

Trinity Tidings

Little Decisions?

The author of Proverbs wrote: "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." (Proverbs 1:5)

Little decisions can have some far reaching consequences. Ken Klaus wrote about the island of Borneo where things nearly got out of hand because of one seemingly harmless decision. Years ago when there was an epidemic of Malaria in Borneo. Health officers sprayed the area with DDT to kill the mosquitoes. The mosquitoes did die, but the insecticide partially paralyzed flies who became easy prey for insect-eating lizards.

When the lizards ate the insecticide-laden flies, they too became sick and slowed down. Because the lizards were moving slower, they were eaten by the cats, which soon died. With no cats, the rat population flourished and a plague threatened the people. Things eventually got so bad that they actually had to parachute cats into Borneo.

The little decision to spray for mosquitoes had some far reaching consequences.

Each day, each of us makes a multitude of little decisions, some which have no effect on anything but the immediate situation, others which will have a far reaching impact. How important it is for us to hear the words of Proverbs: "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." Your decision to attend worship on Sunday, to read your Bible, to pray with your children, to witness to a friend, to help a neighbor, or to visit someone in the hospital may seem inconsequential at the time but may have an influence greater than you ever thought. We pray that the Lord will guide us to make good decisions in our life and that the effects of our decisions will have a positive impact on those around us.

Dennis Shaltanis and I are going to be asked to make decisions on behalf of Trinity as we attend the Iowa District West Convention being held at Camp Okoboji from June 21-24. We will be gathering with Pastors and Lay Delegates from the District under the theme: "Joy in Serving".

While most of the resolutions we will be passing may seem as inconsequential as spraying for mosquitoes their influence could be far reaching. I have noticed many memorials addressing ways we can have "Joy in Serving" through missions, evangelism, and support for ministries to all age groups. With the United States now the third largest mission field in the world being equipped to reach out to the lost could result in many souls being saved! Dennis and I will be making decisions for this!

Monday evening we will hear from the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical Structure and Governance. There has been much discussion in our Synod about this task force and recommendations that they are considering. I am looking forward to hearing their report and then sharing the information with you.

Little decisions? They may seem so at this level, but it is all a part of working in a much greater kingdom. So, whether at home, in the congregation, District, or Synod we all can experience the "Joy in Serving" our Lord.

In Christ,

Pastor Wolfram

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From the Vicar

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." – Luke 18:16

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Summer is here! That usually means that everyone has a different schedule than they did during the fall, winter, and spring. There is just something about summer that everyone loves. From the time we are old enough to go to school we have been excited about summer vacation. We have been excited to get out of the classroom and be free!

This summer Diane and I are going to be heading up summer Sunday school. The words "summer" and "school" are just not meant to go together, at least in my opinion. For me those two words in such close proximity to each other are linked to images of having to sit at a desk in a hot classroom and sweating while the teacher makes me do math problems, so needless to say they are not happy images for me. This is NOT what Summer Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church is going to be like though! It is going to be great time for all of us to get together and have fun while experiencing Christ! There will not be anyone sitting at a desk and sweating while they are doing math problems!

This summer we will be growing in Christ who connects His Word to the daily lives of the students, nurturing faith in our loving, forgiving Savior. There is nothing like growing in Him who created us, and learning to be and live as he would have us! So please bring your children to join us this summer and then head upstairs and join the Adult Bible Study! All the information will be in the bulletin!

In Christ,

Vicar Lee

Congratulations Graduates!

Damion Blasnitz graduated this past month from East High School in Des Moines and is planning to go to Tulsa (Oklahoma) Welding School. He is the son of Annette Blasnitz and grandson of Karen Thede.

Dillon Blasnitz graduated from North High School and plans to work full time at O'Riley's Distribution Center where he has been working part-time while attending high school. He is also the son of Annette Blasnitz and grandson of Karen Thede.

