



Trinity Times

July, 2006

Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Statement: "We are a family, united and saved by faith in Christ, dedicated to praising God and sharing His love and Word with all People."

A farewell potluck was held for Kristi Perry and Matthew Wurster. We all wish them the best in their future endeavors. We thank God for their faithful service to Trinity teaching our children. Garth Perry has accepted a position in Wisconsin.



Mike Klatt CEO of The Lutheran Home Foundation introduced the Board of Directors and the dignitaries who were present at the dedication of the Faith Residence.



Tom Meger, Belle Plaine Mayor did the honors of cutting the ribbon to officially open the Faith Residence.

Dedication of the new addition to the Lutheran Home Campus here in Belle Plaine took place June 22, 2006.



The Faith Residence Apartments, for those with disabilities, was officially opened as of Thursday, June 22. Pastor David Ponath, the Chairman of The Lutheran Home Association's Board of Directors, gave the welcome. He spoke on the need for such facilities and how they benefit those with special needs. He also gave the dedication service in which all those present participated.



Tours were given of the apartments and a map of future construction plans was shown.

From the Pastors Desk by Pastor John Zeitler

A Prayer for the Fourth of July

Heavenly Father, you are worthy of praise for your wise and wonderful works. In love you gave us a government in order to bless our nation with peace and security. There is no authority except what you have established. For this reason I ask that you would give us wise and God-fearing leaders. Bless those who hold office now that they may serve honestly in the public and a sense of fairness so they may uphold justice. Bless and protect all officers of the law that they might keep us safe from criminals. Be with those who teach in our schools and with all others who hold authority. Keep them from feeling overwhelmed by their responsibilities and give them joy in their service.

We are also concerned about the war in Iraq, and the struggles of our world. Do not let us forget that through these wars and troubles, you use us and our many blessings in the U.S. for others. Whether we agree with the war or not, we all still need to ask you to watch over and protect our troops wherever they serve stateside and abroad. We fervently ask you to watch over all the men and women of our armed forces. Guard them in conflict, protect them from danger and harassment and attacks from hidden foes, enable them to carry out all their duties honestly, truthfully and to the best of their ability, holding to a high regard of human life and public service. Help us dear Lord, to look at them all as our protectors used by you to keep them daily in our prayers.

Bless our country, prosper the work of our hands, and especially enable us to fulfill our responsibilities as citizens of your kingdom of grace and to be conscientious citizens of this good land. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Source: www.welw.net.

Church Council Notes

- New Member: Tracy Anderson from St. Paul's Lutheran, North Mankato
- Departing Members: Rich and Karen Pachon (daughter, Emily) to Good Shepherd, Burnsville.
- Our resolution the the district regarding pension plans was rejected by convention committee.
- The new Pastors' Job Description and Guidelines were approved.
- The custodians revised job description and mileage reimbursement rate were approved.
- Offerings for the General Fund to date are \$43,480 short of our budgeted goal.
- Receipts from Thrivent Giving Plus are \$23,673 ahead of our budget goal.
- Expenses are \$15,628 under budget.
- Our long term debt is down to \$218,728.
- Synod Mission Offerings for the year total \$14,122.

Special Voter's Meeting

Our council has called a special voter's meeting for Sunday, July 9, at 11:30 a.m. (after the late service) to approve a new line of credit with our bank. The present agreement expires on July 15 and it appears that we will have to borrow in order to make payroll on July 21.

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School Registration

Registration for our Preschool for next year is still open for all. Please let us know of any outsiders who may be interested in enrolling their child in the fall. Those who want more information may talk to Principal Dan Whitney or Teacher Lavonne Bratsch.

School Administrative Assistant Position Open

Trinity School has an opening for Administrative Assistant. This is a paid position at eight to ten hours per week. If you are interested please see Dan Whitney for a job description or for more information.

Above and Beyond Fund Drive

As of June 26 we have 36 members who have committed a total of 1,450 per month above their regular gifts for our operating fund. Our goal in the Comprehensive Plan is to find 100 members who will commit \$3,600 "above and beyond" their regular gifts in order to meet our financial goals. Put your anonymous pledge in the box under the chart in the narthex. Use the Thrivent Giving Plus program to match your gifts for the school by 50%.

Learn Spanish This Summer!

Would you like to learn Spanish? Come explore a basic Spanish conversation course here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which began on June 20th and will conclude in mid-August. Classes will begin at 7:00 p.m. This is a fun; exciting summer activity designed for ages 12 to 122. Our course instructor is Katie Kaletka, Spanish teacher for GFW schools and a graduate of Trinity School and Belle Plaine High School.

