



From the Pastor's Desk.....

The official launch of Trinity's Faith Gives Vision Appeal is September 11th. However, the blessings of this appeal are already apparent in many areas of our ministry together at Trinity.

VISION: Many leaders of Trinity collaborated to develop Vision Trinity, which is a foundational document for several aspects of our future. The foundation of Vision Trinity is Ministry Development to lead us into the future. Ministry Development is understood as: 1) Expanding our ministry to strengthen our Family ministry for children, youth, young adults, "empty nesters" and seniors through mission, Christian education, and fellowship; 2) Improving our technology and caring for our existing buildings, so they are safe, functional, and ascetically welcoming resources for ministry; 3) Eliminating debt to free up funds for ministry and allow us to add new facilities, as they are needed for our growing ministry.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT: The basis of our response to God in any type of appeal is really about faith. Increasing our faith in God is the greatest blessing Faith Gives will bring. The growth in faith is already apparent in our Leadership Team. There are three significant opportunities for everyone to experience faith development. Beginning September 11th, the Sunday morning message will focus on various facets of our faith development including vision, transformation, freedom, trust and life. Shortly, you will receive a devotional booklet, primarily written by members of Trinity. There is a special devotion for 28 consecutive days beginning September 11th. It is my prayer that the entire congregation will experience the same devotional and prayer life together. It will be exciting to see how God will move through the congregation and touch our lives through these devotions. Further, on October 1st there will be a Prayer Vigil. Members of Trinity will be invited to submit prayer requests, and during the Prayer Vigil, members of Trinity will be in continuous prayer.

LEADERSHIP: Our Vision Appeal Leadership Team continues to provide insightful direction for Faith Gives. We have several team members who have been leaders in the past, as well as many new leaders. As teams for various aspects of the appeal are being developed, many new leaders are being cultivated at Trinity. I am impressed by the dedication of our Council, staff, and many volunteers. We are clearly expanding our leadership for mission and ministry through Trinity.

FELLOWSHIP: One pivotal focus of Faith Gives is fellowship. We have 9 special events planned, which will occur between September 4th and October 9th. (Please see pages 5 & 6 in this newsletter for detailed information.) These events have two purposes. First is fellowship. They provide an opportunity for members of Trinity to be together and enjoy life with brothers and sisters in Christ. Second, these events provide an opportunity to make a brief presentation about our Faith Gives Vision Appeal. No pledges or responses will be requested at these events. The presentation is informational only.

The important request I make of you is simply this: Participate! Join your Trinity family in worship, at fellowship events, in devotions, and in prayer. Come and experience the many opportunities provided for our life together through Faith Gives.

Your Pastor and Friend,

Pastor Dick

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Happening at Trinity

Sunday Morning Adult Educational Opportunities: With the fall comes falling leaves, the start of school and football. But this is also the time at Trinity for fall ministries to take off. We are excited by the opportunities God has provided us to gather together around His word of truth. Check out the Sunday morning options:

Pastor Neil teaches a class for adults during the Education Hour (10:15-11:05 AM) in the Family Life Center. The first study is *Free of Charge: Living Forgiveness in a Culture Stripped of Grace* and includes the following topics for discussion:

August 28 - A Graceful God and the Meaning of Life

September 4 - What is Forgiveness and Why is it so Hard?

September 11 - How Can We Forgive?

Our second study, *Generosity: Moving Toward a Life that is Truly Life* includes these topics:

September 18 - Moving Towards Transformation

September 25 - Moving Towards Freedom

October 2 - Moving Towards Trust

October 9 - Moving Towards Life

Pastor Neil will teach the same class on Mondays at 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center, too.

We are also developing an option following the 8:00 AM worship service, as well as a course for parents and one geared for young adults during the 10:15 hour. We hope to begin each of these early this month.

The next **New Member Class** will meet September 10 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the FLC. Lunch is included and nursery care provided. If you know someone who may be interested, please let them know about this opportunity to come and learn about living out their faith at Trinity. Those who have attended the class and desire to join Trinity will be welcomed into membership on September 11.

