



The Trinity Lutheran

July, 2013

Christians Are Citizens of TWO Kingdoms

You've heard of dual citizenship? All Christian believers are citizens of two kingdoms: heaven and earth. Born foreigners by sin, by our Baptism, we are washed and connected to Christ and His salvation. Our greater responsibility is our citizenship to God's kingdom. This summer, let's be heavenly-minded as we do earthly good to each of the people God brings into our daily lives!



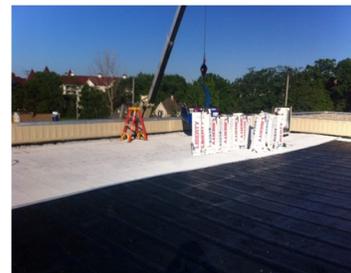
Trinity Lutheran Childcare Update

TLCC was very busy the week of June 10th providing daycare services to children attending Trinity's VBS program. The children and teachers enjoyed the activities and songs. Right now the children are exploring fun places to visit and learning to appreciate the many natural wonders God has created for them to visit. Currently we have 4 new families starting and 3 families ready to start in fall. Openings are still available. If you know of any families needing daycare, encourage them to visit us from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and see the excellent environment provided for children to play, learn, and hear God's Word. Thank you to Trinity Lutheran Church for encouraging this wonderful ministry and outreach to our neighbors.

The Gym Projects are Progressing!

On behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, thanks to all who have donated their time, money, and talents to our Sell-A-Seat fundraiser. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, To date, we have almost \$9,000 towards our goal of \$22,000. As a reminder, the end date for the Sell-A-Seat fundraiser is September 30 so please donate now toward this important project. In other news, work on the gym roof is nearing completion. Our gym flooring company, Prostar, came in the middle of June to tear out our bleachers, wall pads, and baseboards in the gym. When we have the "all clear" that the gym is watertight, work on the gym will continue. As of right now, we hope to be done by the end of July with the floor and bleachers. Due to a very generous Trinity donation, we are also looking at fixing our ventilation in the locker rooms and bathrooms by the gym as well.

The Lord has truly blessed us at Trinity with an amazing facility and loving and caring members. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Rydecki at 262-547-8020 at Trinity Lutheran School.



Weekly Bible Studies

- Tuesdays Women's Bible Study @ Dady-Oh's Restaurant @ 7:00 am
- Tuesdays Stephen Ministry Instruction @ 6:00 pm
- Wednesdays @ 7:00 am Pastor's Bible Class @ Dady-Oh's
- Thursdays @ 6:30 am Men's Group Bible Study



Find us at: Trinity Lutheran Church WELS on Facebook

- Bible Information Class ~ Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm

*From the Office of
Pastor Christie*

Moving Forward



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Summer Worship schedule:
(call the office for specific dates)
Saturdays: 5:30 pm
Sundays: 8:30 & 10:00 am
Mondays: 7:00 pm
No Memorial or Labor Day Services

Regular Worship schedule:
Saturdays: 5:30 pm
Sundays: 7:45, 9:00 & 10:45 am
Adult Bible Class 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:30 am
Multi-Generational Bible Class
at 10:30 am
(Follows the school calendar)

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By the time you read this article, you will be enjoying your Fourth of July celebration. Personally, I love celebrating the fourth. My hometown, Bay City, MI has an amazing fireworks display. The sky flashes red, white, and blue, while 250,000 people shout ooh and aaah! But the Fourth of July is much more than a day to cook out and watch fireworks...

The Fourth of July is also the birthday of our country. And what a country it is! When I celebrate the fourth, I can't help but think of our founding fathers. Some were great Christian men. Some absolute unbelievers. What all of them had in common, however, was a certain knack for addressing the colonies' awful predicament with simple common sense. As they navigated through the rough waters of their present, they were also able to envision a better future for their sons and daughters. And we at Trinity strive to do the same. The celebration of our 125th anniversary is behind us. We have been richly blessed because of our "founding fathers" sacrifice to found a church and later a school. Thousands have been touched with the preaching and teaching of Trinity in German and then in English.

