. Bill Kirby's crew will then put the roof back on.

Social Ministry (Galen Krieg) – No report.

Stewardship (Delmer Schlueter) – No report.

Worship & Music (Linley Bartell) – Linley is very appreciative of the organ work. There are still a few items to be taken care of. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, June 14. Professor Roth has been asked and is delighted to play for the service. He would like to play a hymn fest. Dave Poland has been scheduled for a pulpit exchange, but will work out some other schedule. Linley made a motion to pay Prof.

Roth \$150.00 compensation for the travel and playing. Mary seconded. Motion carried. Linley also mentioned that Ron Schulz informed her it is Trinity's turn for the Community Service on July 5. Ron will take care of the message, but someone would be needed for the organ or keyboard. If we have a minister then, this could present some difficulties. We would like to ask if we could switch this year.

Youth (Ryan Schardon) – Ryan and Dave discussed that the down payment has been made for the summer trip to New Orleans, July 22-26. There will be 13 people altogether with Trinity and Christ Lutheran. Confirmation camp will be held June 15-19, with Edie Galloway and Jason Hartweg taking six of our youth.

Carthage Ministerial Alliance Report (Ron Schulz) – In Ron's absence, Merlin reported that the bills for the two lunches will be given to Kathy. The ESL classes will meet again in the fall. The alliance provided ½ tuition for 14 people, \$350, to attend these classes. Carthage Veterinary Service matched the funds. There is an appeal to local churches to help with this. Baccalaureate was attended by 50 seniors and 200 guests.

Dave's Report – Dave Poland gave a report on hospital visits. The confirmation classes have officially completed class time. Some essays still need to be turned in; the sermon notes are close to completion. Some service work still needs to be completed. The fund-day event will be pushed into July to include the new pastor. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, June 7. Dave would like to recognize the high school graduates on Sunday, May 24. Pastor Jeff Otto will be here on Sunday, May 31, and requested to do the children's sermon. Dave's last Sunday may be June 21. He will be gone on June 28 for his granddaughter's baptism in Cedar Rapids. Perhaps Amy Luckee, from Liberty, can do the pulpit exchange.

Pastor Gayle's Report – Pastor Gayle had a report about her visits and confirmation. She

led a service here. She is also conducting pre-marriage counseling with a young couple.

Old Business:

Church Building: John Schwartz will have a Property Committee meeting to begin a long-range plan. We are still waiting on the adjuster from Quincy for the roof.

Geographic Parish: The pulpit exchange was discussed. The next meeting will be June 25 at Zion in Liberty.

New Business:

Call Committee: The Call Committee made a unanimous decision to recommend the Church Council to issue a call to Adam Dichsen. John Schwartz made a motion to call Adam Dichsen to be the pastor of Trinity. Dave Hartweg seconded. Motion carried. After much discussion, John Schwarz made a motion to amend the total compensation package to \$64,166.00. Linley seconded. Motion carried.

Housing Loan: There was much discussion on the particulars about the housing loan. Dave Hartweg made a motion for the \$15,000 housing loan to come from the CD portion of the Marie Fecht Estate, pending approval from Edward Jones. The interest rate will be 2% and the terms to be negotiated. John Schwartz seconded. Motion carried.

Congregational Vote: The congregational vote will be held on Sunday, May 31. A quorum is 10% of the voting membership. Two-thirds of the quorum will be needed to pass the call vote. Merlin will announce this at the two previous Sunday services. Adam Dichsen's bio and the total compensation package with Synod guidelines will be included in the newsletter. John will help with this. We will need tellers and paper ballots.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.

John Schwartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Mary Sargent seconded. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Connie Flesner,
Council Secretary

Vacation Bible School

Bible School will again be held at Trinity with the closing program at the First Christian Church. It will be held Monday, July 13 through Thursday, July 16. Times are: Monday 5 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday 5:30 to 8 p.m.

We will move from the market place of Jerusalem to the marketplace of Rome as we focus on Paul and the Underground Church. All children ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to participate. There will be Bible stories, crafts, games, and family time and supper will be provided. Volunteers are needed. Sign up sheets are in the Welcome Center.

Fellowship Appreciation

We want to thank Dave Poland for his great service. Please come and enjoy cake at fellowship on June 21 to say thanks for all of his hard work.

