

**EMAIL: Messenger** – you can contact the church office anytime to have the *Messenger* emailed to you! Thank you to all who have signed up for the Messenger via email. But please remember to check your church mailbox frequently. Other mail is distributed through that means.

**WEBSITE: Calendar** - The church and school events are printed together on one calendar. This calendar is now available on our website: [www.trinitybaycity.org](http://www.trinitybaycity.org)

**From: WELS Evangelism Devotion Service: Daily Devotions**

You can receive a WELS daily devotion in your email by going to [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net), clicking on the faith link, then the devotions link, and then the daily devotions link.

**Amazing Grace Bookstore:** phone number 894-5536. Hours: M, T, W, F, Sat: 10 – 5; Thurs: 12 – 7.

**Sunday School** – We meet on Sundays, from 9:45 – 10:45 am.

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## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

When we finish our current class on *Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges* sometime in September, we'll begin a new study called *Families under God*. This truly Bible-based study is designed to get Christians thinking about home life. Each practical lesson encourages grandparents, parents, children, and extended families to grow together in God's Word, stressing the importance of serving the Lord in our families by showing love to one another and making choices that bring glory to God. Join Pastor and Laurie Starr for this exciting course in which some of the lessons are for men and some for women. The Sunday Morning Bible Class is taught in the Parish Hall from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.



## Families under God



The next *Wednesdays in the Word* Bible class will begin on September 8, at 10 a.m. and repeated at 7 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The topic is *The Fruit of the Spirit*. The fruit of the Spirit is not an optional part of Christian life. As a tree cannot help but bear fruit, so a Christian, planted by God in Christ, will also bear fruit. Christians bear fruit in all areas of their lives. In this practical and deeply-rooted biblical

study with Pastor Starr, we will focus on how we do this especially in our family life. There will also be take-home devotional materials that directly parallel the lessons and can be used as the Bible study is being taught.

**Office Hours** –Regular will return in September: Mon – Thurs: 8 am – 4 pm; Fri: 8 am – 12 noon.

**Secular Holiday Worship Services – No** Monday night service after Labor Day.

**Blood Pressure Clinic** – Parish Nurse Linda French will conduct a blood pressure clinic after services on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Stop by and have your blood pressure taken for FREE.

**Financial Peace University Offered for a Third Time! - Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall**  
*Financial Peace University* (FPU) is a life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. More than 1 million families have attended FPU with amazing results. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever! On average, an FPU student pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in just 90 days. Financial stress is reduced. Couples begin to communicate about money priorities, goals and more. FPU strengthens members on how to handle their finances, enabling them to live like they never lived before. Imagine how grand life would be if you were debt free. Keep in mind this 13 week program would make a great Christmas, wedding, highschool/college graduation or birthday gift. Please address all checks to Shannon Schwanbeck. The cost of \$99.00 is for one family unit. For this price you will receive a box of materials, which will include your workbook, envelope system, audio CD's, and other helpful materials. **The starting date for the first class will be on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 P.M. Babysitting service can be provided if you need it. The class will run every Thursday night for 13 weeks, skipping Thanksgiving.** For more information, please contact Pastor Mark Schulz @ 892-5435 or Shannon Schwanbeck @ 893-1322

**Choir** – We will begin rehearsing our praises on Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 7-8 pm in the Nave of the Church. We will be singing at many of the special anniversary services throughout the year. Even if you are planning to be gone during certain times of the year, we invite you to join us for the Sundays you are in town. It's also easier for us to learn music when more voices are present! I look forward to seeing you Tuesday evenings!

**Handbells** – Our handbell group will come circle to ring our bells again in September. Last year's highlight was the trip to the Regional Handbell Festival in St. Joseph, MI. The Festival this next year will be at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, WI; it is a national festival this next year. We will be preparing for that along with edifying our worship services at Trinity. Rehearsals are tentatively set for Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. This may change (and will change after football season) as we assemble the ringers. If you are interested, give Mr. Yerks a call at church. Being able to read music is a plus; being able to count is a necessity.