We have received a church and a school from parents and grandparents - our founding fathers. What kind of church and school do we want to hand on to our children and grandchildren? What do we envision for the future? Trinity is beginning to take that question very seriously. If we are content to be a status quo or slowly declining church, there won't be much left to hand on a generation from now. And so we strive! We strive to make good, common-sensical, Gospel-powered plans. With leadership's permission, a five year planning committee has been regularly meeting for several months. They have studied area demographics and comprehensive congregational statistics. They have sponsored four listening sessions to hear from members about our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Our discussions have all been somewhere between good and excellent. A consensus has emerged from the five year planning committee. Their findings will be shared with Trinity's leadership by the end of summer and with the members at large early in the fall. For now, we see ourselves recommending that Trinity "double down" on some key strengths.

Strengths like:

Our vibrant worship life
Our excellent school and
Our aggressive outreach program
(including beginning serious work in Spanish)

In addition to these strengths, the five year planning committee is convinced that we need to do some serious "fixes" to our congregation's ministry. Things need to be fixed like youth work in an age with fewer children, communication with the congregation and community, working seamlessly in our early childhood ministries, ensuring the financial health of our congregation, streamlining our administrative structure, and setting up a master maintenance plan for the renovation of our aging facilities.

Your brothers and sisters on the five year planning committee are no Ben Franklin or George Washington. They are, however, doing their best to take a common-sense approach to Trinity's present. Every one of them is passionate and optimistic about Trinity's future. Keep them in your prayers. And then stay tuned!

May Jesus richly bless your summer months!

In Christ,
Pastor Christie

A Word from Trinity's Congregation President



INDEPENDENCE DAY

FREEDOM



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Richard C. Halverson, chaplain to the U.S. Senate, made this sobering observation: The average of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith – from spiritual faith to great courage – from courage to liberty – from lib-

erty to abundance – from abundance to selfishness – from selfishness to complacency – from complacency to apathy – from apathy to dependence – from dependence back into bondage. It is a scary pattern that many see occurring with us. May we in this land of liberty strive to remain one nation under God and not one that tried to be free from God to indulge our selfish desires. Instead this holiday season let's pray that more and more people in this great country of ours will focus and be guided by the greatest symbol of spiritual freedom – the cross of Christ.

What America needs first and foremost is Jesus. It is wonderful to struggle for the civil rights of people. It is great and good to work for freedom and democracy and economic enrichment of people all over the world. But what America needs, to be truly free, is not some sort of financial bailout or entitlement program...it is simply Jesus Christ! It seems that more and more people are attempting to use their freedom to be independent of and free from God. Today many see freedom merely as the absence of restraint, and they use their pursuit of freedom to pull them farther away from God and down a path that leads to bondage and despair.

That is just the point. Freedom without restraint ultimately reveals what we are really like. Given enough freedom, we will do all that we want and show all that we are. A fallen race show its true colors when it is free to do whatever it wants without the checks of some sort of moral absolute. Someone once said that freedom is like a beautifully woven fabric. Without a border that binds it together, it soon unravels and loses its value. A society with no moral borders dooms its people to the bondage of their self-centeredness, leaving them with broken relationships and destroying any sense of personal worth. In an article entitled, "America, the Price They Paid," an astute author made this observation: *Those who by their lives and actions declare their independence from God soon become slavishly dependent upon the circumstances of life. On the other hand, those who have humbly declared their dependence upon God have been remarkably free and independent of life's changing circumstances.*

Bottom line...do you believe in freedom? Well according to Jesus true freedom is freedom from sin. And true slavery is a life not given to Christ. You can live in the most repressive nation in the world and if you have the truth of Christ, you are free! And the opposite is also true; you can live in the freest nation in the world but without Jesus you are a slave! If YOU truly believe in freedom, then spread the truth of Jesus Christ. It is right to spread democracy around the world. It is proper to stand up for human rights around the world and civil rights in our community. But let's not forget spiritual freedom. Tell someone about Jesus Christ so they too will know the truth...and the truth will set them free!

"Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God."

1 Peter 2:16

(My thanks to Rev. Rod Pudell of Living Hope in Shakopee, Minnesota for some of these excerpts.)