"Meditation Bible Garden"

Take time to enjoy our new "Bible Garden" behind our church sign. We thank Ruth and Alan Anderson and Jim and Becky Baumann for their special gift to our congregation.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible school will be held on Monday August 7th through Friday, August 11th from 6:15 - 8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

Elders on Duty

Our church elders are always ready to listen if you would ever like to discuss an issue regarding the spiritual health of our congregation.

Wayne Krentz (873-2599)

Jon Luedloff (467-2314)

Jim Baumann (873-2514)

Memorials Received

In Memory of Earl Otto from Wally and Evonne Otto, Padded Pew Fun.

In Memory of Larry Hedtke, from Myra Nagel, General Fund.

In Memory of Peter Malz, from Sean and Jeanne Fogarty, Mediation Bible Garden.

Check out the Church Library in the narthex of the church on the back table!!

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We are thankful to God that he has moved our congregation to respond so generously to the gospel that we have been able to avoid borrowing since last January.

New From Home to Home Thrift Store

Shoppers continue to find the store to be a great source of family clothing and goods of every kind. Thanks to our dependable and hard-working volunteers, the store gets many favorable comments. All ages shop at Home to Home Thrift Store, and it's so much fun to watch the "thrill of the hunt" and customers' excitement over bargains and treasures they've found.

Because of the dedication of the store volunteers, we have been able to donate significant funds for projects on The Lutheran Home Campus. It is so gratifying to make available just over \$24,000 in support of a very well-done project list submitted by the campus last June! What opportunities God has blessed us with! We appreciate the donors who have brought us beautiful and clean clothing and goods of every sort. Volunteers find the time they spend here both fun and gratifying, and they are quick to give positive testimony.

Some new volunteers from the community have come forward. We have two ladies who are taking care of all the windows, inside and out! Wow! Another man is helping clean and price household goods. A lady is thrilled we can use her after she gets home from work to help cover evening hours on Thursdays. Several teens are doing a great job of working at pricing, displaying and dusting.

Would you and a friend have some time to join a great team of volunteers? Could you spare a Friday afternoon or Saturday once a month? That's an immediate need we'd like to see solved. We can accommodate you for a few or many hours....the choice is yours. Please phone Barb Vatthouer at the store: 873-6901.

Annual Auxiliary Meeting For The Lutheran Home, Belle Plaine Campus Wednesday July 19, 2006

Registration and fellowship: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Opening devotion begins at 10:00 a.m.

Followed by

TLHA update by Michael Klatt, CEO

Business meeting, elections, and project selections.

Presentation:

"An Overview of Dementia"

By Deb Wirt and Sarah Beckius

12:30 luncheon will conclude the day

Tours of the Campus are available upon request.

Come Visit "HOME TO HOME THRIFT STORE"

Please Note!!!

If we are to have a float in the BBQ parade this year we need a group or someone to step forward and take responsibility for designing and constructing it. The outreach committee has taken care of that project the past two years and it was the understanding that a different group would handle it each year. Marlin Matzke will be out of town over the BBQ weekend but he said if you need some help in getting it going he will be happy to assist.

Attention Everyone!!!

We need **EVERYONE** to help keep the kitchen clean. Be sure to wash the counters carefully. We have been bothered with ants and keeping the counters clean will help.

Please check the refrigerator and the freezer to see what is yours. Label your group name and date the product. Take home things that will not be used. Anything that has an expired date on it should be tossed.

Also, please check the storage area and make it look neat. Again, take out anything that is not being used.

The Ladies will be checking the refrigerator periodically for food that is outdated and will toss them. If you want these items please take them home.

Thank you for your help!!

NEWS FOR OUR YOUTH

From Pastor Moldenhauer

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Everyone is welcome to celebrate Christmas in August. Wouldn't that be the perfect way to cool down? Everyone remembers the fun music from last year, the great actors and teachers and all the marketplace activities. Jerusalem was our education destination last year - and this year will be Bethlehem. We'll have the same music, the same decorations, and even more activities and age-appropriate education. We have some great volunteers already signed up - now we just need lots of kids who want to have fun starting Monday, August 7th at 6:15 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!

July-August schedule for Trinity Youth Group

Tuesday July 4 - Fireworks at Chaska Jonathan Square by Culvers and Home Depot meet at church to car pool up there.

Friday July 7 - Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest in theaters.

