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*Calling the Twelve to him, Jesus sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave as a testimony against them.” They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them. **Mark 6:7-13***

Jesus knows what distracts you.

It is easy to get completely focused on making money. You end up looking at everything in view of how much money you might get out of it, or how much you might lose.

It is easy to be preoccupied with how you look and what you wear. You begin to judge other people on how much attention they pay to their own looks, and on whether their taste agrees with yours.

Since you generally eat more than once a day, it's easy to become such a foodie that you don't think about much else. Your diet becomes your main focus of the day.

When Jesus sent out his disciples, he knew that they could easily be distracted by money, or clothes, or food. Money and clothes and food are all gifts of God, but they are not meant to become the focus of our lives.

Instead, Jesus invites his disciples to make something else the focus of life: repentance and faith in him for the forgiveness of sins. That's what he called the Twelve to speak about. When that is your main focus, you are better prepared to speak about Jesus to people and respond appropriately to their reactions to his message.

Jesus invites us to seek first his kingdom, and the righteousness that is ours through faith in him, keeping in mind that he will provide money and clothes and food as well. In Jesus, you have all that you need.

Prayer: Jesus, you are my everlasting all; to you I look; to you I call. I trust that you will supply my need; you are my peace and strength indeed. Amen.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES: 9:45 AM

Bible Study – in the Parish Hall. Pastor Starr on 1 Peter “Hope”

Youth Sunday Bible Class – will resume in the fall

Sunday School – rooms 11/12 and 7; **Jr Youth** – room 4

Wednesdays in the Word will resume in the fall.

Summer VBS – ‘Camp Discovery’ – I wish to thank the many people who made this year's Vacation Bible School a reality. Because of your generosity, we had able workers, tasty treats, fun crafts, and most importantly, the chance to share our wonderful Savior with over 65 children. God's blessing to you all! Nancy Kleinke, director.

SCAT (Seniors) – Our next meeting will be in the fall.

Tech Needed – for the 1st Sunday, 11 am service to run Media Shout. Very easy to do. Teens are welcome to give it a try. Contact church office for more info or to see how it is done.

Jesus Cares Ministry – This ministry geared towards those with special needs. Pastor Gaertner conducted “Worship at the Cross” service. BALM is hoping to start this ministry in our area. If you know of someone with special needs, please feel contact the church office.

Mission Festival – August 2nd. Mission Elder Al Ferrio has scheduled Pastor Pheng Moua, a Hmong pastor at Immanuel Hmong, St. Paul, MN to speak at Trinity for the Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am services and to also be available for questions at the Bible class. Please make plan to come and listen to Pastor Moua and welcome him with encouragement for this special ministry to the Hmong people. A special free-will be collected for this ministry.

WELS Business Directory – sponsored by BALM is available on the table at the back of church. These businesses are either owned or operated by area WELS members. More directories will be available soon.



Teacher Assistant

SPECIAL FUND OFFERING for August is to help pay for a part-time **TEACHER ASSISTANT** for our LES. As some congregations are faced with the sad task of down-sizing or closing their Lutheran Elementary School, by God's great grace, Trinity is experiencing growth, especially in our lower grades at this time. Some of our lower-grade classrooms are approaching 25 students. Because of this blessing, we may need to seek a teacher assistant who could help the classroom teacher, especially with those students who might need a little extra attention. This is so important as children are learning to read. A student who reads well will always have an academic advantage in any subject over a student who struggles to read. Your

generous gifts to this fund will help us pay for a position that is not in the budget as we strive to offer an excellent education to every student in Trinity Lutheran Elementary School.

SCHOOL PACKETS – Packets for the 2015-2016 school year will be available for parents to pick up in the Parish Hall on Sundays August 2 and August 9. Parents please be sure to pick up your packet to save mailing costs.

Meditations – The cost of producing the Meditations book has gone up. Therefore we will have to charge more for them. The new cost is \$3.50 for each book. The next series will arrive soon.

CHURCH MAILBOXES – Although many of you receive the Messenger via email, you should check your church mailbox frequently. Many members include cards, invitations as well as other church mail that is not sent out email. You may miss out on something important.

