

Trinity Tidings

As I retire from the Navy Reserve

Retirement Ceremony

August 7, 2010

2:00 p.m.

On September 1, 2010 I am going to officially retire from the Navy Reserve having served for 22 years as a Chaplain. My retirement ceremony will be on Saturday, August 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Navy Operation and Support Center, Des Moines. You all should have received invitations to this ceremony in your bulletin box at the church. I have asked for an RSVP to me personally for this so that I can tell the Reserve Center approximately how many chairs to have set up for the occasion. If you have never attended a military retirement ceremony this would be a good opportunity for you to observe and hear about common customs in the Navy. The ceremony will last about 30 minutes. I would be honored to have you present.

Appreciation Dinner

August 8, 2010

Noon

On Sunday, August 8 I am going to have Hy-Vee cater a noon meal for you in the gym after the Worship Service as an appreciation for the support and encouragement I have received from you during my years of service. I realize that this service took me out of the parish for days spent doing my training and other duties and that there were times I needed to accomplish military duties while in the office. This meal is my way of saying thanks to you. I would like an estimate of how many meals to order so, could you call the church office and leave a message that you would like to attend by July 18 or fill out a response form on Sunday morning and put it in the offering plate

Thoughts on ministry

I always viewed this as a special mission opportunity and am appreciative that you viewed it as such too. Many lives in Des Moines and the surrounding area were touched as I reached out in prayers, messages, literature, and handed out cross in the pocket coins to those being deployed. On one occasion I handed out 200 coins and Bibles to Marines who were being deployed to Iraq. With the Iowa Veterans Cemetery opening a couple of years ago I have been able to share

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God's Word with people who have traveled from out of the area and whose pastor could not come for the committal as well as to some from within the area who needed a Chaplain. The war has had its casualties and I have been available to accompany the Marines and Sailors who have had the grim task of notifying next of kin concerning their loved one. These calls were never easy but were always opportunities to share God's Word and prayer with the grieving families. On several occasions I actually received letters of appreciation from the family for the words that I shared when they were notified of their loss. I have had the privilege of offering prayers at Memorial Day Ceremonies, Veterans Day ceremonies, and various commemorations and banquets held all over the city. As the Barnabas Counselor for Iowa District West I have been able to share resources with LCMS Pastors and Congregations throughout the District. In years past my training exercises have taken me all over the United States and even to other parts of the world! Not only have they been growth opportunities for me, they have also been ministry opportunities as I reached out to others. I am thankful that God has given me the abilities and opportunities for this very special mission ministry. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve both God and country in this way.

Into the Future

As I look to the future I want you to know that opportunities will still exist for me to volunteer my services to those men and women serving in the Navy and Marines as well as other military and veterans organizations. As of now I am the only Navy Chaplain in the area and regulations say that as long as I can conform to military and uniform standards then I can continue to wear the uniform at appropriate events. A group of WWII Marines, "The Forgotten Battalion", are having a reunion in Des Moines in September and have asked if I can say a prayer for them. The Iowa Veterans Cemetery has asked if they can give my name to Navy families who may need a Chaplain. While I will be retired doors that have been opened may continue to be opened. So, while there will be no more drill weekends or annual training exercises, there may still be some opportunities for ministry.

With thankfulness to God the Father for giving me the abilities, to God the Son whose message I have been able to share, and God the Holy Spirit who equipped me for my duties.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Wolfram

Mission News

Would you like to visit Mission Central (just 2 miles east of Mapleton) to hear a missionary from Cambodia? If so, please sign up at Mission Corner in the narthex. Please join us as we head to Mission Central on Tuesday, July 20 to hear Rev. Fungchatou Lo. We will leave the church at 9:00am, have lunch along the way, hear the presentation at 1:00pm, have some time to tour the mission museum, and return to Des Moines around 6:00pm. If you have questions, call Kathryn Sprecher, 279-1123.

From the Vicar

Dear friends in Christ,

As this newsletter is for both July and August, this will be my last article at Trinity. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone here at Trinity Lutheran Church for the wonderful year. Lindsay and I have been truly blessed to get to know so many of you and to become part of your lives.