**Special Church Cleaning** – It has been a long standing tradition that the church gets a major cleaning at one time. Last year it wasn't done because the stained glass windows were being worked on. Our custodian was able to get everything done by December. However, we thought it would be nice to start our anniversary year by helping her one time. The date is THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>. We will start around 4:30 and take a break for supper. If we get a large group of volunteers it should be done in a few hours. Men and women are welcome to join us. Just bring a bucket & sack lunch for supper. All other supplies will be provided. Please come and help as long as you can.

**Seniors (SCAT):** Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

**Youth Group September Activities** – September 1: travel to MLS to watch a JV football game. We leave church at 5:30 pm on the school bus. Cost is \$6 which includes dinner and ticket.

September 19: Best B all Golf Outing. Meet at church at 2 pm. Cost is \$10, includes golf, snacks and prizes. Bring a friend. Discussion on *“When I Lose My Temper.”*



Tickets for the kick-off dinner (Picnic & Pig Roast) September 12 at the LFA Hall are going quickly. **The deadline for getting tickets is August 30<sup>th</sup>.** Be sure to them after service, at the church office, and the Amazing Grace Bookstore. Information can be found by the poster in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Hintz at 684-8552.

If you have pictures or other items, please mark them with dates (if you know them) your name and drop them off to the church office.

**Worship service for the 12<sup>th</sup> will be at the LFA Hall at 11 am. No service at church Sunday. Monday will be the same as usual.**

Bring your baseball glove. A home-run derby and co-ed softball game will take place.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – Trinity will be celebration Mrs. Nancy Kleinke's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the teaching ministry on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> with a special service at 11 am and dinner following. Sam Kleinke will be playing the organ that Sunday. Details regarding the dinner will be coming soon.

**Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chorale** – First practice will take place on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8 pm in the choir room at MLS. Mr. Phil Eich (St. John's, Bay City) is the choir director. We will be preparing for a Christmas concert. Anyone who loves to sing is invited to join this choir. We especially need tenors. Come on the 19<sup>th</sup> and check it out.

**Thank You** – I would like to express my deep appreciation to all those who so kindly remembered me during my recent by-pass surgery and now as I work through a very slow recovery. Your thoughtfulness and words of encouragement, telephone calls, card, visits, and especially your prayers, have meant very much to me. My God bless all of you for your loving concern. Ruth Birsching.

**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**

**Baptism:** Gavin Darling, Tammy Schulz (adult), Madison Klass, David Zissler

**Adult Confirmation:** Scott Wagner, Tammy Schulz, Gerald Ricker, Tammi Ricker, Mallory Liss,

Kirk Urban

**Transfer in:** Susan Ott from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Saginaw

**Transfer out:** Randy & Kim Cochran to King of Kings Lutheran Church, Maitland, FL

**Wedding:** Matthew Mueller & Shannon McIver

**Gifts & Memorials:**

In memory of Cortland Hayes from godparents Ed & Julie Bender --- \$25 for the LES Tuition program

In memory of Anna Tuttle's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday from daughter Lorraine Young --- \$100 for General Fund

In memory of Gail Milliman from Mary & Larry Edinger --- \$20 for the General Fund

In memory of Edna Lipp from family & friends --- \$25 for the Anniversary Fund, \$115 for the LES Tuition program, \$ 300 for the General Fund

In memory of Herb & Virginia Sommerfield from Bonnie Spaulding --- \$175 for the Anniversary Fund

**Communicants: 685**

**Souls: 858**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	Early	Late	Mon.	Total
July 25	120	138	52	310
August 1	129	152	80	361
August 8	125	138	68	331
August 15	115	154	49	318
August 22	119	166	70	355

**Schedules Usher**

Sept 5	Team #1	Team #2
Sept 12	Team #3	Team #4 @ LFA
Sept 19	Team #5	Team #6
Sept 26	Team #7	Team #8

**Technicians**

S. Heinz	C. French
J. Arrowsmith	P. Kolb
K. Baeckl	D. Bula

Mon. Sept 6	NO Service
Mon. Sept 13	George Hausmann
Mon. Sept 20	Earl Jacobs/Everett Jacobs
Mon. Sept 27	Dustin Gwizdala

