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Other opportunities to be in God's Word

Tuesday Morning

Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

This group has been using the magazine "Good News", which is published by Concordia Mission Society. The editor is the former LHM speaker Wallace Schultz.

There are several editions available in the pastor's study/office for anyone who would like to review a topic or use one for a personal Bible study.

Wednesday morning

Ladies Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.

Learn to accept God's abundant grace and extend it to others as you explore the sufficiency of God's grace expressed in several important Bible passages. Magnificent Grace invites you into a deeper relationship with God as you face your imperfections, knowing that God's provision is greater than your shortcomings. Wire-bound Hardcover. Contact Kristin Myher if you would like a study guide.

If evenings are better, join us at the **Cottage Meetings** the last Friday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted at a members home. February will be hosted by Faith Kukuk's.

Pastor Snider's Sunday Adult Bible Study will be stepping us through the book of Isaiah. Join us for this insightful study of this important work of this prophet.

We hope to see all of you at one or more of these Bible Studies.

Christian Education News

Tell It on the Mountain

Where Jesus Christ Is Lord

38 Days left until VBS!! This year we will "Tell It on The Mountain" at Vacation Bible School. We will explore 5 great Bible stories that all take place on top of mountains! Mark your calendars for July 8th-12th. It's a VBS Knot2b4gotn. Our next planning meeting is June 4th at 7:00 pm. Please plan to come if you'd like to help with VBS. It pretty much takes all of Trinity to pull VBS off so please let me know how you'd like to help! You don't even need to be available that week. I still need these positions filled. Please let me know if you can help in these areas.

- Snack helper
- Decoration team
- Bible Challenge Leader back-up
- Photographer
- Teen helpers for games, pre-school, grades 1-3, and grades 4-6
- Craft Co-leader



Also, since our theme is "Tell it on The Mountain" we will be decorating our church to look like a mountain top. This is what we need still:

- Drop cloths, large neutral colored sheets or large pieces of canvas to make mountains.
- Large blue fabric to make a river
- Small artificial Christmas trees
- Artificial rocks (like the plastic ones used for decorations outside)

The board of Education had our quarterly meeting on April 15th. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 15th at 7:00 pm. Please plan to come if you have any ideas or input for us. We'd really appreciate your thoughts.

Don't miss the cottage meeting Friday, June 28th at 7:00 pm hosted by --- Faith Kukuk.

A very special and HUGE thank you to all the Sunday School teachers from the 2012-2013 school year. If your child attends Sunday School, please make sure you say thanks to these teachers for their hard work all year!

- High School: Mike Myher
- 4th-6th Grade: Sharon Meyer and Doni Polenz
- 1st-3rd Grade: Patricia R and Cheryl Polenz
- Pre-School: Elizabeth Eppler
- Substitutes: Lynda Minger, Deb Dugan, Barb Yek, Kristin Myher

In Christ,
Elizabeth Eppler



Pastor's Page

We are a gift to each other

By Pastor Snider

We who believe that Christ died and rose from the dead receive many blessings from our Lord, Savior and God. It is a package deal that includes added blessings from our Father in heaven. One of the greatest gifts is the blessing that we are to each other. Each of us through our Lord is a little bit of Jesus. That

makes it very easy for us to reach out to others with our abundant gifts. We do have a responsibility to manage the blessings we receive from our Lord Jesus. Some might encourage you to be good stewards of these gifts by distributing them among others in your family, congregation and community. Caring for one another and for those whom God made is a gift we receive and costs nothing to pass along to others. How would you feel if you received a kind word? How would you know some one cares for you if they didn't say anything as you struggle with your thoughts or feelings? Caring might include acts of kindness but can very well be simply telling a friend or neighbor that you feel good when they are happy and sad when you know they are sad.

Sharing what we have been given by God in the way of blessings is a very common method of reaching out to others. There are many other sharing events that take place in our congregation and community. We traditionally share our food with those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. A recent fundraiser is an example of sharing what we have

with those in need. We can share the words, which Christ spoke and are recorded for us to read in the Bible with those who have not heard. Sharing what we have includes sharing the promise for salvation. Each of these different opportunities to reach out to others is a way of being a blessing to them because God the Father has blessed you.

Giving is typically the act of sharing our money. Through the combined efforts of the congregation and synod we give money to various mission and support groups in a very organized way. This is a practice which first allows for a larger amount of money

available to large projects and secondly we combine the money from those less blessed and the more blessed to make the work of our Lord a common practice for all. We all recognize that we are one of God's creatures and that giving to one of us is like giving to another but often we satisfy our needs and then give what is left over. This is not the plan Jesus talks about as He teaches us through the Gospels. The first fruits belong to the Lord and we are given the freedom to give to those we see have a need to receive blessings from our Lord.