****Mailbox Reminder: your church mail is in the box above your name.

Girl's Basketball Summer Workouts – current & former Trinity girl players at the gym on August 30 from 6-8 pm. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information

Updated Directory – Phone Numbers/Addresses –The plan is to have an updated directory available by the end of summer. There is a form at the end of the Messenger or extra forms are on the table at the back of church. If there is a change in your address or phone number, please fill out a form and drop it in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report: We do not publish it in the *Messenger* because of the cost of paper. However, one will be provided via your church mailbox if you contact the church office.

Member Hospitalization - When a loved one goes into the hospital, please have a family member contact the church and let us know. One of the pastors will make a visit.

Membership/Pastoral Activity

Wedding: Jacob Klein and Alaxandria Fonzi

Funerals: Lola Strieter

Releases: Brandon Jacobs & child, Brady Jacobs, Joel Muetzel

ATTENDANCE	Early	Late	Mon.	Total
June 21	136	143	48	327
June 28	105	161	41	307
July 5	85	134	61	280
July 12	120	174	30	324
July 19	95	127	55	277

Schedules Usher

Aug 2	Team #1	Team #2
Aug 9	Team #3	Team #4
Aug 16	Team #5	Team #6
Aug 23	Team #7	Team #8
Aug 30	Team #11	Team #12

Technicians

S. Heinz	Needed
A. Ferrio	R. Fawcett
J. Arrowsmith	M. Garwick
S. Scott	D. Bula
J. Arrowsmith	M. Garwick

Mon. Aug 3	Dick Behrens	Carol Festerling & Rollin Fawcett
Mon. Aug 10	George Hausmann	
Mon. Aug 17	Barry Schmidt	
Mon. Aug 24	Barry Schmidt	
Mon. Aug 31	George Hausmann	

Greeters

Aug 2	Lois Peters, Nancy Pockrandt	Carol Florida, Mark & Jennifer Hayes
Aug 9	Vicki & Alana Heinz, Marion Bedard	Heidi Schlosser, Deb Bula
Aug 16	Crystal Reisig, Charlotte Alcorn	Bill & Lori Ware
Aug 23	Ginger Behmlander, Helga Jenkins	Heather Ward
Aug 30	Jim & Sue Patchett	Shirley Schmidt, Barb McCray, Mary Boks

Mon. Aug 3	Cheryl Allman
Mon. Aug 10	NONE
Mon. Aug 17	Chris Greenleaf
Mon. Aug 24	NONE
Mon. Aug 31	NONE

Gifts & Memorials

In memory of Mike Florida from family and friends --- \$50 for the General Fund
In memory of Beatrice Schulz from Bob & Darlene Schulz --- \$50 for the General Fund
In memory of Ron Miller's birthday from wife Betty --- \$300 for the Anniversary Fund – floor
In memory of Lola Strieter from family & friends ---\$655 for the General Fund; \$20 for the Altar Guild
In celebration of their 60th anniversary from Lloyd & Loretta Kramer --- \$600 for the General Fund

End of June, 2015 Fund Balances

General: \$ -6,639 Missions: \$22,609 (yr) Building: \$87,974

Reports

Pastor's Report – Pastor Richard Starr

TASKS ACCOMPLISHED BY GOD'S GRACE

1. Worship service and sermon preparation with delivery on Sunday and Monday at Trinity as well as Colonnades and Sheffield Bay. Began offering services at Bay Medical Facility in July.
2. Prepared and am teaching The Sunday morning Bible class on 1 Peter under the theme of Hope.
3. Conducted a pre-marriage class on Saturday, June 27, with two couples getting married at Trinity.
4. Started a new Bible Information Class (BIC) with 11 people in attendance, 9 are non-members and 4 of them came through our Preschool and Childcare ministries.
5. Assisted our Festival of Friendship on June 28 at Roosevelt Park.
6. Set bell schedule for the summer and designed bulletin covers for July and August.
7. Assisted with the interview process for our new church office manager position.
8. Continued work on planning the next Men Alive! event, Saturday, February 20, 2016. There is a blog and book reviews for Christian men on the website: www.menalivebalm.org
9. Completed my recommendations for my first congregation as a consultant with the WELS Commission on Congregational Counseling.
10. Set up shut-in schedule for July.
11. Conducted staff meetings with Pastor Pankow and Principal Haefner on a regular basis.
12. Counseled with several members and non-members, giving guidance from God's Word.
13. Kept in contact with my two mentees: pastors in Clare and Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