H. Howard
C. Festerling
C. Festerling

**Greeters**

Sept 5	Crystal Reisig, Charlotte Alcorn	Matt & Julie Stefaniak
Sept 12 @LFA	Dan & Norma Felker , Bill & Lorie Ware, Jeanne Schulz	
Sept 19	Jean Schutt, Carol Pudvan	Sherri Jozwiak, Helga Jenkins
Sept 26	Ralph & MaryJo Schmidt	Silvia Paul, Jeanne Preston

Mon. Sept 6	NO service
Mon. Sept 13	Bob & Carol Schoof
Mon. Sept 20	Greg & Kelli Seafert
Mon. Sept 17	Shannon Schwanbeck

**Nursery** – The nursery is open for worship services. It will be staffed for the 11 am service only.

STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS. Please check the poster sign-up sheet for open dates.

**Treasurer's Reports:** 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.

### **End of July Fund Balances**

General: \$ -1,656    Missions: \$13,207    Building: \$75,737

### **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Symposium on Worship and Outreach September 20-21, 2010**

Many Christian churches and denominations are involved these days in debates over worship and outreach, and the issues are producing lively discussions in our own congregations as well. We Lutherans are committed to reaching out to the lost in our cities and neighbors, although we often struggle to find the best ways to share the gospel in ways that are consistent with Lutheran teaching. The struggle to balance gospel outreach with confessional Lutheranism may be most difficult when it comes to public worship: How do we plan public worship in a way that attracts the seeker to hear the Spirit's message and at the same time is a faithful proclamation of the Spirit's message?

There are loud voices on today's Christian and Lutheran scene that suggest a commitment to reach the lost and a desire to retain the historic emphases of Lutheran liturgical worship are incompatible. The Symposium on Worship and Outreach will explore these issues and offer a perspective that worship and outreach need not be mutually exclusive, pitted against each other, or outside the parameters of Lutheran history and practice. With the Spirit's guidance, the symposium will offer an encouragement to participants to strive for excellence in both gospel-centered worship and gospel-proclaiming outreach.

Pastor Starr and Pastor Luetzow from Bethel Lutheran Church, Bay City, will be attending the symposium together this year. Pastor Starr is looking forward to learning together with his son, David, a first-year student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, who will also be attending the symposium as part of his training.

These are the symposium presentations:

#### **Worship and Outreach: An Observable Synergy**

*Pastor Aaron Christie (son of Roger and Diane Christie), Trinity Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI*

#### **Worship and Outreach: The Evangelical Strategy**

*Pastor Adam Mueller, Peace Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN*

#### **Worship and Outreach: A Lutheran Paradigm**

*Pastor Jonathan Schroeder, Faith Lutheran Church, Sharpsburg, GA*

## **August Reports**

**Administrative Report** – Pastor Starr

### **TASKS ACCOMPLISHED BY GOD'S GRACE**

1. Amazing Grace Bookstore—Story-time continues twice a month. The Creation Museum trip sponsored by the bookstore was successful. Twenty people participated, learned much, and enjoyed the museum; cost was reduced to \$100/person. As a member of Trinity, have you visited the bookstore? Please tell your friends about our bookstore. Plan to hold a meeting at the bookstore.
2. Began part two of the Sunday morning Bible class, "Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges." This is a study that applies God's Word to a variety of current, everyday situations in our lives. We will be looking at "When Our Children

Marry,” “When a Loved One Dies Suddenly,” and “When We Outlive Our Relatives.”  
Join us!

3. Contacted guest speakers and organists for 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2011. We should have a guest speaker once a month January through November 2011.
4. Conducted the Pre-Marriage Class for three couples planning to wed at Trinity.
5. Visited our shut-ins for month of August. Thank you to Allan Ferrio, Lee Post, and Gerald Rexin for assisting in serving our shut-in members.
6. Procured and organized materials for the 2010 WELS *Walking Together* service and for the 2010 stewardship program: *Love Takes Time*.
7. Began preparations for the fall *Wednesdays in the Word* Bible study with an emphasis on family.
8. Completed first draft of book on homosexuality with Scott Barefoot; waiting for reaction from NPH editor.
9. We'll be staying with our current property and liability insurance carrier, Church Mutual, since they reduced our premium substantially when we let them know we would be going with a different company.
10. Counseling—Assisted several couples and individuals with problem areas in their lives, using God's Word to give them direction and guidance.
11. Project Share—The River Cruise was a very enjoyable evening with about 100 participants. Area youth group coordinator and leaders are needed.