Baptism Class: Parents, if your child hasn't been baptized, please join Pastor Neil for a time of instruction and fellowship on Sunday, September 25, from 12:30 to 2:00 PM in Classroom D at the FLC. You will learn what Lutheran baptism is all about, what promises are made on behalf of your child and how to model faith to your child. If you will attend this class, please contact the Church office, 339-3788.

Celebrate **GRANDPARENT'S DAY September 11** at Trinity in worship and then join the residents of Immanuel Trinity Village and Trinity Courtyard at Family Life Center for an afternoon of festivities from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. We will honor those who have served and who currently serve in our armed forces with our own U.S.O. Show. If you are a veteran, we invite you to wear your old uniform, or bring any of your medals to display. The entertainment will be suitable for the entire family so bring your aunts, uncles, kids and grandparent's to enjoy the show and then join us for some good all-American apple pie in the Trinity Village Independent Dining Room.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

FLC=Family Life Center CC=Church Center P=Parsonage (623 S Madison)

Tues. in Sept. - Fellowship Bible Group - 7 PM - P - *Patty Reid* - 402-331-6257

09/01-Fifty-Five Plus-1 PM-CC - *Sue Lauritsen* - 402-331-2672

09/05 & 09/19-Adult Quilters-12:30 PM-FLC - *Joanne Ahlers* - 402-339-3190

09/08-Stitchers-7 PM-IT Village - *Joan McAleer* - 402-339-3448

09/09-Scrapbookers-7 PM-CC - *Amy Masek* - 402-934-4975

09/20-Book Readers Group-7PM-CC - *Ardis VonSeggern* - 402-592-0100

TBA -Trinity's Old Timers - *Pat Njus* - 402-592-5751



Ladies, give yourself a **GYFT** this fall and join us in the Parsonage on Saturdays, September 24, October 22 and November 12. Come and **Grow Your Faith Today (GYFT)** as we open God's Word and journey through one of the shorter books together. We will start at 6:30 PM with a few moments getting to know one another, and then dive right in. No matter how much or how little you know about the Bible, we believe that you will feel cared for and welcomed. Our study time will end promptly at 8:00 but if you are having a good time, you might want to linger a little longer and that's great. Contact Janet Tschudin, (402) 507-1498, with questions.

Fellowship Bible Group meets on Tuesday evenings to study the book of Matthew. This is a warm and welcoming group so no matter how familiar you are with God's word, this is a great place to bring your victories and challenges as we walk out what we are learning together. All adults are invited. Join us in the

Parsonage on the NW corner of the CC property every Tuesday at 7:00 PM beginning September 6.

First Place 4 Health: This is a study that focuses on healthy life styles. If you are interested in joining a new group, please contact the Church office. Mary Peterson's group will resume at 5:15 PM on Monday, September 12 at the FLC.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Perhaps you enjoy a great game of cards. Trinity's **Fifty-Five Plus** group meets the first Thursday of each month for coffee, cards and goodies in the Fellowship Hall at the CC. Join us on September 1 at 1:00 PM.

Adult Quilters generally meets the first and third Monday each month to create quilts for those in need both in our community and far, far away. In September, we will only meet on the 19 at 12:30 PM in Classroom D at the FLC. We have a special sewing opportunity on Saturday, September 24. See page 6 for details.

Do you enjoy needlework? Bring your current project and your

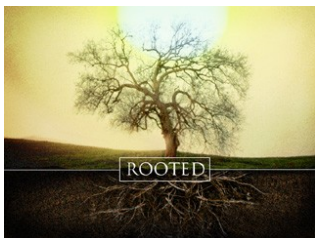
own beverage and join the **Stitchers**. We meet each month to enjoy our crafting projects along with good conversation. This month we will meet on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 PM at Immanuel Trinity Village.

Trinity's **Scrapbookers** invite you to bring your photos and supplies to the Fellowship Hall at the CC on Friday, September 9 at 7:00 PM. We enjoy a few productive hours together, while having lots of creative fun.

Our September **Book Reader's** selection is *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy. 300p. (1 at Sump) This is a modern-day Western tells of young John Grady Cole, the last of a line of Texas ranchers. Along with two companions, he sets off for adventure in Mexico. Join us on September 20 at 7:00 PM in the Bride's Room at the CC for great discussion.