Wednesday July 12 - 10:00 a.m. Curious George at Marcus Cinema in Shakopee \$2.50

Sunday July 16 - BBQ Days fireworks - and COOKOUT at Andrew Peltz's meet there with food at 6:30.

Thursday, July 20 to 22 - Kalahari - Youth rally.

Sunday, July 30 - 7:00 p.m. meeting at church.

THURSDAY, August 3 - LOCK-IN

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, August 7-11, Monday-Friday, 6:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday August 12, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study meeting at church.

Wednesday August 16, 10:00 a.m. Monster House at Marcus Cinema, Shakopee. \$2.50.

Friday 18th, CONCERT TRIP to WINSTED MN (1 HOUR NORTH) Jars of Clay - all day music.

Sunday August 27, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study meeting at church.

Notable Quote!

If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.

Daniel Webster

Reflections About Service

Since this week is the 4th of July it seems appropriate to add this tidbit.

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

During the war of 1812, the British captured the city of Washington, setting fire to the Capitol building and the White House.

In the blaze of cannon fire, Francis Scott Key, a lawyer living in Georgetown, could still see an American flag waving over Fort McHenry. When the bombing suddenly stopped during that night he had no way of knowing if the flag was still there or if the American stronghold had fallen to the British. But at dawn the American flag became visible, still intact over the fort.

Key was inspired to write a poem. His brother-in-law took it to a printer and copies were circulated around the city.

“The Star-Spangled Banner” was adopted as our national anthem on March 3, 1931.

The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous
fight.

O’er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro’ the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

Oh, thus be it ever when freeman shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war’s desolation;
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: “In God is our Trust!”
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,
O’er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

More Reflections on Service

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When duty whispers low, “Thou must,”
The youth replies, “I can.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We do honor to the stars and stripes as the emblem of our country and the symbol of all that our patriotism means.

We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth. It represents our peace and security, our civil and political liberty, our freedom or religious worship, our family, our friends, our home. We see it in the great multitude of blessings, of rights and privileges that make up our country.

But when we look at our flag and behold it emblazoned with all our rights, we must remember that it is equally a symbol of our duties. Every glory that we associate with it is the result of duty done. A yearly contemplation of our flag strengthens and purifies the national conscience.

Calvin Coolidge

GOD’S YELLOW PAGES (Promises about)
Struggling through Heartache [Seeking Shelter in God]

Psalm9:9-10 Psalm17:8
Psalm138:5 Psalm113:7,9
Isaiah58:11 Psalm27:5

Waiting Patiently

Psalm130:6 Psalm4:8
James1:2-4 2 Corinthians6:16
James5:7-8 Joshua24:17

Finding Safety in God

Receiving God’s Comfort

Joshua1:9 Deuteronomy7:9
Psalm61:1 1 Corinthians1:9
Psalm86:3-4 Psalm89:2

God’s Faithfulness

Ladies’ Aid

The next Aid meeting will be July 13th at **9:30 a.m.** We will start our SUMMER SCHEDULE and have the meeting in the mornings.

Trinity will be giving a bingo party for the Hope Residence on August 7th. The standing committee will host the event.

The Hostess for July’s meeting is Evonne Otto
July 16, Coffee Hour Hostesses are Deb Malz, Leona M. Sellnow, Dorothy Mueller.

July 30, LWMS Coffee Hour Standing Committee Serves.

The July Standing Committee Co Chairwomen are Eileen Otto and Lois Wolters.

The rest of the Committee are:

Sandra Martin	Marshall McDonald	Allison Bauer
Deborah Erickson	Karen Bauer	Elaine Schroeder
Bree Olson	Roshell LeMay	Tina Storrs
Linda Erickson	Chrystal Moldenhauer	Julie Meuleners
Vicki Sieben	Cheryle Taylor	Arlene Wolpern

The August Standing Committee Co Chairman are, Peggy Schuette and Arlis Fahrenkamp.

PLEASE submit your article for the News Letter by July 30th. You can give the article to Luella Heitkamp or put it into our mail box at church or send by email to luellaheitkamp@unique-software.com Thank You!

Some Quotes from Leaders in America on Leadership

It is impossible rightly to govern the world without God and the Bible. *George Washington*

The foundation of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality, and the preeminence of free government will be exemplified by all the attributes which can win the affections of its citizens and command the respect of the world. *George Washington*

The Bible is the rock on which our republic rests. *Andrew Jackson*

The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country. *Calvin Coolidge*

The more profoundly we study this wonderful Book and the more closely we observe its divine precepts, the better citizens we will become and the higher will be the destiny of our nation.

William McKinley