My time among you has been very beneficial to my future in the ministry as well. I've seen both the rewards and challenges of life in the ministry thanks to the tutelage of Pastor Wolfram. I've laughed with many of you and celebrated the births of new children in the congregation but I have also wept with many of you at the deaths of some truly wonderful people in this congregation.

As I finish my last few weeks among you, many of you have said that you're confident that I will be a great pastor someday, and that is thanks in no small part to all of you here at Trinity. It's been an honor to teach and preach here and it's been an even greater joy to have had you touch my life. May God bless all of you and this congregation as you continue the vicar program and continue to help raise up men for the ministry of God's church.

In Christ's service,

Vicar Cundiff

Youth News

Mark Your Calendar Now:

Junior High Youth Week at Camp Okoboji is July 11-17 and High School week is July 25-31.

Registration forms can be found in the rack outside of the church office. If you would like to attend, registration are due ASAP so get them in!

A special mission Sunday at Mission Central called "Message Sent" will be held on August 29 at 2pm. It will be a great afternoon of Christian music and mission application for youth and youth counselors. All youth are invited to attend. If you would like to go, please call the church office.



The Junior High Youth Gathering will be held on Friday & Saturday, October 30-31 at the Sheraton Inn, West Des Moines. Registration forms will arrive in late August. Cost is \$115 per person and are due September 24. The theme this year is "Out Loud" and the keynote speaker will be Rev. Luke Timm. Swen and Dean will be the musical guests. Plan to be there!!

The High School Youth Gathering is held on November 19-21 (note the change of date from previous years!). More information will be coming in August.

LWML

Women: Word & Walk invites you to join us on Thursday, July 22, 6:30pm for an evening of miniature golf. Bring the whole family! (Discount if we have more than 15 people.) We will meet at the North Forty Miniature Golf Course, 2740 SE 14th Street, Des Moines. We will not meet in August. For more information about Women: Word & Walk or LWML, contact Kathryn Sprecher, 279-1123.



You can help! We're still collecting coupons for diapers. And while you are on vacation this summer bring back the soap, shampoo, lotions, etc. for AGAPE Pregnancy Center. Bring them to the container found in the narthex.

Trinity LWML Guild

Trinity LWML Guild does not meet during the summer months. A box for your mite contributions can be found in the narthex on the first two Sundays of each month so keep saving those mites! They do "mity" work!!



Wondering what to do with used cell phones, laptops, (with power cords), and PDAs (Palm Pilots)? Here's a suggestion – donate them to the LWML! The Iowa Districts East and West LWML will host the 2015 National Convention in Des Moines. You can help us earn funds to cover expenses by joining in our "Ready, Set, Recycle!" campaign. Ask your family, friends, neighbors – even the place where you work – if they have any items to dispose and bring them to the box in the narthex. We appreciate your help... and so will the environment!

The IOWAY Challenge Continues! IOWAY director Ellie Menz has given Iowa District West the challenge of collecting 20,000 pairs of shoes (old) and 10,000 pairs of undergarments (new) for men, women, boys and girls. The shoes will be taken to Hope Ministries where they will either be given to residents, sold at the Bargain Center in Pleasant Hill, or recycled. (Reminder: please keep the pair of shoes together with a rubber band, string or put in a bag.) The undergarments will be distributed either through Hope Ministries or Skid Row in Los Angeles. All items can be brought to the container near Mission Corner in the narthex. Contact Kathryn Sprecher, 279-1123, if you have questions.

Food Shower



Our new Vicar, Devin Kimball, will be arriving on July 31. We will hold a food shower for Vicar to be presented to him when he is installed at Trinity on August 1st. Please bring your donations in July and place on the table in the narthex. Thanks for your support of our newest staff member! The reception to welcome the new Vicar will be held at 9:00am on August 1st in the gym. Join us!

Off to College!!

Trinity College Students: As you prepare to leave for college, please contact the church office (279-3609) with your campus address so we can keep our files up to date. Good luck at college....we will be keeping you in our prayers!!



Vicar Farewell

Join us on Sunday, July 27, 9:00am as we say farewell to Vicar Quintin & Lindsay Cundiff. The reception will be held in the gym and there will be no Sunday School or Bible class that day. All members are encouraged to join us for fellowship and refreshments.