Trinity's Old Timers is better known as TOTS. This group gets out and about one Tuesday each month. Our September is still being planned. Watch the weekly bulletins for details.

Rooted Mid-week Ministry resumes on Wednesday evenings, September 7. Classes run from 6:45 - 8:00 PM. Rooted has an opportunity for every age to come and grow in Christ. Join in one of the following groups:



- Nursery (ages 0-3) At the Church Center (CC)
- ARKids (ages 4 - grade 4) At the CC
- Club 56 (grades 5 & 6) At the CC
- Pillar (grades 7 & 8) Boys meet at the FLC, girls are in the Parsonage
- Transformed (grades 9-12). We meet together at the FLC. Come early for open gym, games in the entry, an opportunity to do your homework, or to enjoy some great conversation before class
- College and Career Ages (those who have graduated from high school and into early career stage) Meet at the Granvilles (219 Crest Rd)
- Adults: Pastor Erik begins the year with a study on the book of Romans in the Fellowship Hall at the CC

Rooted is held every Wednesday (except when school is out or has been cancelled due to weather)



Are you a mom who currently has a baby, a toddler, or a preschooler? Are you interested in meeting other moms in the Papillion/LaVista/Bellevue area? Then MOPS is for you!! Trinity MOPS of Papillion Chapter will have our first monthly meeting of the year on September 21 from 9:00-11:00 AM. Our meetings happen the third Wednesday of each month, September through

May, from 9:-00 - 11:00 AM, at Trinity Lutheran Church-Church Center. Typical meetings have a brunch, local speakers on motherhood, and discussion time. Since childcare will provided for the meetings, we ask that you pre-register your child by emailing the group. Visit our website at www.trinitymopspapillion.org for more details. Volunteer support is needed for this MOPS group so that moms can enjoy some time together knowing their children are cared for. If you are available the 3rd Wednesday of the month, please email MOPS at papillionmops@gmail.com.

Mission Focus

Stephen Center: This ministry helps families and individuals to overcome homelessness, addiction and poverty. Trinity cooks, transports and serves a hot meal the fourth Friday of each month. Your faithful support has been a blessing to the people served by this shelter. Please see the bulletin board at either worship location for ingredients needed to prepare dinner for the center on September 23. Bring any items for which you signed up to the kitchen at the CC by Wednesday, September 21. If you would like to cook, please contact Mike Jones (402-597-1660). If you will transport and serve the meal, please contact Ethel O'Neal (402-618-5637). This is a wonderful opportunity for a small group or family. On September 25th we will have a representative of the Stephen Center address us in our worship services.

SIERRA LEONE- Mission Trip - We are putting together another team to go to Freetown, Sierra Leone West Africa to share God's love with the orphans at The Covering. This will likely be a Thursday- Saturday, ten days total. Currently we are considering January 12-21st as possible dates (may change slightly). Costs should be similar to last year, approximately \$3,000. This may fluctuate (be lower or higher) depending on the cost of airline tickets. At the time of this printing, it looks like it would be lower by a few hundred. I already have several people committed to going and many more have expressed interest. If you'd like to find out more about this amazing opportunity or would like to support those interested in going, please contact the church office. Anyone considering this trip need

to get passports, line up shots and vaccinations, and begin finding financial support if needed. ***This trip is open and available for adults, including mature high school students.*** More details on page 6 for mature high school students who may want to attend.

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THANK YOU

The PAINT-A-THON 2011 has been completed and the homeowner wishes to express her appreciation to all those that helped. On August 11th, seven workers removed or trimmed shrubs around the house to prepare for painting. Gutters were cleaned and wrought iron was scraped and sanded. Twenty-three willing and able Trinity members came to apply nine gallons of paint and deck stain on anything not moving. Several of us are still busy cleaning ourselves. A clean and neat job was completed in record time and the homeowner is very happy with the results. Thanks to all who gave of their time and talent. You are blessed to be a blessing.

Thank you for your recent donation to our organization. Your support helps the orphaned children and impoverished families under our care become educated, healthy and Christ leaders for the future. Please feel free to contact us at any time to answer any questions you may have. God bless you for helping to change the world and together we can help hope rain down on Sierra Leone.