Taylor Chesnut graduated from Johnston High School. During high school she was involved in track, competing at state for 4 years and Drake Relays for three, along with setting school records in 4 events. She was also involved in volleyball for 4 years (2007 4A champions; 2008 4A State Runner-ups); and show choir for 4 years. Other activities included National Honor Society, National Council on Youth Leadership, SAIL, and FCA. Awards include: Johnston Foundation 2008-2009 Student of the Year; DAR 2008 Central Iowa Good Citizenship Award; 2008 Volleyball CIML Honorable Mention; 2008 All-State Academic Volleyball Team; 2008 All State Elite Track Team; and Academic Award - 4 years. Taylor enjoys reading and water skiing, and is the daughter of Eddie and Renae Chesnut. Future plans include attending Iowa State University to major in Chemical and Biomedical Engineering.

Michelle Hooper is graduating from Lincoln High School. She was involved in Girl Scouting for 12 years and was in Band for 2 years of High School and Volleyball and Swimming for 1 year. She works part-time at B-Bops and All Star Day Care. She did an internship at Central Campus in the teacher's academy with Ruby Van Meter School. She plans to attend DMACC and major in education with special emphasis on special ed. She is the daughter of Al and Renae Hooper.

LWML

Women: Word and Walk will not meet in June. Watch Sunday bulletins for future activities. For more information about Women:

Word and Walk or LWML, contact Kathryn Sprecher at 279-1123.



LOOK! The LWML convention is right around the corner! Between June 25-28, attendees of the 33rd Biennial LWML Convention will gather in

Portland to be nourished by the Word, inspired with songs of praise, and encouraged in service to God and others through the many speakers and convention activities. The delegates will have the task of electing new officers, setting a new mission mite goal, and voting for important mission grant proposals. The LWML Store will offer new and exciting products, devotions, program materials and much more. Evergreen Park will be full of interesting and innovative exhibits. Check www.lwml.org for up-to-the-minute updates and news during the convention. *Look to the Hills... God Reigns!* Pack those bags and we'll see you in Portland!

Kathryn Sprecher will be attending the convention. Each attendee is asked to bring one of the "*Gifts from the Heart*" kit to be given to agencies in the Portland area. Needed for an art kit: crayons (16 pack), washable markers (8 pack), children's scissors, pencils (2), glue stick, Christian book for children. If you can help, place the item in the container near Mission Corner in the narthex by Sunday, June 21. Any extra items collected will be distributed through other local agencies. Thank you!



Can't attend the LWML convention? Once again this year there will be a mission mile walk. If you would like to contribute to "*Mission in Motion*" contact Kathryn with your donation to go toward the 2009-2011 LWML biennium mission goal. Be in *Motion for Missions* in Portland! Make checks payable to LWML and write MOTION on memo line. Thank you!

WONDERING WHAT TO DO with used cell phones, laptops (with power cords) and PDAs (Palm Pilots)? Here's a suggestion – donate them to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).



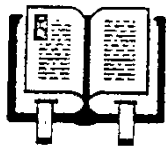
The Iowa District East and West LWML will host the 2015 National Convention in Des Moines. You can help us earn funds to cover expenses by joining in our "Ready, Set, Recycle!" campaign. Ask your family, friends, neighbors – even the place where you work – if they have any items to dispose and bring them to the box in the narthex. We appreciate your help...and so will the environment!

LWML Guild

Trinity LWML Guild does not meet during the summer months but the Mite Box will be available in the narthex on the first two Sundays of each month for your contributions. For more information about Trinity LWML Guild or the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, contact Norma Hohlfeld 251-7266 or



Bible Studies:



DOWNTOWN BIBLE STUDY:

Meets on **June 25, Noon-12:45pm**, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 6th & Keo. Bring your lunch and a friend and join us. Come as you can is our policy so if you need to come late or leave early, we understand.

We continue the study of the book of **Isaiah** entitled "**Here Am I! Send Me!**" Call Claudia at 278-5781 for information.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9:00am:

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

Pastor Wolfram has begun the study "**The Many Wonders of Heaven**". Just as the mention of the word "heaven" boggles the mind and moves our hearts, going to heaven appeals to us as the greatest adventure possible. All are invited to join us in this enlightening Sunday morning study.