July/August Anniversaries



July

- 3 - Merle & Arlet Martens (56th)
 Mark & Anne Bennett (6th)
 5 - Brad & Katie Crookshank
 (2nd)
 6 - Larry & Nadine Clausen
 (52nd)
 21 - Brian & Kristen Heiden (3rd)
 27 - Bruce & Debbie Bennett
 (36th)
 Jim & Peg Good (42nd)

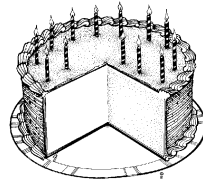
August

- 4 - Pastor & Joy Wolfram (37th)
 8 - Mark & Thalya Hanson (39th)
 14 - Dennis & Judith Shaltanis
 (48th)
 22 - Donald & Jackie Langbein
 (51st)
 25 - Eddie & Renae Chesnut
 (26th)
 25 - Kurt & Cara Heiden (31st)
 26 - Darwyn & Sally Witte (38th)
 27 - Chris & Shannon Mart (5th)
 28 - Ron & April Brott (38th)
 29 - Carl & Carol Runge (52nd)

July/August Birthdays

July

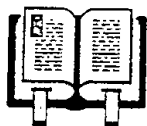
- 5 - Elizabeth Sturges
 6 - Alex Wells
 8 - Liza Glasener
 9 - Maxine Mayne
 10 - Donald Meyer
 12 - Evan Shroyer
 13 - Marcus Schneider
 15 - Dorothy Garton
 19 - Jean Schroeder
 20 - Cato Gephart
 Michelle Becker
 Andrew Weerts
 Diane Zinn
 21 - Emily Hollis
 Brian Matlage
 23 - Mary Lou Armstrong
 Toby White
 24 - Mary Lou Olauson
 26 - Kathryn Cloe
 Virginia Stoermer
 28 - Ellen Heiden
 Thelma Lombardo
 Bev Park
 Karaline Shroyer
 29 - Marjorie Peters
 31 - Emily Heiden



August

- 2 - Mike Jackovich
 4 - Brad Crookshank
 5 - Alex Garton
 Mark Runge
 Noah Smith
 6 - Mark Hanson
 Kathy Berstler
 Rick Malm
 George Olauson
 Joseph Sturges
 9 - Christina Redd
 Josie Mart
 10 - Peter Stoltenow
 11 - Larry Clausen
 Edna Downard
 Matt Hooper
 Connie Mekus
 Natalie Storm
 Katie Wong
 13 - Renae Chesnut
 14 - Denise Matlage
 Carol Newsom
 15 - Callie DeHeer/Wych
 18 - Amara Sama
 19 - Martha Hooper
 20 - Chris Mart
 21 - Jayme Anderson
 Denise Honts
 Mark Lanning
 Lizzie Martin
 22 - Bill Hohlfeld
 Michael Keene
 23 - Annette Blasnitz
 Marilyn Jones
 24 - Karen Ryan
 25 - Barry Wadle
 Gabriel Bennett
 30 - April Brott
 Matt Shroyer

Bible Studies:



DOWNTOWN BIBLE STUDY:

Meets on July 22 and August 26, noon-12:45, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 6th & Keo. Bring your lunch and join us as We continue the study of the book of Isaiah entitled "**Here Am I! Send Me!**" Call Claudia Jackovich at 278-5781 for more information.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT:

Pastor Wolfram and Vicar Cundiff continue the study entitled "**The Parables**". Come and learn how the parables of Jesus apply to our lives and how we can learn from them. Meet in the chapel.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

"Re: Ply to ALL: Christians in Casual Conversations" Bible Study - This group will take a break for the rest of the Summer. We will resume in September. Watch Sunday bulletins and the September "Tidings" for information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Men's Network: Lutheran Hour Ministries encourages men to lead their congregations in Bible study. One group is meeting at Christ the King in Altoona on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00am for breakfast and Bible study. If you want to join this group, contact is djdscporet@msn.com. If you want to start a group at Trinity, call the church office at 279-3609.

Vicar Installation

The installation of Vicar Devin Kimball is scheduled for August 1 at 10:00am. Join us as we welcome Vicar Kimball as he begins his ministry at Trinity. He will live in the church rental house (upstairs) just north of the church. Welcome Vicar Kimball!