*~Serving His Children, Tina & Erica
Www.therainingseason.org*

Trinity Vision Appeal Events

We believe there is an opportunity available for every age to come together for a wonderful time of fellowship. Please consider joining us at one or more of these events. This is a joyful time to learn more about what we believe is God's vision for Trinity. If you have not already completed an **RSVP** card, please contact the Church office, 402-339-3788 to let us know which event you will attend and how many we can expect. This count is very helpful as we prepare refreshments for those participating.

Sunday, September 4, 2011

FOOTSTEPS CRAFT EVENT

10:15 to 11:00 a.m. Church Center Fellowship Hall

Parents, come join your pre-K to 4th grade children as they decorate banks for saving to nourish our support of Sierra Leone. You'll have a great time helping your child decorate a paper mache' masterpiece. There will be yummy treats from Summer Kitchen Café with coffee and juice, while we share this morning with our kids and learning about Trinity's Vision Appeal to support our mission and ministry.

Monday, September 12, 2011

POT LUCK SUPPER

5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Church Center Fellowship Hall

What better way to kick off the Vision Appeal than with a Pot Luck Supper! Bring a side dish to share and enjoy some good food, join in great fellowship, and learn about the exciting vision and mission for Trinity. Everyone is then invited to stay for 7:00 PM worship. Table service, beverages and a meat entrée will be provided. In keeping with our "Faith Gives" theme, everyone is invited to bring a canned food item to help restock the Food Pantry.

Sunday, September 18, 2011

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. Church Center Fellowship Hall

Ladies, here's your chance to enjoy a wonderful Sunday morning breakfast and let the MEN do the cooking! Some of Trinity's well-known chefs will be donning their aprons and showing off their culinary skills. All are welcome to savor a home-cooked breakfast together while learning about Trinity's vision . . . just follow the scent of the sizzling bacon!

Thursday, September 22, 2011

WINE & BEER TASTING

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Soaring Wings Vineyard – Springfield, Nebraska

All adults are invited to Springfield's "wine country" to taste the widely known Soaring Wings wines and be among the first to sample their new microbrews. Drive south to this beautiful vineyard to relax and take in the scenery with good wine and great fellowship. We'll enjoy appetizers as well as hear the history of Soaring Wings Vineyard and the story of the Vision Appeal. A free-will offering will accepted at this event.

More events listed on the next page

Trinity Vision Appeal Events

Saturday, September 24, 2011

STITCHING FOR SIERRA LEONE (see page 8 for more details)

9:00 a.m. to Noon Family Life Center, Classrooms C & D

Whether you can sew a stitch or not, to further our mission of sending hand-loved dresses to the beautiful children of Sierra Leone, this event is for you! Along with anyone who can navigate a sewing machine, those who can cut, pin, trace, press, and offer moral support are welcome! Brush up those home economics and 4-H skills and come for a little or long while. Refreshments will be served while we learn more about God's vision at Trinity.

Sunday, September 25, 2011

PRESENTING . . . PETER SARPY

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Church Center Fellowship Hall

Take a trip back in time with Peter Sarpy, the founder of Sarpy County. Darrell Draper brings this character to life, retelling the history of our county. There will be a question and answer opportunity for you true history buffs followed by the story of Trinity's Vision Appeal. We will float back in time as we enjoy old-fashioned root beer floats. Want to come but need a ride? Call Ken or Mary Petersen at 402-331-1319 for complimentary transportation!

Sunday, September 25, 2011

PIZZA, PRIZES AND BUNCO!!

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Family Life Center

Our Junior and Senior High Students will not want to miss this fun night of Pizza and Bunco. There'll be prizes for the primo players, and of course pizza for all. Parents are also welcome to join in the fun as we learn about Trinity's Vision.

Sunday, October 2, 2011

JO-ON-THE-GO ESPRESSO CATERING

10:10 to 11:10 a.m. Family Life Center

Coffee anyone?? Drop the kids off at Sunday School and come back to the Family Life Center for your morning caffienne fix and fellowship. Jo-on-the-Go Espresso Catering will be here whipping up their famous lattes, smoothies, and other morning delights from their Specialty Coffee Bar. The Vision Appeal presentation will be made at 10:30 a.m., so those who worship later will need to arrive early. But the coffee and fellowship will be well worth it!