TASKS PLANNED FOR NEXT MONTH ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

1. Continue preparing worship services, preaching, and leading Sunday Bible class.
2. Continue work with Resurrection Lutheran Church, Maumee, OH, as a consultant for the WELS Commission on Congregational Counseling.
3. Investigate the possibility of Trinity participating in the WELS CCC program.
4. Conduct worship services at Sheffield Bay, Colonnades, and Bay Medical Facility.
5. Assist as a volunteer for the WELS Convention at MLS.
6. Begin work on presentation for WELS MI District SE Conference in the fall of this year.
7. Continue counseling with several people who need help from God's Word.
8. Continue to contact Trinity members who are out of our area or state and encourage them to transfer or request a release since we cannot serve their spiritual needs.
9. Enjoy some time away with my family in early July—a week in Indian River and a week in Munising, kayaking in Lake Superior along the Pictured Rocks shoreline.

TASKS ACCOMPLISHED BY GOD'S GRACE

Pastor's Report – Pastor Pankow

Within the past month I have . . .

- held daily devotions and prayer
- sermon prep and delivery on Sunday
- conducted Sunday morning Bible studies in Pastor Starr's absence
- retention committee - sent out several mailings
- nursing home services at Colonnades and Sheffield and Bay Care
- counseling
- conducted devotions for Soccer Bible Camp - beautiful weather all week - Mike Priebe prepped a nice devotion flyer for me to use
- went to Summer School for intensive Hebrew in June and survived - enjoyed the State Park
- Did shut ins in July
- hospital visits
- conducted Jacob Klein's wedding
- preached for outdoor worship service
- started new BIC on Wednesday nights at 6:30
- started planning for Young Women class and Singles Group
- Collected money and lined up children for Cedar Point Trip - drove Pastor Lindke to and from rental place
- attended bookstore meeting

On the personal front -

- witnessed first fireworks in Bay City at the Doubletree

- it was **great** to get away for a week to do continued education in New Ulm
- Rylee took her driver's license test today
- our dining room is finally done
- younger three are in Kansas for a few weeks - I will be heading there tomorrow or Wednesday - not looking forward to the brutal drive
- received final two of four fillings
- Sophie had bulging disk but seems to be doing better
- still very thankful for new insurance!

School Report: Mr. Phil Haefner, Principal

Child Care:

We have 45 students enrolled in the summer child care camp. This does not include the children of the child care workers.

The transition from Melissa to Shannon has been made very nicely. Shannon is at school every day working hard with the child care staff keeping everything running smoothly.

The students have been active this summer with activities and trips.

The child care staff will be attending CPR training as well as another workshop this fall.

Pre-School:

There are currently 9 student enrolled for the 3 year old class and 15 for the 4 year old class. We continue to get inquiries throughout the summer. Remember, the best advertising is word of mouth. Tell your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors about Trinity!

Melissa and Shannon are working together on some advertising projects. You should see some new signs and banners up at school soon.

Melissa and Lisa will be attending a conference at SVSU this fall.

Day School:

K-8 Enrollment looks like it will be around 87. This is just about even with last year. Staying even is great news because we graduated 10 last year and we didn't have a decline. We have a few small classes moving through on the upper end, but Mrs. Owen has had classes of over 20 the last three years and once those classes continue to move through, we should see the K-8 enrollment approach 100.

All of your teachers have been busy in some way at school this summer. Between classroom preparation, soccer camp, VBS, classes, workshops, and summer tutoring, your faculty and staff is working hard.

We will be conducting our self-study for re-accreditation this fall and winter. We need a lot of helpers to be a part of the various committees to help examine our programs and gather information. Anyone can help. Please contact Mr. Haefner if you are able to be a part of the self-study.