#### **TASKS PLANNED FOR NEXT MONTH ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL**

1. Amazing Grace Bookstore—procure a new advertising grant from Thrivent for 2010. Start a new monthly newsletter using *Constant Contact* to update customers on sale items, book reviews, and devotions.
2. Complete work on Stewardship program and *Wednesdays in the Word*.
3. Continue counseling with several people who need help from God's Word.
4. Complete learning new worship software, “Easy Worship,” with the instruction manual, and then train our volunteer technicians to use the new worship software, “Easy Worship.”
5. Find some vacation time.

#### **LONG TERM GOALS ACCORDING TO GOD'S GUIDANCE**

1. Complete book on homosexuality for NPH with co-author, Scott Barefoot.

#### **Outreach Pastor Report – Pastor Mark Schulz**

Letters have been sent out and phone call follow-up is taking place to recruit 13 small group leaders for the next nine months. A team leader team meeting is being planned for August 25<sup>th</sup> at my home to familiarize the leaders with materials available, and ways to recruit and strengthen groups. This year I am targeting 3 new groups focusing on the 20-30 year old age bracket in our congregation.

Flyers have been dropped off at area funeral homes, and information provided in our bulletin and the last word of the Bay City times introducing our new “Grief-Share” group at Trinity. Grief-share is a 13 week video driven support group that helps people who are attempting to heal from the loss of a loved one. At our first 1 ½ hour class on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 15 people participated. This unique group provides a benefit to our own grieving members as well as an outreach vehicle to people in our community.

I have helped coordinate another 13 week Financial Peace University class at Trinity. Flyers are being placed around town in key locations. A preview showing of the class will take place on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in our parish hall. The 13 week class is scheduled to begin on September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. Shannon Schwanbeck and I will be the facilitators of this class. Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you to achieve

your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. Financial stress is reduced. FPU strengthens members on how to handle their finances. Imagine how grand life would be if you were debt free.

I have put together a 12 month schedule for our teen ministry. Beginning in September our teens will have the opportunity to participate in two activities a month. The activities include Bible study, service project ideas, and recreational and fellowship activities. I still am devoting two Wednesday nights a month, where I call our teens on the phone and talk to them about what is happening in their life, and activities that are approaching. Recently, I called our teens and coordinated a group activity to Williamston on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The teens took our church bus to Williamston to play softball against other teens, enjoyed a great lunch, and then did some swimming at the Michigan State Pool in East Lansing. We have been averaging between 15-20 teens at our monthly activities.

One comment about our church bus. We need to make sure our church school bus is well-maintained so that we might travel safely to various activities. A bus puts all of our teens in one location, and cuts down on liability risks where you would have various parents driving other teenagers to youth activities. In addition, a bus provides a special bonding of teens where they feel more like a family and a group. Finally, it takes away stress from chaperones who have to keep an eye on these young people around the clock. Let's all support keeping our bus in top condition to support an active teen ministry at Trinity. Special thanks to Trina Middleton, Tim Heffner, and Lisa Vandriessche, our bus drivers.

I have sent out recruitment letters and put together a 3 month calendar for a Festival of Friendship Sunday on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The task force of 5 has met during the first week of August and selected a theme. The theme is: "My life was going to waste, but Jesus recycled me." Mark Virant is the head coordinator of the team. Other members are Helga Jenkins, Shelly Rau, Carol Florida, and Steve White.

It looks like we will have 7 new adult confirmands once I finish the make-up classes with several of them. We are looking to confirm these new members on August 29<sup>th</sup> in the 11:00 A.M. service. In addition, I am looking to introduce Super Saturdays on September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>, where we have a marathon New Life in Christ class on those days as well as the Friday nights before the Saturday class. That way we can ask potential participants to commit to two weekends rather than a weekly 13 week class.

A funeral, 2 upcoming weddings, 3 Sheffield Bay worship services, counseling, and planning for public and day school confirmation have also kept me busy. What an active church we have at Trinity!