Sunday, October 2, 2011

HAYRIDE/ BONFIRE

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sumtur Amphitheater

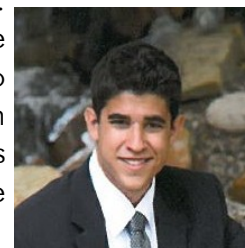
Hitch up your hay wagon, spend a glorious fall evening at Sumtur Amphitheater and learn about Trinity's Vision Appeal. Ride the scenic trails (and perhaps catch the sunset) with the entire family. There will be pumpkin painting, sack races, games galore and even roping the pink cow! After you've worked up an appetite, there will be plenty of hot dogs and marshmallows for roasting around the campfire.

DRESSES FOR SIERRA LEONE ORPHANS

On Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM a workshop is being held to make dresses for orphans in Sierra Leone. It will be a time of fellowship and fun making dresses for God's children. WE hope you will be able to help. There will be jobs for those of you who don't sew, too. We need people to cut out dresses, iron and trace patterns. We hope to have the time to create take-home sewing kits for those who cannot make it to the workshop. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joanne Ahlers, 402-339-3190. If you do not wish to sew, but would like to make a financial donation for the purchase of supplies to create these dresses, please place your cash or check (made payable to Trinity) in an envelope marked "Sierra Leone Dresses" and place in the box in the entry at either worship location.



Ethan Perez, graduated from Papillion LaVista High School last spring. He has answered God's call to Go! In August Ethan left for the Youth with a Mission Discipleship Training School (DTS) in Idaho. He will spend three months in intense Biblical training there before serving in ministry and mission in India. Ethan worked diligently all summer to pay for his classroom tuition as a way to indicate his desire to provide for himself, but God also asks us to partner with those who take the gospel into the world. Ethan needs to raise \$3000 to cover the expenses for his travels to India. If you are interested in financially assisting him, please enclose either a check (made payable to Trinity) or cash in an envelope marked ATTN: Ethan Perez. You will receive credit on your contribution statement. We look forward to hearing from Ethan about what he is seeing God do in and through his life. Please keep in prayer, Ethan, his family, all the people he will meet in this journey.



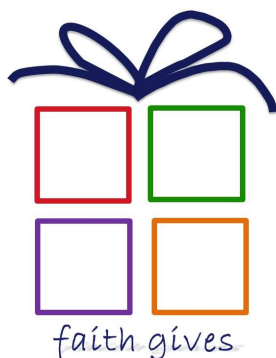
"Give as freely as you have received."

FAITH IS DARING THE SOUL TO GO BEYOND WHAT THE EYES CAN SEE

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" - 2 Corinthians 5:7

During his two years in the army, David Brenner made the most of his posting to Europe by traveling at every opportunity. To heighten his sense of excitement, he often showed up at a train station and bought a ticket to wherever the next train was going.

One day he bought a ticket for Rome and since the train was scheduled to leave immediately, he raced across the station, but still arrived at the track just as the train was pulling away. He chased after it as fast as he could run! Standing on the platform of the last car was a well-dressed man who motioned for him to hand him his bags. He quickly tossed him his smaller bag and then his larger suitcase. By this time, he was growing weary from running, but then he looked into the man's face! The smirk he saw quickly told him that the man had offered his help not altruistically, but criminally. If Brenner didn't make it on board, this man had brand-new clothes and gear! Brenner kicked up his heels and running as never before, he managed to grab the railing by the entrance to the last car. With all the strength he could muster, he swung himself aboard. Adversity sometimes comes to rob you. Instead, let it motivate your faith to be even *more* daring!



From "God's Little Devotional Book" Honor Books, Inc.

Financial Facts for Trinity:

- Year-to-date spending is below expectation at 92.76% of budget
- Fourth (final) insurance payment to Church Mutual in the amount of \$3,984.75 was paid in August
- Revenues for the year are below budget by almost 9.89%.

