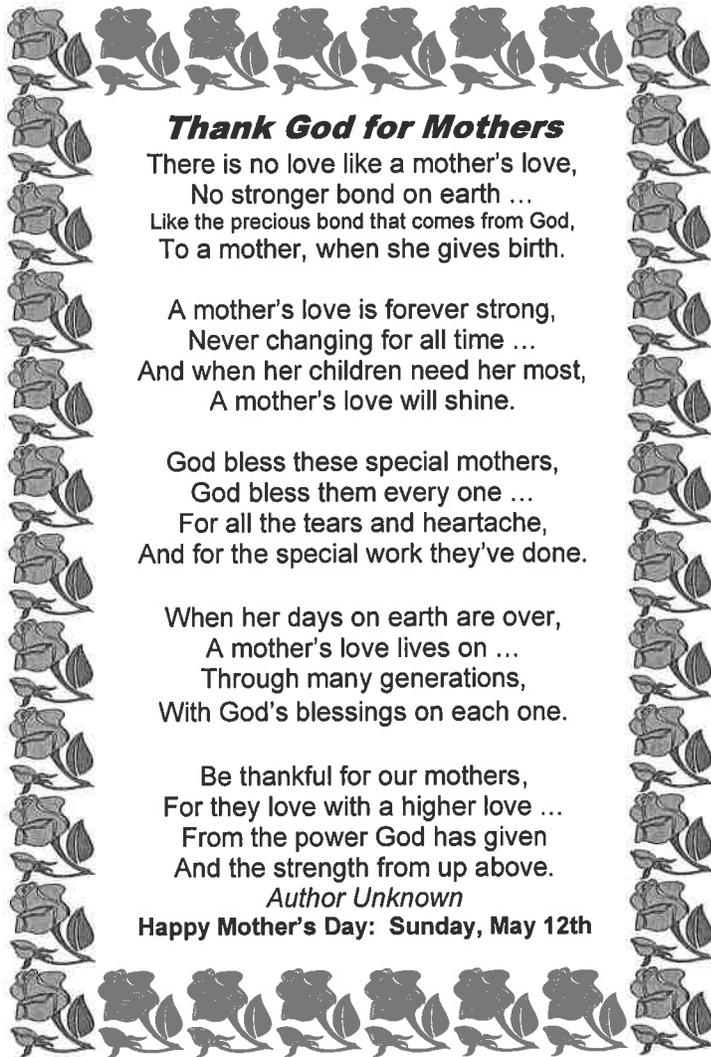




The Trinity Lutheran

MAY, 2013



Thank God for Mothers

There is no love like a mother's love,
No stronger bond on earth ...
Like the precious bond that comes from God,
To a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong,
Never changing for all time ...
And when her children need her most,
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one ...
For all the tears and heartache,
And for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on ...
Through many generations,
With God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
For they love with a higher love ...
From the power God has given
And the strength from up above.

Author Unknown

Happy Mother's Day: Sunday, May 12th



Beginning May 26, 2013

Saturday
5:30 pm

Sunday
8:30 am & 10:00 Am

Monday
7:00 pm
Starts June 3

No Worship Service
Memorial Day or Labor Day

Weekly Bible Studies

- Sundays @ 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
- Tuesdays Women's Bible Study @ Dady-Oh's Restaurant @ 7:00 am
- Wednesdays @ 7:00 am Pastor's Bible Class @ Dady-Oh's
- Thursdays @ 6:30 am Men's Group Bible Study
- Thursdays God's Ways Bible study @ 10 :00 am & 7:00 pm (May 16th last class)
- Thursday Evening Bible Study with Pastor Christie @ 7:00 pm
- Bible Information Class ~ New Session, Wednesday, June 19th @ 7:00 pm

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Special Evening Service May 9th 7:00 pm

Enjoy Mixed & Junior Choirs
along with Brass and Organ Selections
*"He ASCENDED into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty"*



Celebrate Mother's Day
May 12th 9:00 am Worship Service
Special Presentation of
Faith Alive Bibles and Luther's Catechisms