Ted Oertel, Congregation President

+++Tuition Aid for Trinity WLHS, Prep & College Students+++

Again this year, Trinity offers assistance to high school students of Trinity in grades 9-12 for those who attend Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Luther Preparatory School, Martin Luther College, Wisconsin Seminary or any other Synod school. Applications and the policy for the tuition aid are in the church office. Complete the application and return to the church office by July 31st. For further details call the church office at 262-547-5350.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2013
POWER LAB
DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER!**



During the week of June 10th, Trinity welcomed 109 young scientists to discover Jesus' miraculous power at Power Lab. Each day throughout the week, children were guided by older lab crew leaders to various stations where they were able to hear more about Jesus during our Bible Blast, explore more about Jesus' power during our Wacky Works crafts, watch a video clip about a mad scientist during Chadder's Theater, try out some tasty snacks during our Test Tube Treats, and have fun with the gospel message at Hyperspeed Games. Throughout the week children learned that Jesus gives us the power to be thankful by making thankful faith bracelets and sharing them with a friend. They learned that Jesus gives us the power to help others and experimented with blind basketball. They learned that Jesus gives us the power to be brave when they made homemade lava lamps. All participants also learned that Jesus gives us the power to have eternal life and tell others the good news! Trinity was clearly oozing with Bible adventures!

The week ended with two exciting celebrations. First, parents and family members were invited to see our week-long wrap up then stay for a brown bag lunch. The church was filled as the children previewed their performance for Saturday night worship, and over 170 scientists (VBS children) and their families enjoyed a VBS fellowship lunch, prepared and served by the VBS staff. The final celebration was watching almost 50 children singing the songs of praise and worship they learned during the week at our closing church service on Saturday night. Some families stayed long enough to watch a video wrap-up of the week and enjoy some icy-pops in the Trinity Room. To God Be The Glory for a truly POWERFUL week.

Many thanks to the station leaders for all their hard work, preparations and enthusiasm for sharing the POWER of Jesus; Bette Koenig, Pat Schaumberg, Dorene Rausch, Liesl Geppert, Amy Voss, Krista Rydecki, Katie Olson, and Lisa Zick.

VBS surely would not be a success without the lab crew leaders who gave up sleeping in late to help with the young scientists early every morning! Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm; Michael Bina, Jason Bonow, MaryKay Bonow, Andrew Busse, Elise Carter, Regan Carter, Noah Eggert, Riley Fregien, Emily Hrenak, Brycen Kirsch, Sam Mackie, Karl Magsig, Justin Morris, Natalie Olson, Mikayla Oertel, Catelyn Picco, Dylan Ouradnik, Leah Rausch, Lauren Reign, Josh Reinke, Nathan Wells, Evann Vasatko, Max Vasatko, Jen Voss, Josh Voss, Jon Voss, Harrison Wagner, Lauren Bacik, Sara Joers, Rebecca, Holly, Becky.

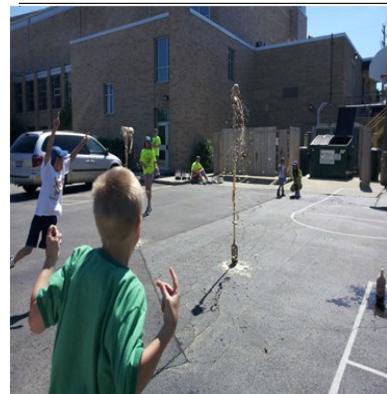
-Joyfully submitted
Laura Reinke, VBS Director



All wrapped up and
no place to go!



This is cozy—for me!



What did I do? Amazing!!

NEWS AROUND TRINITY



Trinity's Community Blood Drive

Have you ever given blood? Do you know how vital and important it is to do so? Blood is the essence of life

and to give selflessly can make you feel more connected to our church, our community, and the world around us. It's fulfilling to know that your donation can save lives.

Why donate your blood? I mean, there are more comfortable ways to volunteer. But there really is no substitute for blood, and the Blood Center of Wisconsin is the only provider of blood to our area community hospitals. Blood donations help trauma victims, surgery patients, premature babies, people with anemia, cancer patients, and many more. On a personal note, my brother-in-law was in a horrific motorcycle accident two years ago where his leg was severed completely off. He literally lost all his blood and had to have many transfusions to keep him alive and help him through his surgeries. And he survived! Thank God for all those selfless, wonderful people who gave blood where he lived.