Trinity utilizes a company that sends **envelopes** quarterly. One of the blessings of this, is that they are self-addressed. This helps so that if you might not be in worship one weekend, you may still mail your tithes and offerings in to the church. Did you know that another way to support the ministry God is doing at Trinity is through our **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)** program. This is an easy way to support our mission. Auto withdrawal forms are located in the entry at both worship locations and on our website, www.trinitylife.org. EFT funds are transferred to Trinity around the 25th of the month. Should you ever need to change the amount you would like to give, or to stop your auto withdrawal, just call the Contributions Secretary, Shar Butler (402-339-3788).

July Ending Balances

General Fund - \$(1,351.46)
Benevolence - \$6,130.62
Building Fund - 69,327.72
Mission Fund - \$1,866.02
Designated Fund - \$18,330.95
Trinity Relief Fund - \$2,443.83
Memorial Fund - \$27,624.65
FLC Loan - \$636,791.98
FLC Interest \$306.01
Farm Escrow - \$1,425.11

After nearly 12 years as our faithful custodians at the CC, Mark and Tammy Goldsberry have decided to hang up their cleaning tools. We appreciate all of their hard work and diligence over the years. Their joyful service will be greatly missed. To keep the high standards of cleaning the Goldsberrys have set, we are seeking a part-time custodian for the Church Center. Please contact the Church office for an application or more details.

From the Church Council - Highlights from the August 9, 2011 Council Meeting

Pastor Erik opened with devotions from Matthew 9: 35-38..."the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

- President Doug Pikop reported that the Nebraska Synod sent information about a field trip/work project in Lexington this fall. It will be publicized and scholarships will be provided for Trinity members who participate.
- Farm Lease: The 2012 farm lease has been negotiated and signed.
- Mark Iverson, Immanuel Trinity Village Executive Director gave a brief update on services provided and plans for future endeavors.
- Synod Prison Ministry: Discussed the importance of Synod sponsored prison ministry. Trinity will provide nominal support from benevolence to help with this important ministry.

- Vision Appeal: All members are highly encouraged to participate in the Holy Cow survey.
- Allocation of Vision Appeal Funds: Discussed the best way to allocate funds received to accomplish goals of the vision appeal. The ministry development aspect should be a top priority since it involves a commitment to staff; the balance will be divided between debt reduction and renovations.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Trinity's Executive Board

President - Doug Pikop
Vice President - Scott Hembertt
Secretary - Kerri Stover
Treasurer - George Madson



**CHURCH
COUNCIL**

Little Lights Preschool - Teaching Children to Grow, Learn and Shine for Jesus

Preschool began August 29th with two, four-year-old classes and two, three-year-old classes. Our staff is excited to get back into the swing of things with an exciting schedule for our students. We will start our year learning about the creation of the world and what makes our families special. We will also enjoy visiting our friends at the village and going on field trips. We invite the congregation to pray for the staff, children and families involved in this ministry.

Thank you for your support of the preschool. Remember to save your Campbell Soup labels for us and continue to ask Office Depot to give cash back credit to Little Lights as you make any purchases with them.

Nancy Wert
Director of Little Lights Preschool
littleglights@trinitylife.org

Christian Education

We're done with the Big 12 (tribes of Israel), now it's time to learn about the **Big 10!** Can you name them all? The goal is that the Pre-K through 4th Graders in Footsteps will know all ten by October 16th! Of course, you know the **Big 10** we're talking about are the ten commandments, right?! In Cooking, the brownies will be "heaven sent" along with the manna the Israelites munched upon. Beautifully decorated versions of the ten commandments will be coming home with the children from Craft. The kids will be jammin' to the sounds of the **Big 10** in Music. As always we also have fun lessons planned for Drama, Game and Video! We have lots of hands-on fun waiting for your kids at Footsteps (RSS)! Each lesson stands on its own, so students can join in at any time. It's not too late to register your child! Stop in the Sunday School Office in the lower level at the CC and we will add them to the list.

The calendar for the 2011-2012 Sunday School year finds us in class each Sunday from August 28th until May 20th with breaks at Christmas and Easter. Sunday School is for all ages (Pre-K through adult) with nursery available for the littlest ones! Adults, check out page two for Sunday morning educational options just for you. Please mark your calendars and join in the fun each week!