Summer Programs:

Soccer Camp: We had 72 children at soccer camp. We were assisted in some way by 25 volunteers. We had very nice weather. We look forward to hosting camp at the school next year. Please see Mr. Haefner if you are able to help with soccer camp next year.

VBS: We have an average attendance of 65 students. We were assisted by 25 volunteers. We had an enjoyable week with the children teaching them about Jesus as their savior. Please contact Mrs. Kleinke If you are able to help with VBS next year.

As you can see Trinity is a very busy place even in the summer. We thank you for your support with your time, talents, and treasures. With God's blessing, we are looking forward to the new school year that is quickly approaching. God has blessed us richly. Praise the Lord!

Trinity Lutheran Preschool/Child Care Report: Mrs Melissa Borchardt

Preschool:

- Our school theme for the 2015-2016 school year is from Psalm 139:14, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." We will incorporate this in our daily lessons, display it on our school walls, and celebrate that we are part of God's family, created by Him to praise and serve.
- Our school mission offerings will be collected for Jesus Cares Ministries. JCM assists congregations in reaching out to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and communities. Nationwide, JCM programs encourage Bible studies, worship and fellowship opportunities.
- I currently have 9 students registered for 3 year old preschool in the fall and 15 students registered for 4 year old preschool. (12 students for the 4 yr. old A.M. session and 3 for the P.M. session.) As in yrs.

past, we will receive more inquiries throughout the summer months. At max, I can have 14 students within our 3 yr. old program and 16 students within our 4 yr. old A.M. program.

- Information packets (including state licensing forms for student files) will be sent out by Friday, July 17th to all new Preschool families and informational letters will be sent to those families who are returning. In this letter it will include information regarding the school supply list, Preschool calendar, home visit information, Preschool orientation date, etc.
- Parent orientation for both Preschool programs will be on Monday, August 31st at 6 P.M. This is a very informative night for all families to attend!
- The 3 year old Preschool program begins on Wednesday, September 8th, 2015. The 4 year old Preschool program will begin on Wednesday, September 9th.
- Using some money from the outreach/advertising budget, I was able to purchase business cards and two banners that will be put on the school's brick wall near Stanton Street and on the fence-line along Broadway. Shannon Scott and I will use the business cards for various occasions and the banners will help highlight the Preschool and Child Care ministries, ages of enrolled children, Pre-8th grades at Trinity, as well as our phone number. Hopefully these visuals will be eye-catching for others to see that Trinity also has a preschool and Child Care Center on site. Currently, we don't have many visuals on our school campus that tell us of these things.
- I will be attending a PELS (Promotion of Early Learning Success) conference at SVSU with the Child Care staff and Mrs. Warren on August 11th.
- Bay City's National Night Out Against Crime will be held on August 4th. Trinity will have a table set up at the Bay County Child and Senior Center on Fremont Street. This is a great opportunity for us to have information about our Preschool and Child Care Center on display for people to pick up at this event.

I hope everyone is having a great summer! Please continue talking about our awesome school and amazing programs! Thank you for all of your help and support!



Once again this year, Trinity will be participating in the **National Night Out** event on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. We will again be offering a refreshment station at which we will hand out cold beverages and materials about our church, school, bookstore, and other ministries. This is an opportunity to meet

and talk about Jesus with our church, school, and bookstore neighbors. The event for the Southend is held at the Senior & Child Development Center, 1001 Marsac St. at Fremont. The theme for this year is "Tiger Baseball." There are free refreshments, popcorn, and hot dogs. The outdoor movie will be *Planes, Fire, and Rescue*. If you would like to help us at our refreshment station, please let Pastor Starr know. You may email him at revrdstarr@yahoo.com. You may call or text him at 989.450.1708.

Set up time begins at 4:15 pm. The event starts at 5 pm. Please consider helping out to reach our community with information about our church, school and ministry at Trinity.

Directory Information

Family name: _____

Family members: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ cell: _____

Email: _____ published: Y N

Do you need a directory: Y N

Please put in box on table in Narthex