Also, I am going to start appointing committees for coffee fellowship for the summer. If your committee is unable to provide for the hour, please find a committee who can. Please watch the bulletin or sign up sheet for your week.

Thank you, Mary Sargent

You're Invited

To help Malysa Galloway celebrate her graduation from Cottey College, her family will host a special extended fellowship hour on June 14, after church until 1 p.m. All are invited.

Address Change

Bart Ellefritz
2506 Woodley Road NW
Washington, DC 20008-1515

Ayden Young-Sitzmore

Thank You

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the support that you gave for the refurbishing and update of the organ. The organ has several new "stops" (sounds/instruments) that we did not have before, as well as 20 thumb pistons, 10 toe studs (these are the registrations that can be set up for the different combinations of stops), the cancel button (just what it says – every stop is off), the transposer (the notes can be in different keys, a half step up or down, as many as 6 up and 6 down), memory lock-out, a full-organ button, several reversible couplers, and the chimes have been repaired. I am sure that I did not include everything. Each time I play, I learn of something new that we did not have before!

Oh yes, the new blower insures us that the organ will run! (This was an added cost as you will remember.) Last year, when we had a sub organist, the organ did not start. It did that with me a lot but somehow after turning it off and on several times, it would finally "give in" and start. We did have a new switch put in but that was not the complete answer.

I am sure that this will encourage others to want to play the organ. We are receiving many compliments on the wonderful sound and brightness of the instrument.

You are to be commended for taking care of this before the organ went completely down!

Thank you, Eileen Logan

Thank You

Ayden was born 9-1-08 with a heart defect that has required several surgeries to fix his heart and will face more surgeries in the future.

We are so blessed and humbled by all the support given and the prayers that have gone to the Lord on his behalf. We thank the Lord for our church family and friends

that have done anything on behalf of this precious child of God. Thank you.

The Schulz family on behalf of Ayden, Robin & Alyssa

Congregational Vote for New Pastor

This is to inform the congregation of the upcoming vote of a new pastor on May 31. As some of you know by the announcements by Merlin the last 2 Sundays, the call committee and church council have both unanimously voted to extend a call to Adam Dichsen for our new pastor.

The call committee met with Adam on Monday, April 13, for the first interview and was very impressed. A second interview was extended to him and he, along with his wife Karen, met with the church council and call committee on May 9. Compensation was discussed and it was a time for the church council to get a chance to meet both of them and their children.

Adam calls "home" O'Fallon, Illinois, which is across the river from St. Louis. He and Karen's parents both still live there. Adam has been busy this past year serving as Intern Pastor for Emanuel Lutheran Church in Dayton, Iowa. Most Intern Pastors work under a full time pastor at the same location, but Adam was asked to take this church on his own with his supervisor at a church 40 miles away. So, unlike most Intern Pastors, Adam has a years worth of experience doing sermons and special services (funerals, weddings, lent, advent, etc.) already under his belt.

Adam has an infectious smile and is very interested in getting to know each one of us and continuing our mission of welcoming, encouraging and serving God's people. He is a graduate of Truman State University with a degree in Biology and Religion. He has also just graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Karen is also a very friendly young woman. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education, but as of now is dedicated to being a supportive wife to Adam and busy mother to their 2 children; Marilyn, about two, and Benen, three months.

Marilyn is a very smart little girl who takes a little while to warm up to men, but has already struck up a pretty good friendship with some of the ladies in our congregation. Benen is a happy, bright-eyed little guy with a cute smile when you talk to him. Adam and Karen love the outdoors with some of their hobbies being biking, camping and kayaking. Adam also enjoys woodworking.

It is my hope as a member of both the call committee and church council that you extend a warm welcome to Adam and his family and vote to accept him as our new pastor.

John Schwartz

Compensation Package

Basic Salary	\$32,145
Social Security	2,907
Housing	9,000
Total	\$44,052

Health Insurance (Adult)	\$10,164
Health Insurance (Children)	4,356
Pension	4,405
Disability	881
Administration	308
TOTAL	\$64,166

Expenses

Mileage	\$3,000
Continuing Education	800
Books	200
Total	\$4,000

Leave Time

Continuing Education	2 weeks
Regular Vacation	4 weeks
Military Leave	24 days/year plus travel time
Military commitment	is for 3 years.

House loan from Trinity - \$15,000 at 2% over 5 years