MAY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 7:45-9:00-11:00 Worship Services Coffee & Conversation (Trinity Room) Elder 9 9:00 AM Adult Confirmation 9:00 AM Bible Study-Gospel of Mark Chpt. 1 9:00 AM New Member Recognition 10:30 AM Kids for Christ Club 10:45 AM Nursery Care @ TLCC 11:00 AM Youth Confirmation Sunday</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Daddy-Oh's Rest. 10:00 AM Pastor/Staff Mtg 6:00 PM Stephen Ministries 6:30 PM EVANGELISM BUDGET MTG 7:00 PM BD OF EDUCATION BUDGET MTG & TLCC 7:45 PM BOARD OF ELDERS BUDGET MTG 8:15 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUDGET MTG 8:45 PM LIFE COMMISSION BUDGET MTG</p>	<p>1 7:00 AM Pastor's Bible Class @ Daddy-Oh's Rest. 8:00 AM Newsletter Printing 7:00 PM Mixed Choir</p>	<p>2 6:30 AM Men's Group- Proverbs-T.R. 9:00 AM Ladies' B.S. in T.R. 10:00 AM God's Ways in C.R. 11:30 AM Newsletter Prep 6:30 PM Handbells 7:00 PM God's Ways-T.R. 7:00 PM The Church: Her Mission & Ministry Bible Study</p>	<p>3 1:00 PM Volunteer Recognition Luncheon 6:00 PM Frederick renewal of Vows</p>	<p>4 Rivenwalk Breast Cancer Event Parking 9:00 AM Closing Sunday School Practice 9:00 AM Jesus Cares 5:30 PM Worship Service 7:00 PM Spring City Square Dancers</p>
<p>5 7:45-9:00-10:45 Worship Services Coffee & Conversation (Trinity Room) 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - TBA 10:30 AM Kids for Christ Club 10:30 AM Multi-Gen Bible Study (Grls 6 & Older) 10:45 AM Nursery Care @ TLCC 12:00 PM Reception for Mrs. Baer's Retirement</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Daddy-Oh's Rest. 10:00 AM Pastor/Staff Mtg 6:00 PM Stephen Ministries</p>	<p>8 7:00 AM Pastor's Bible Class @ Daddy-Oh's Rest. 4:00 PM Kids Night 7:00 PM Mixed Choir</p>	<p>9 ASCENSION DAY 6:30 AM Men's Group- Proverbs-T.R. 9:00 AM Ladies' B.S. in T.R. 10:00 AM God's Ways in C.R. 7:00 PM Ascension Worship Service 7:00 PM Elder 11</p>	<p>10 LGP-Craft/Pizza Night (Kind & Up) 6:30 PM Elder Fish Fry</p>	<p>11 5:30 PM Worship Service 6:30 PM Harper Books Baptism-Private</p>
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<p>26 8:30 & 10:00 am Summer Worship Services Coffee & Conversation (Trinity Room) Elder 2 10:00 AM Nursery Care</p>	<p>27 MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED NO MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP</p>	<p>28 7:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Daddy-Oh's Rest. 10:00 AM Pastor/Staff Mtg 6:00 PM Stephen Ministries 6:30 PM 5-Year Planning Mtg</p>	<p>29 7:00 AM Pastor's Bible Class @ Daddy-Oh's Rest. 8:00 AM Newsletter Printing</p>	<p>30 6:30 AM Men's Group- Proverbs-T.R. 11:30 AM Newsletter Prep</p>	<p>31 6:30 PM Fellowship Adult Night Out-Fish Fry</p>	<p>1 9:00 AM Parking for Benefit Walk 5:30 PM Worship Service 7:00 PM Spring City Square Dancers</p>

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A Whole Lot of Trinity Ministry Is Going On

Life changes. People get older: students become young adults. Young people graduate. Some get married. Some couples have families. Parents often become grandparents. All have a deep need for Jesus and His forgiving love. Here at Trinity, we minister to people of all ages with one constant: all souls need Christ every day. And we want to better connect you to Christ and His body, which is the church. So how have we been doing that lately?

High School & College Student Packets: Our Elders want to better connect with our 124 Trinity high school and college students and in April sent a student care package to each of them including a devotional, a Bible reading plan, (and thanks to a generous donor) a small *Culver's* gift card. We care about them and want them close to Christ. We've seen more of them in church lately.

Confirmation Sunday: On April 28th, nine adults who had completed the Spring Bible Information Class said their vows to be faithful to Christ at the 9 am worship service along with others who had transferred into our congregation. A new BIC starts 6/21 — how many will be there? It depends largely on your invitations — help us. Then, at the 11 am service, twenty-one 8th grade teens said their Christian vows (take a look at their essays on the sanctuary glass wall). Remember your confirmation vow. Pray for these new communicants!