I want to give special thanks to all of the teachers, shepherds and behind-the-scenes helpers who make Sunday School possible for our students of all ages—children and adults! We have an excellent group of dedicated disciples who desire to share God's word and love with others! Thank you!

Sheila Kendall
Christian Education Director
skendall@trinitylife.org

FOOTSTEPS



Where Jesus leads, we will follow!

Quest Youth and Family Ministries

EXCITEMENT IS IN THE AIR: It's that time of year as we experience the start of lots of ministries, new things, and the excitement of fall approaches. In my life lots of new and big changes have come as we welcome baby, Elijah Grizz, and help Josiah make adjustments to not being the center of everyone's world like he has been for three years. *Here at Trinity it seems God is moving in really big ways lately and it feels like God is about to do some incredible thing within our congregation and within our community.* As students get back in the swing of school, activities, Sunday school, Rooted, and so many other things, we want to highlight some big opportunities and major events that we have upcoming. I hope you'll join us for these and the many other opportunities we have available for all ages. I'm very excited for these things to take place and what it means for our ministry and mission here at Trinity.

Lake House Event: Sunday September 11th, Senior High Students, family, and your friends are invited for a Lake House Party. We'll have food, swimming, kayak, games and lots of fun out at Beaver Lake. Don't miss! Check your mailbox for more details coming soon.

Knock Out Hunger: We are setting a WORLD RECORD! Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, September 18th at KAH (Kids Against Hunger Warehouse). We will attempt to beat the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest basketball game of Knock Out. You don't have to be a great shooter to participate. Once you are knocked out of the game, you will enter KAH facility to begin knocking out hunger by packing meals. Each person needs \$10 to help cover the cost of the packaging ingredients to make the meals. For more details visit <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=218573474839015> or contact Matt Pearson, 402-339-3788.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) - Our congregation has the great privilege to host this event the first weekend in November. TEC is an amazing way for high school students to draw closer to God and to be immersed in a loving, supportive, Christian community. These weekends are organized and run by other teenagers with the help and supervision of a small team of adults. Students, please set aside November 4-6th to join us for this life-changing weekend. Adults, please consider helping us provide this opportunity to impact our community and the lives of the teens in our area. To register or to find out more info about Teens Encounter Christ, check out this website http://www.heartlandtec.org/Heartland_TEC/Home.html.

SIERRA LEONE- Mission Trip - We are putting together another team to go to Freetown, Sierra Leone West Africa to share God's love with the orphans at The Covering. Please see page 4 for more details for this trip. **Parents and students** – Many of you go on large spring break trips to various locations. I encourage you to consider this trip as an opportunity for an early spring break where you can impact the world in powerful ways by impacting the lives of these orphans and sharing the love of God. It will be far more enjoyable than any spring break trip you could ever imagine, both for you and for those you meet. Plus, you'll be in a tropical jungle setting right on the Atlantic ocean with some of the most beautiful beaches you could hope for. ***This trip is open and available for adults, including mature high school students.***

ROOTED Mid-Week Ministry: There are opportunities for all ages to plug into ROOTED. See page 3 for all the details. We resume on Wednesday, September 7th from 6:45 PM-8:00 PM every Wednesday except when school is out. See you there!

~Matt Pearson
Youth and Family Minister
mpearson@trinitylife.org

Happy Birthday to Trail Blazers:

- 09/07 - Jackie Matsen, 1110 Delmar, Papillion, NE 68046
- 09/16 - Bill Christiansen, 15322 Allan Dr., Omaha, NE 68137
- 09/16 - Arlen Howe, 800 Fillmore St., Papillion, NE 68046
- 09/16 - Lorne Nestrud, 522 W Lincoln St. #112, Papillion, NE 68046
- 09/17 - Norm Schuessler, 3205 Pleasant Dr, Bellevue, NE 68147
- 09/26 - Shirley Evers, 522 W Lincoln St. #2012, Papillion, NE 68046
- 09/30 - Noble Palmer, 522 W Lincoln St. #204, Papillion, NE 68046

Happy Anniversary:

09/27 - Swede and Dottie Winbolt, 7009 Park Crest Dr, LaVista, NE 68128 - Celebrating 52 years of marriage.