Friendship Circle

Girls' Night Out:

All women of the congregation are invited to join us at the following restaurants. RSVP to Kathryn Sprecher, 279-1123, by the Sunday prior to each evening. Join us!
 ★ July 27, Bandana's, 4570 Univ., WDM
 ★ August 24, Pizza Ranch, 1709 North Jefferson, Indianola
 We will carpool for both dates if you're interested.

Book Discussion Group:

Pull up your hammock, beach blanket, or porch swing – its time for summer reading! The group has chosen "The Color of Water" by James McBride for Tuesday, July 6, 7:00pm at the home of Shari Stelling (note change of day) and for August it's "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford. Watch Sunday bulletins for August date and location.

Jazz in July: Join us on Tuesday, July 20 at 6:00pm behind the Shops at Roosevelt (just off 42nd Street). Bring your own picnic, including beverage. An Ice Cream Buffet follows at Trinity. RSVP to 251-7266 by Sunday, July 18, so we will have enough ice cream! Sponsored by Trinity's Fellowship Society and Fellowship Board.

Breakfast with the Pastor will be on July 15 at the Village Inn on E. 14th & Euclid. Watch bulletins for August info. See you there!

Pastor's Lunch Bunch will meet on Sunday, July 18, 11:30am for brunch at the Machine Shed at Living History Farms. The August outing will be on August 15 at 11:30am, also at the Machine Shed at Living History Farms. Great food and great friends!

Church Council Minutes

(A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained by calling the church office at 279-3609.)

Treasurer's Report: Positive balance accumulating. The Line of Credit with LCEF has been paid off.

Elders: Changes in Music Department recently. Working with Outreach on Noise in the Neighborhood. Candles newly installed; sound system update ordered. Bill Hohlfeld elected chairman for upcoming year.

Trustees: Notice more insects in building; Springer Pest Control is handling it. No bids yet on roof repair.

Campus: No meeting this month.

Education: Vicar proposed using hired group to lead kids in songs on Sept. 12 during Noise in the Neighborhood.

Outreach: Noise in the Neighborhood renamed Make a Joyful Noise in the Neighborhood, or MJNN. Norma working on permits; discussion of need for more liability insurance for event. Meeting on June 26, 9am.

Stewardship: No reports from any committees.

Public Relations: Will work on advertising for MJNN. Board of Ed will make brochures.

Fellowship: Written report of regular events. Norma encouraged us to attend. Jazz in July event on the 20th. Will also set another Bunco night.

Youth: No chairman for the board; letters sent to parents of all youth for input. Options discussed: combining with another church for activities;

possible inclusion of Sudanese and Asian youth; have a youth-led program with counselors to guide them.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will retire from the Navy on Aug. 7, 2pm. A meal at Trinity on Aug. 8 after worship. VBS June 28-July 2 at Trinity. Service on July 4 to honor military veterans.

New Bible study on Grief will be held in members' homes.

Will meet with Pastors Meyer and Timm about another Reformation service this year.

Still working on who to fund from the tithe from the Garrison estate.

Business:

Spending freeze continues; funding for MJNN will need to be approved at a Voter's meeting later this summer. Council voted to put aside \$400 each week from offerings to fund MJNN. Fundraising also suggested.

Sound system has been installed.

Daycare working on new lock system for west doors. Playground fencing installed; equipment to arrive later.

Date of next meeting moved to July 13 as Pastor will be out of town.

Special Voters' Assembly Meeting: Sunday, July 11, 2010, 11:00am

A special Voters' Meeting to address a couple of items will be held on Sunday, July 11 at 11am (immediately after worship). We will discuss and vote on funds for the Noise in the Neighborhood event to be held in September and also address the roof repair issue. All voting members are urged to be present.