Caring Shepherds: The Bible directs all Christians to worship God each week. We care about every Trinity soul and if we don't have a record of worship, our Caring Shepherds, a sub-committee of our Board of Elders, care enough to call to welcome our members back to worship and LORD's Supper. Two more ladies joined our telephone team in April. Keep faithfully signing that Friendship Register to help our guests (if you don't sign, they won't either and we won't be able to welcome them back). Pray for their efforts as the devil is often in the details.

Trinity Gym Roof: At the regular April voters' meeting, the voters approved the Board of Trustees recommendation to improve the Gym roof to protect us from leaks. Last week, a contract was signed for \$50,000 — saving us money and good work will soon be done.

Pictorial Directory: As part of Trinity's 125th anniversary, a church-wide pictorial directory with more than 330 singles/families has been completed. On our anniversary, May 11/12, these directories will be distributed after services to all who had signed up. Thanks to Sally & Marsha for making this BIG project happen. Get to know your fellow Christians and introduce yourself in God's love!

Hispanic Ministry: At the end of April, our Evangelism Commission has approved a start-up plan to help bring Jesus to our Spanish neighbors beginning with staffing a table at Fiesta Waukesha on June 21-23. Your help is needed — please talk with me asap as we are looking for volunteers.

SO much more to write — but only limited space (ask your pastors and leaders what's happening here — you might be surprised). Yes, life changes and ministry changes. But, thank God Jesus doesn't change: ***I the LORD do not change (Malachi 3:6)***. Join us as we bring Jesus to our members and to our little corner of the world.
- Pastor Scott Oelhafen

**VBS POWER LAB**

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Coming to Trinity

We've got the solution to summertime boredom... send your kids to Power Lab where they'll discover Jesus' miraculous power! Vacation Bible School is offered Monday, June 10th through Friday, June 14th. The fun begins at 9:00 am and lasts until 12 noon. Each day your child/children will take part in fun Bible learning they can see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Power Lab activities that help faith flow into real life. Power Lab is for children ages 3 through Grade 5 (based on grades entering in fall 2013). Registration forms are available in the church office or register online at trinitywels.com. Cost is \$10 (per child). Make checks payable to Trinity. For more information or to join the incredible Power Lab team, contact director, Laura Reinke @ 262- 446-3633.

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TRINITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at Trinity.

Contact: Kerry Plehn 262-549-5197
kerryplasterman@sbcglobal.net

May 31st—6:30 pm

Adult Night Out—Friday Fish Fry
 Alioto's Restaurant , 3401 N. Mayfair Rd.
 Cost \$11.50 (may order off menu)
 Child Care provided at Trinity
 Dessert @ Don & Wendy Dittmar's home

June (Date and Time to TBA)

Family Bowling at Bolaro Lanes, 11737 W. Burleigh St.
 Cost—\$5 per person for 3 games
 Shoes not included

July 23rd (Tentative Pending Interest)

Brewers Game Outing—7:10 game time
 Cost: \$9 for Terrace reserved tickets
 \$15 includes ticket and tailgating

August 25th

Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship @ Frame Park

A Word from the Congregation President

Over the weekend of April 13/14, 2013, I had the opportunity to share with you, through a slide presentation the many special gifts that Trinity received during our 125th Anniversary year. As I mentioned to you, numerous members made extra financial contributions in celebration of God's continual blessings to them and to Trinity.

In preparing my remarks for that weekend, I was drawn to two words...*legacy and generosity*. Will there be future generations who will be faithful? Will we do our part to help preserve, teach and lead by example the next generations? Let's face it at times the present looks pretty shaky. We have fears concerning our family, country and church. But then we are drawn back by our Lord's words in **Isaiah 44:3**: "I will pour out my spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants."