If you are 16 years old (with parental consent) or older and weigh at least 110 pounds you can give! If you've given before, you can give whole blood every eight weeks. It takes about an hour, but the blood collection itself takes only ten minutes. The rest of the time includes registration, a brief medical screening, and refreshments.

So, you can be a part of this life-saving mission. Please join us on July 17th in the Fellowship Hall from 3:00—7:00 pm. Either sign up on the sheets in the Narthex or go on-line to register for an appointment (www.bcw.edu/TrinityLutheran). Follow the prompts for a new donor, or, if you've already donated, use your donor login ID to access the appointment schedule.

Please donate. You'll never know how many people you can help by your selfless giving. What better way to love your neighbors as yourself and honor God? If you have any questions, please give me a call: Jen Spooner at 262-691-7612.



Fun at the Fair

The Wels Churches of Waukesha County are again hosting a booth at the county fair.

We have been doing this for 20 years with the support of various local WELS

churches. We are looking for volunteers to work 2-2 1/2 hour shifts basically handing out balloons, applying temporary tattoos, and sharing your faith with others. No experience is necessary! For your service, you will receive a free ticket to the fair and a free parking pass. As an added plus, the WELS booth is located inside the air conditioned Expo Center. This is truly a FUN event to participate in for singles, couples, and families.

The fair runs from July 17th thru July 21st. Volunteers are needed from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. If you do not have the time to volunteer, financial support would be appreciated to cover the cost of supplies, booth rental and raffle prizes. To volunteer or support financially contact Al Zipp by July 9th at 262-650-6597 or e-mail at al02rr@sbcglobal.net or sign up in the narthex.

May God bless your time, talents, and treasures!



Corner

TRINITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming fellowship activities at Trinity.

Contact:

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July 23rd Brewer Game

Brewers Game Outing @ 7:10 game time

Cost: \$9 for Terrace reserved tickets

\$15 includes ticket and tailgating

August 25th

Outdoor Worship @ 10:00 am

Picnic Immediately following @ Frame Park

September

Adult Night Out—TBA

October

Fall Outing—TBA

NEWS FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Taking the Leap into 21st Century Learning



Students at Trinity Lutheran School are learning in new, exciting ways thanks to many of you! Generous donors to events such as the Trinity Trot brought in money that was used to enhance our facilities and classrooms. Three major items were completed in the last school year that have helped us move forward: upgrading our computer lab, installing new wireless access points throughout the school, and the beginnings of an exciting program using the Chromebook computer.

Our desktop computer lab in the upper rotunda near the office served us quite well for many years. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped keep it up and running! However, as most of the machines were donations, they were approaching 7-10 years old, and running an outdated operating system. Therefore, we have moved to a mobile computer lab consisting of nearly 40 laptop computers on a rolling cart, which teachers can move to their classrooms. Each classroom also has a pair of laptops for students to use to take their Accelerated Reader quizzes, work on their math facts, and work on their digital writing skills. I am excited to say that the program was a success.

The former 6th graders loved the Chromebooks, and it opened many different pathways.

The reason our students can work in their classrooms is due to the new wireless access points throughout the school building. Each access point allows students to be online in their own classrooms. Teachers and students are getting used to using the computers in their rooms instead of traveling to and from the computer lab.

The final upgrade for last school year was the implementation of the Chromebook computer pilot program. Each 6th grader was issued a Google Chromebook to use throughout the school day. From recording podcasts, to creating websites, multimedia presentations, and even an eBook, the Chromebooks opened up a new way of teaching and learning as they were integrated into our curriculum. We even had the opportunity to video chat with our WELS missionary to Russia! The Chromebooks helped us engage deeply with the topics we covered in class.

Thankfully, the Board of Education has approved the expansion of this program into the years ahead. Each new incoming 6th grader will be issued a Chromebook to use while they are at Trinity. From our new-to-us laptops, to the amazing wireless system, and the Chromebooks, there are many exciting changes happening at Trinity Lutheran School as we use our God-given gifts to learn and share the Word with those around us. Thank you, again, to all of the many donors and supporters of the ministry to our Trinity students!



Gladly serving Christ and Trinity,
Rachel J. Pierson
6th Grade Teacher/Technology Coordinator