Loving may be the most difficult of the blessings to describe and also the most difficult to manage. As we look around we compare our love with others and we keep it as if it were a limited commodity. Scripture teaches us that it is increased like faith through handing it out to God's creatures. This is one of those things, which we are to be careful not to hide in our yard or field. This love is to be heaped on others even when we have no other blessings we are reminded that God so loved us ... As we live a life filled with blessings we most cer-

tainly have been loved. Often loving is hard to do because of jealousy of others blessings or because we hold a grudge. Jesus loved us and did not hold it against anyone that He was killed for our sins. He continued to love those who abused and mocked Him.

Believers, who possess Christ's righteousness and feel His love in their hearts, will, like the apostles, constantly want to grow in their knowledge of Him. They will want to experience His love ever more deeply and respond to that love with lives of loving service to Jesus. Caring, sharing, giving and loving are part of our responsibility as stewards of all the blessings God gives to us each day. These blessings increase as we grow closer to God the Father and God the Son by letting God the Holy Spirit reach us through increased scripture reading and study. Grow and Glow through His word!

"Sharing what we have includes sharing the promise for salvation."

Retreats and Camping Opportunities

Don't forget to check out the schedule for Camp Arcadia on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and see if anything fits your vacation time frame. Lots of great stuff coming up.

June 10-16 Alpha Teen Retreat for teens going into 9th and 10th grade

June 16-22 Omega Teen Retreat for teens going into 10th, 11th, and 12th grade

June 22 starts family week until **August 24th** which is the Lutherhostel



June 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/ Comm. PICNIC	Acolyte: 6/9 Matthew Frazzini 6/9 Cassandra Gulowski 6/16 Kyle Ryczewski 6/23 Kenny Minger	4 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity 7:00 VBS Planning Meeting	5 10:30 Bible Study @ Trinity	6 7:00 Posse	7	1 7:00 am Men's Group
9 8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 Worship	3 7:00 Trustees	11 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity	12 10:30 Bible Study @ Trinity	13 7:00 Elders	14	8 9:00 am-Noon Understanding Visitors Workshop
16 8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/ Comm.	17	18 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity	19 10:30 Bible Study @ Trinity	20 7:00 Council	21	22
23 8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 Worship	24	25 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity	26 10:30 Bible Study @ Trinity	27 LWML Convention 27-30 No Stewardship	28 7:00 Cottage Meeting @ Kukuk's	29
30 8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 Youth Service						

Capital Stewardship Campaign

Trinity has enlisted the services of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to assist us in making the expansion of our facilities a reality. We have been assigned representative Rev. Don Sandmann who lives in Fort Wayne Indiana. He has been working with the leadership team to help us prepare to inform each of you with the spiritual approach to why we gather funds in this place so that the planned expansion can take place.

On May 11 Rev. Sandmann led a training session here at Trinity to help the team enlist the assistance of many of you and the meeting was well attended with a vision looking forward to the actual Capital Campaign to begin with a follow-up training session to take place on September 14. Following that meeting all the members of Trinity will be invited to participate with their time and special talents in this campaign to raise the capital to build the addition to our current facilities. Your involvement is intended to cover the scope of Stewardship and will benefit the Lord's work here in this place.

Leadership team for CSC.

Anniversary wishes go out to:

- Michael and (Gail) Fansler 6/2
- Jon and Allison Corcoran 6/3
- Jeffrey and Doni Polenz 6/10
- Mark and Sharon Meyer 6/16
- Gregory and Bridgit Buurma 6/26

Colossians 3:14

And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.



Happy Birthday!!

A very Happy Birthday from the members of Trinity Lutheran Church:

- Catherine Dugan 6/3
- Barbara Schultz 6/3
- Randi Hollister 6/4
- Joslyn Polenz 6/4
- Rachael Polenz 6/4

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| Timothy Friebe 6/5 | Michael Engel 6/17 |
| Bonnie Campbell 6/7 | James Harmon 6/18 |
| Harold Hollister 6/7 | Jimmy Polenz 6/20 |
| Gregory Eppler 6/9 | Mike Rydzewski 6/21 |
| Barbara Wenzel 6/10 | Deb Dugan 6/22 |
| Lorena Luckhardt 6/13 | Stacy Dugan 6/28 |
| *Amanda Churches 6/17 | Alexis Eldred 6/30 |
| *Lee Clacher 6/17 | |

Ecclesiastes 11:8

However many years a man may live, let him enjoy

Prayer List

Praise and thanksgiving

Gracious God and Father, we humbly magnify the wisdom of your ways and in childlike trust commit ourselves to Your fatherly guidance. Uphold us, we pray You by Your right hand, guide us with Your counsel, and receive us at last into glory. We pray for those among us who are in special need of your guidance and healing:

- Continued healing strength for Pastor Snider
- For John and Diane Menning continue to give them comfort, peace and strength.
- Georgia Rydzewski --strength and health
- June Yek, strength and healing for continued health problems
- Carolyn Benkovsky and Lee Clacher -- strength and healing
- Betty Jean Sigro and Cathie Snider relief from pain
- Richard Parks, Kenny Cadle, Terry Kaczmarek, and Jack White in their battles with cancer
- For the soldiers overseas who are still protecting freedoms, our own and others in the world: Matt Hall
- in Korea, Tyler Martin, Ken Alton and Anthony Chapman who are serving in Afghanistan. Keep Brandon Snider and family safe in their move back to the US.
- Guidance and strength of faith and strength of spirit for the members of our congregation to help Trinity to send out the message of Christ.
- Pray for our Missionaries in other countries that they remain safe in Your care as they spread Your Word

Posse Posts

Seven of us ladies will be going to the 35th Biennial LWML National Convention in Pittsburgh later this month, June 27- 30th.