The more I thought about legacy and generosity, the more I was drawn to the comforting word *trust*. Our heavenly Father has never given up on past generations. He has never given up on Trinity. With complete confidence each of us can say that He has no intention of abandoning future generations. Therefore, let each of us remember:

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed. **Psalm 37:25-26**

As we remember and treasure our legacy as well as the generosity of God's never ending blessings, may our Lord lead us to go forward training future generations using the words of **1 Timothy 6:18-19**:

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Ted Oertel, Congregation President



TRINITY LUTHERAN ATHLETICS

TRINITY LUTHERAN BLEACHER PROJECT "SELL A SEAT PROGRAM"

Dear Families and Friends of Trinity:

This summer we are looking at updating our gymnasium. This includes sanding and repainting the gym floor and getting new bleachers. The cost of this project is between \$36,000 and \$37,000 with approximately \$22,000 for the bleachers. In an attempt to raise money for bleachers, we are asking you to participate in the "Sell a Seat Program."

In the "Sell a Seat Program," you wouldn't actually be buying a seat, but rather donating a portion of money toward the program goal. If we "sell" 250 seats at a cost of \$100 per seat, we would be able to reach and surpass our goal of \$22,000. If you are unable to purchase a whole seat, please consider giving a smaller donation or you could spread your donation over a 3-month period, just indicate that on the donation form at the bottom of the page.

At the end of the program, we will have a plaque on the wall by the gymnasium for everyone who helped us reach our goal. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one or friend, please indicate on the form below. I would like to remind you, as you prayerfully consider your donation, that all donations should be over and above your weekly offerings. You may place your donations in the weekly offering plate clearly marked for the "Sell a Seat Program" or give them to Mr. Rydecki. Please return the bottom portion of this sheet at your convenience. You may pick up extra forms from Mr. Rydecki. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mr. Rydecki (262-547-8020). Thank you!

In Christ,
The Trinity Lutheran Booster Club

Name _____ (Name will be on plaque unless noted below)

I would like to purchase _____ seat (s) @ \$100 per seat for a total donation of \$ _____

_____ I wish to remain an anonymous donor (No name on plaque)

_____ My family is donating in memory of _____

_____ The total amount is enclosed

_____ I would like to spread my donation over a 3 month period: \$ _____ per month

Please make checks payable to **Trinity Lutheran Booster Club**

Getting to Know our Trinity Servants: Congregational President Ted Oertel

Over the next few months we'll be taking a look at various workers at Trinity Church and School to get to know them better and to get a better understanding of what they do for us. I like to call these wonderful people Christian *servants* because with any dedication to the work that needs doing in the church, volunteered or paid, Jesus calls on us to be servants to each other to bring honor to our Heavenly Father: "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men" (Ephesians 6:7).

So, let's begin our journey of Christian-servant discovery at Trinity with our congregational president Ted Oertel.

Ted has been a member of Trinity for thirty-five years. He and his wife Deb have been married for forty-three years, have three children, all married, and six grandchildren. I asked him how they first came to Trinity. "I grew up in Racine and attended the First Ev. Lutheran Church. Deb and I built a home in Waukesha a few years after we married because we'd heard such wonderful things about the community. And Trinity was the congregation we chose to attend."

Ted is a retired high school principal by trade. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in history from UW-Platteville and a Master's of Science degree in special education from UW-Whitewater. He taught emotionally disturbed middle-school children for a few years before becoming a middle school vice-principal. After that, he was a high school vice-principal and then, for nineteen years, a high school principal. But, all during his career he devoted time to volunteerism, too.

"For eleven years I volunteered as an emergency medical technician for the Town of Waukesha. I wanted to do something for my community." And, he also wanted to do something for his church. "I was an usher and altar assistant, and coached basketball and soccer for TLS." (That bachelor's degree in history he earned included a minor in physical education.) "I also served on various committees: stewardship, building, and fund raising." Lots of fund raising, he said with a chuckle. In fact, one of Ted's favorite memories at Trinity revolves around just such an incident. He said, "In 1986 Trinity was conducting a major fund-raising effort for building expansion. Pastor John Mattek and I visited a long-time faithful member concerning it. While we were at her apartment she handed us a check for \$25,000. After I helped Pastor Mattek up off the floor and back into his chair, she said to us, 'I love to give money to the Lord and to my church.' Upon her passing, we were informed of an on-going yearly gift to TLC from her estate. She had established a trust so that Trinity would receive a very generous check every year. It was a visit and a witness of faith I will never forget."