Serving in July and August

	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>TRUSTEE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
July					
4-Hohlfeld, Honts	Brott, Stoltenow	White	Toby Whites, Stellings	Brott, Wadle, Hanson, Schneller	Stoltenow, Jackovich, Vogler,
11-Oliver, Brott		Bennett	Eitreims, B. Park	Garton	
18-Bobehouse/Garton	Mekus, Topping	R. Brott	Anderson, Heckman	Honts, Freeman, Stoermer, B.	Heiden
25-Chesnut, Heiden		N. Cloe	Martins, J. & S. White	Oliver, Olauson, Hohlfeld, M.	Heiden
August					
1-Hohlfeld, Honts	Heiden/Hermann	Huckaby	Stoltenows, Clausens	Brott, Wadle, Hanson, Schneller	Stoltenow, Jackovich, Vogler,
8-Oliver, Brott		R. Krug	Berstlers, Coats	Garton	
15-Bobehouse/Garton	Schneller, Fraser	Shroyer	Stueckraths, Roberts'	Honts, Freeman, Stoermer, B.	Heiden
22-Chesnut, Heiden		Spaine	Olausons, B. Bennett	Oliver, Olauson, Hohlfeld, M.	Heiden
29-Hohlfeld, Honts		White	R. Brotts, J. Brott	Honts, Freeman, Stoermer, B.	Heiden

Statistics/Membership Changes

	<u>Offering: Regular - Special</u>		<u>Attendance</u>
May 30	\$4,446	858	131
June 6	3,762	3,347	110
June 13	4,115	7	103
June 20	4,509	1,280	131

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Baptism: Krista Genevieve Shroyer, daughter of Matt & Kelli Shroyer, 6-20-10
 Frances Kay Huckaby, daughter of Tim & Angela Huckaby, 6-27-10

Profession of Faith: Ed & Donna Weese,
 Khamphay Phaviset,

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Michael C. Wolfram, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Arno Melz, Visitation Pastor
 Quintin Cundiff, Vicar (thru July 30)
 Devin Kimball, Vicar (after Aug. 1)
 Bev Wadle, Office Manager
 Debbie Bennett, Adult Choir Director
 Thalya Hanson, Gospel Singers Director

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, 10:00am English Service,
 10:00am Lao Service, 11:30am Nuer Service
 During Lent and Advent - Wednesday, 7:00pm
 Holy Communion:
 First & third Sunday at English Service
 Fourth Sunday at Nuer and Lao Services
 Also Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday,
 Easter, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School: Age 3 - 8th grade, 9:00am,
 lower level.
 High School: No summer classes
 Adult Bible Classes: 9:00am Sunday in various
 locations in the chapel, gym, etc.
 Midweek Classes: 6:30pm Wednesdays,
 Confirmation for grades 6-8. (Sept. through May)
 (Classes 6:00-7:00pm during Lent & Advent)
 Adult Membership Class: Lectures of Christian
 fundamental scheduled periodically.
 Downtown Bible Study: 4th Thursday of the
 month, Noon - 12:45pm at St. John's Lutheran
 Church, 6th & Keo.
 Young Adult Study: Sundays at 4:00pm in the
 lounge. (On hiatus for the summer.)

OTHER MINISTRIES

Prayer Chain: Call anytime with needs, concerns,
 joys to: Trudy, 276-2427 or Renae, 287-7574.
 Send email prayer request to Pastor Wolfram at
 mcwolfram@aol.com.

Trinity's Web Page:

<http://www.trinitydesmoines.com>.

Trinity's email: trinitylc@aol.com

Lutheran Family Service, 251-4900

Dial-the-Gospel in Spanish, 279-3609, ext. 18

CHURCH COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: Barry Wadle

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Bennett

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Marc Heiden

RECORDING SECRETARY: Esther Fraser

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Penny Peters

TREASURER: Annette Blasnitz

ELDERS:

Vince Bobenhouse, Josh Brott, Eddie Chesnut,
 Tony Garton, Kurt Heiden (Chairman), Bill
 Hohlfeld, Kevin Honts, Burrell Oliver.

TRUSTEES:

Bruce Bennett (Chairman), Ron Brott, Nate Cloe,
 Tim Huckaby, Mike Jackovich, Rick Krug, Matt
 Shroyer, Vidal Spaine, Toby White.

BOARDS:

CAMPUS: Dorothy Garton

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Craig Fraser

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH: Carol Newsom

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Norma Hohlfeld

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: John Schneller

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Connie Mekus

YOUTH: Vacant