We are so excited, as for most of us this will be our first time going to a National Convention. Our theme "Quenched by the Water" will help us focus on what Jesus said in John 4:14 ". . . But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life"

Please pray for us for safe travels and that we will be inspired by God's word through bible studies and speakers and worship services .

2013 PITTSBURGH CONVENTION

Date: June 27-30, 2013

Location: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Theme: "Quenched! by the Water"

Scripture Verse: [Jesus said:] "... but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).



More News!! from Christian Ed.

Summer Sunday school has started! This is a really fun time for our kids as we all learn together and have a more relaxed Sunday School program. Would you be willing to teach a day this summer? There is a sign-up sheet on the board. The lesson plan and materials are provided, we just need willing volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who provided the supplies that our Sunday School needed! We really appreciate it!

At every convention we have an in-gathering of gifts from the heart. Items being asked for are:

- blankets of all sizes including baby and children
- wipes and disposable diapers (sizes preemie, newborn, 3 and 4)
- **Kits** (pack in clear plastic zip lock bag and in original packaging)
 - Baby kit:**
 - receiving blankets,
 - premie/newborn sleepers,
 - onesies, outfits
 - Child's Christian storybook
 - **Men's Kit:**
 - men's boxers and T-shirts (L-XXL) ,
 - men's socks
 - Christian Tract Or Bible verse.
 - **Bath Kit:**
 - bath towel and washcloth,
 - full size toothpaste and toothbrush,

Bath/bar
Soap
Deodorant
Christian tract or Bible verse

Devotional Kit:

Bible (NIV or ESV preferred)
Devotional, journal and pen

We will have a box in the narthex for anyone who would like to bring in some of these items for us to take with us.

Also, some of us will be participating in the Mission Pledge Walk on Friday the 28th. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to witness in the Pittsburgh community. We will be asking if anyone wants to pledge for us. The money we raise will go towards Mites for our mission work in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the LWML.

WORKSHOP AT TRINITY:

As we prepare our building to better serve spreading the gospel to our community, we also need to prepare for receiving our community. Please join the Boards of Evangelism and Stewardship as we explore "Understanding Your Visitors" with evangelism advisor, Bob Meinert. The workshop is open to ALL of Trinity. It will take place on Saturday, June 8th, from 9 AM – Noon. Topics will include but are not limited to: Think Like a Guest, The Guest Perception, Six Hints for Welcoming Guests, Visitor Likes and Dislikes, and Why Visitors Don't Come Back. A light breakfast will be served. We are all on Trinity's evangelism team. Please take advantage of this opportunity to, "Gather with Christ and Grow Where We've Been Planted." Please contact Kristin Myher at kristin.myher@gmail.com or 734-717-8763 if you are able to attend.

For the month of June our Sunday School kids and adults will be collecting offering towards making baby kits for the LWML convention in Pittsburgh. Each kit includes:

- Receiving blankets
- Sleepers – preemie/newborn
- Onesies – preemie/newborn
- Outfits – preemie/newborn
- Child's Christian storybook

We'll then pack up each kit in a Ziploc bag and send them with our LWML delegates.



Stewardship/Charitable Giving

We as humans are always looking for opportunities; opportunities to save a little money, get a better job, even win the lotto. But some of the best opportunities for us are when a disaster strikes. "Seriously, she just said that?" When you watch the news and see all the disasters and the things that go on in this world, do you find yourself saying "I wish I could help?"

If so, lcms.org has a way to do just that. On their website, they have the means to send donations or accept volunteers to help in times of trouble. The opportunity for *you* is the opportunity to grow spiritually, helping the Lutheran church to reach out and prove that God *sends* help in times of need, that there *are* people that still care and that Angels don't always come with wings. Most of all, proving there is still HOPE no matter what we see in the paper, or on the news.

As of this writing, the Texas fertilizer explosion is the current focus but I expect that Oklahoma tornado to also be added soon.

Page-o'-Blessings

This is a page that recognizes persons of our congregation who have "blessed" Trinity with their actions. If there is someone you would like to recognize for the blessings they've shown, please print their name and the "blessing" on the slip of paper and put it in the envelope provided on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We have so many blessings around us that we can thank God for.

Blessing:

THE NEW LAYER ON THE DRIVE

Blessing:

Everyone who took part in Arranging the flowers on the altar for Easter and Pentecost and Barb Yek for coordinating purchase and pickup

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