Ted also served on the Board of Education, and now is the congregational president. According to Ted, "The president works with and supports all boards, commissions, and committees. Besides conducting voter's meetings, he is responsible for working directly with the treasurer, financial secretary, the principal, the three pastors, and the church office administrator on projects, planning, and finances." This takes a rather defined skill set that probably doesn't belong to most of us. So, I asked him how others might get more involved at Trinity who might not have the time, talent or inclination to be the church president. "People need to reflect on their skills and talents." Then they need to determine how much time they can commit to serve. Small, short projects are just as important as lengthy ones. He continued, "The best way to learn of the church's needs is to have a conversation with one of the pastors. They're always looking for help. The list is endless. You don't have to join a board or committee to volunteer at Trinity."

I also learned that Ted plays "military golf—left, right, left, right," referring, I should think, to the direction the ball takes after he hits it. Keep practicing, Ted. He also loves to fish, especially with his kids and grandkids, but the "walleyes hate me." He's caught a couple of muskies, his largest 45 ½-inches long. But the walleyes remain a bit elusive. "They're good eating," he said, "so I keep trying."

His favorite hymn is, "'Tis Good Lord to Be Here," because it expresses his personal feelings about worship. "I can come to church and get my spiritual gas tank refilled." I asked him if he had a favorite Bible verse, as well. His response was unequivocal. "Psalm 46:10, 'Be still, and know that I am God.' The verse reflects the fact that God is here and has it all under control. Regardless of the situation you might be facing, be still and realize His presence."

Ted makes a lot of sense and is well suited as our president, a servant to both us and our gracious Lord.

- Trinity member Jen Spooner

NEWS AROUND TRINITY

Ascension Is Awesome

Coming This May To a Church Near You!

Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended again to his heavenly kingdom. The Festival of the Lord's Ascension ranks with Christmas and Easter as one of the most joyful days for our Christian faith. Think of it! Because of Jesus' ascension, we can be certain that:

- He has gone to prepare a place for us in heaven.
- From heaven, he directs all things for the good of his people.
- In heaven, he hears and acts on the prayers of his people.
- He will come again in glory.



We are planning to celebrate this awesome ascension event with a special evening service – **Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.:**

- Choirs (Mixed and Junior) and classrooms (5-6th Grade) will sing.
- Brass will blare.
- The organ will open up.
- Sounds of adoration will abound.

Why a special Ascension service? The *sinner* in us will probably say that May is already too busy or that this is probably just another excuse to pass the offering plate. Wrong. And wrong again!

Why a special Thursday Ascension service? To give *the child of God in each of us* an opportunity to celebrate! Think of it: if we celebrate Jesus leaving the glory of heaven for the humility of life on earth (Christmas), why in the world would we not take the opportunity to celebrate his leaving earthly humility behind to return to the glories of heaven (Ascension)! *Logically, if we don't celebrate Ascension, we shouldn't celebrate Christmas.* Even more: we confess our faith in his ascension in the Nicene and Apostle's Creeds almost every week of our lives. This service is an opportunity for us to celebrate what we say we believe in those creeds.

In past years, Ascension night was cancelled due to lack of attendance. Not so last year! 300 people gathered to celebrate Jesus' heavenly homecoming. We promise you a service that will match the joy of Easter!

“He ASCENDED into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.”



Faith Alive Bible & Catechism Gifting

Bible & Catechism Presentation May 12th

Join us at the 9:00 am worship service as several different age groups receive Faith Alive Bibles & Luther's Catechism. Some kids **love** to read. All kids **NEED** to read. What better book to study than the Bible. It is important to hear and read God's Word. Recognizing this important truth, Trinity's pastors and membership will be presenting new Bibles as gifts to each second grader from our Lutheran Elementary School and area public schools after the sermon. Also catechisms will be given as gifts to 4th graders in the Lutheran Elementary School and 6th graders in area public schools who will soon begin to study Martin Luther's Catechism. Letters have been sent out to invite all children in these age groups.



Stephen Ministry Update

The first training class of Stephen Ministry consists of 16 people who have volunteered to be trained as Stephen Ministers, 14 ladies and 2 men. These classes which started on April 23 meet from 6-8 p.m. The classes last for about 18 weeks. We will be taking some time off over the summer. Target date for class completion is Thanksgiving. If you are interested in seeing what this ministry is all about, you can come and sit in on the classes to view what kind of training is needed to become a Stephen Minister. If you want to monitor the classes, please contact Kathy or Pastor Gates before you attend. We are really excited about starting this ministry at Trinity because it will help all of us to look out for those going through a crisis in their life.