Birth:

08/22 - Elijah Grizz Pearson to Matt and Sara Pearson

Hospitalized in the last month (If you are hospitalized or have personal needs, please call the Church office.)

Noble & Anola Palmer, Hugh & Shirley Cappen, Beverly Glasshoff, Irene Petersen, Arlen Howe, Brianna Rhoten, Eldon Damme, Chelsea Leiting

Sympathies: We extend our care and prayers to the following: Ken Kammerer and his family on the loss of his mother, Dorothy, Charlotte Grube on the loss of her bother, Clarence Pelzer.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| SEPTEMBER 2011 | | | | 1 7:30A-WIC 1P-55+ | 2 | 3 |
| 4 8, 9 & 11:15-Com. Worship 10:15-Christian Ed Footsteps Craft Event | 5 - Labor Day 7P-Communion Worship Office is Closed | 6 - 10:00A-Staff Mtg 11:30A-Staff Lunch 6:30P-TLC Bells 7P-Fellowship Bible Grp 7:30P-WT Vocalists | 7 - 10:30A-Bible Study 6:30P-Adult Choir 6:45P-Rooted for All Ages 7:30P-College & Career Grp | 8 7P-Stitchers | 9 7P-Scrapbooking | 10 8:30A-WT Instrumentalists 10A-New Member Discovery Class |
| 11 - Grandparent's Sunday 8, 9 & 11:15-Worship 10:15-Christian Ed 2P-Grandparent's Celebration Sr High at the Lake | 12 5:15P-First Place 4 Health 5:30P-Pot Luck 7P-Worship | 13 10:00A-Staff Mtg 6:30P-TLC Bells 6:45P-Council 7P-Fellowship Bible Grp 7:30P-WT Vocalists | 14 9A-Mops 10:30A-Bible Study 6:30P-Adult Choir 6:45P-Rooted for All Ages 7:30P-College & Career Grp | 15 7:30A-WIC 6:30P-Mission Team 7P-WELCA Newsletter Deadline | 16 | 17 8:30A-WT Instrumentalists |
| 18 8, 9 & 11:15-Com.Worship 9A-Fellowship Breakfast 10:15-Christian Ed 12P-Knock Out Hunger | 19 12:30P-Adult Quilters 5:15P-First Place 4 Health 7P-Worship | 20 10:00A-Staff Mtg 7P-Fellowship Bible Grp 6:30P-TLC Bells 7P-Book Readers 7:30P-WT Vocalists | 21 10:30A-Bible Study 6:30P-Adult Choir 6:45P-Rooted for All Ages 7:30P-College & Career Grp STEPHEN CENTER FOOD AT CC, PLEASE | 22 5:30P-Soaring Wings Vineyard | 23 STEPHEN CENTER | 24 8:30A-WT Instrumentalists 9A-Stitching for Sierra Leone 6:30P-GYFT |
| 25 - 8, 9 & 11:15-Worship 10:15-Christian Ed 12:30P-Baptism Class 2P-Presenting...Peter Sarpy 5P-ALPHA 6P-Bunko | 26 5:15P-First Place 4 Health 7P-Worship | 27 10:00A-Staff Mtg 10:30A-TOTS 6:30P-TLC Bells 7P-Fellowship Bible Grp | 28 10:30A-Bible Study 6:30P-Adult Choir 6:45P-Rooted for All Ages 7:30P-College & Career Grp | 29 | 30 | |

Prayer Focus: We want to see God move in and through the people of Trinity. Prayer is vital to this. This fall pray that:

- We will all joyfully participate in the Faith Gives opportunities for fellowship with one another.
- Everyone will join in at least one opportunity to grow through our Christian Education ministry at Trinity.
- God will raise up adult leaders to facilitate more opportunities to learn about and walk out our faith together.

TRINITY'S MISSION

Trinity Lutheran Church is an ever-widening circle in Christ where the Gospel is proclaimed, the Bible is taught, and people gather to worship, serve and glorify God.

TRINITY'S VISION

Trinity is a place where people are able to establish a solid foundation in Christ upon which faithful and fulfilling lives can be built.

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