"**I Have Good News for You**" is a class designed as a membership class or as an information class for those who want to know more about the Lutheran faith. The class will begin later this summer; if you would like to participate in this class, please call the church office to sign up.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 4:00PM and FRIDAY EVENING, 7:00PM:

Young Adults: "Re: Ply to All: Christians in Casual Conversations" Bible Study - Sunday afternoons, 4:00pm and on Fridays at 7:00pm at the church. All young adults of Trinity (age 25-40) are invited to join Vicar Lee's Bible study. Child care is provided.

If you have an idea for a Bible study or would like to lead a class, please call the church office and volunteer! We appreciate your input!

Friendship Circle

Mark your calendars!

▶ **Book Discussion Group:**

The group will meet next on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00pm at the home of Joyce Trollope to discuss the book "Standing Tall: A Memoir of Tragedy and Triumph" by C. Vivian Stringer. We won't be meeting in July so the next gathering will be on Monday, August 3 at the home of Norma Hohlfeld when we'll discuss the book "The Lace Reader" by Brunonia Barry.

▶ **Progressive Dinner:** Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 20, when we will have a progressive dinner at Trinity! We need volunteers to offer their home for one of three courses of the meal, and other volunteers to supply the food! We also need YOU to join us for dinner. We will begin with appetizers at the church and end at the church with dessert. Sign up on the sheet by the west Narthex doors or call the church office at 279-3609 if you'd like to attend.

▶ **Girls' Night Out:** Join us on Tuesday, June 23, 6:30pm at Fawn's Asian Cuisine, 1107 E. University Avenue. All women of the congregation are invited to this evening of fellowship and your choice of cuisine - Vietnamese, Thai, Chinese or Asian. To make your reservation, contact Susan Hermann, 255-5198, by Sunday, June 21.

▶ **Breakfast with the Pastor:** Join us on Thursday, June 4, 8:30am, at the Village Inn, 2300 University, West Des Moines. Everyone is welcome!

▶ **Pastor's Lunch Bunch** meets on Sunday, June 14 (note that it is a week early this month as Pastor will be heading to the IDW Convention). We meet each month at the Machine Shed at Living History Farms for great food and fellowship immediately following worship. Join us!

Mission Corner

Mission Central has several missionaries coming to speak over the next several months. Programs will be presented at 1:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. at your barn at Mission Central, 2 miles east of Mapleton. If you would like to support these missionaries financially, stop by the Mission Corner in the narthex and pick up an “adoption form”. Or visit <http://www.missioncentral.us>. Please include all of our missionaries in your prayers as they serve throughout the world. Here are the missionaries coming to Mission Central and the dates:

- Dr. Funchatou Lo & family from Banda Aceh, Indonesia on June 6 (*contact Kathryn, 279-1123, if interested in going*)
- Dave and Radka Fiala from Slovakia, Hungary, Poland & Czech Republic June 20
- Rev. Claude & Rhoda Houge from Kenya in East Africa on June 24
- Rev. Joel & Iantha Scheiwe from Hong Kong & Asia on June 27
- Vicar J. P. & Amiee Cima & Family from Hanoi, Vietnam on July 7



Agape Pregnancy Center is in need of the following items: diapers, diaper coupons, formula, baby wipes, copier paper, paper towels, 13-gallon garbage bags, toilet paper, bottle water, liquid soap, sample size shampoo, soap and lotions, and children’s Christian story books. Place items in the container at the east end of the narthex.

It’s vacation time! Bring back the motel soaps, shampoos, and lotions. They will be taken to Agape Pregnancy Center and given out in “gift baskets”.

Publications needed: If you have extra Sunday School materials or devotional books, bring them to the container at the table in the narthex. The items will be distributed at the Clay County Fair in Spencer and at the Iowa State Fair at the LLL (Lutheran Layman’s League) booth. What to collect? Recent Sunday School materials that have not been written on, *My Devotions*, *Portals of Prayer*, Bibles, large print materials, etc. Bring the items by Sunday, June 21.

Hope Ministries Update: We will be collecting items for Hope Ministries and will be changing what we collect each quarter. This quarter we will collect 60-gallon garbage bags. Bring your donation to the Hope Ministries box on the table at the east end of the narthex. Thanks for your donations!

Youth News

We are planning a carwash this summer but haven’t settled on a date yet. Watch your Sunday bulletins for more information.



Sunday Refreshments:



Members of the congregation are asked to sign up to supply Sunday morning refreshments for the fellowship time at before and after worship. A sign-up sheet is posted on the kitchen door. The free-will offering will be used to resupply the kitchen with coffee, cups, etc. Thanks for your help!

June Birthdays

- 2 - Cody Genzen
 Baylee Heiden
 James Jackson
- 3 - Nadine Clausen
 Dwight Stelling
- 5 - Janet Velie
- 7 - Andrew Kent
- 8 - Bob Boelling
 Andrew McBurney
 Bev Wadle
- 9 - Marta Boelling
- 10 - Jon Vogler
 Lisa Keene
- 11 - Chuck Stoltenow
- 12 - June Harvey
 Michele Jackovich
 Mary Ann Urquhart
- 13 - Judy Schneller
 Regan Gephart
 Shawn Smith
- 14 - Michelle Hooper
- 16 - Kevin Michels
- 17 - Damion Blasnitz
- 18 - Deb Eittreim
 Albert Harvey
 Merle Martens
- 20 - Blane Chesnut
 Summer Glasener
 Aaron Phillips
- 25 - Erica Harper
- 26 - Anastasia Grill
- 27 - Mary Jane Jennings
- 28 - Matthew Jorgenson
 Mark Wolfram
- 29 - Kevin Honts
- 30 - Eric Genzen
 Shelly Robertson
 Sherry Wells



June Anniversaries

- 2 - Rod & Karen Ryan (30th)
- 5 - Wes & Jan Stueckrath (49th)
- 7 - Denise & Kevin Honts (12th)
- 9 - Barry & Bev Wadle (8th)
- 10 - Matt & Bonnie Hooper (3rd)
- 21 - John & Trudy Martin (34th)
- 21 - Tony & Dorothy Garton (29th)
- 22 - Steve & Deb Eittreim (35th)
- 29 - George & Mary Lou Olason (51st)

Library News

Seek and ye shall find! Yes, the Trinity Library book rack is still in the Narthex! Look for it on the far east end. New books (and a DVD) that have been added recently to the library: “The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian”; My Abigail by Cynthia Davis; The Overwhelmed Woman’s Guide to Caring for Aging Parents by Julie-Allyson Ieron; Quitting Church: Why the Faithful Are Fleeing and What to do About It by Julia Duin; Simple Small Groups: A User-Friendly Guide for Small Group Leaders by Bill Search; and Christ Have Mercy: How to Put Your Faith in Action by Matthew C. Harrison.

Trinity’s Softball Team: Come and cheer on our softball team as it plays against other churches in a newly-formed league that plays at Grace Church, 4200 E. 25th St., Des Moines. Games are at 6:00pm on May 28 and at 7:00pm on June 1.

Church Council Recap

The following is a summation of the minutes of the meeting of the Church Council on May 19, 2009. A complete copy of all reports can be obtained by calling the church office at 279-3609.

Treasurer's report: Balance of \$12,317.92.

Elders: One service working well. As weather warms, will move fellowship time outdoors. Elders will be contacting delinquent members on reactivating them.

Trustees: Lutheran's for Christ project manager arriving next week. Others will come later. Project will begin with a commissioning service on June 7th and end with dedication service 8 weeks later. Sound system being updated; looking for individuals or groups to "Adopt-a-Room" in the church.

Campus: LSF officers installed May 10; they will lead future campus ministry activities. Students are interested in establishing study rooms at Trinity.

Education: Teach Appreciation May 31. Vicar will lead summer Sunday school program.

Evangelism: Craig talking with Hope Ministries about Trinity becoming a "King's Closet" partner. LCMS Lutherans in Mission outreach being planned in September at Christ the King in Altoona.

Fellowship: Fifth Sunday Family Fun Night on May 31 with potluck and movie night. Progressive dinner in planning stages for June 20. Need homes and cooks to host portions of the meal. Jazz in July on July 10 in cooperation with Fellowship Society.

Youth: Carwash planned this summer; Vicar planning Burrito Bible study for youth this summer (entails having Bible study at various Mexican restaurants and having burritos, then rating best tasting ones.)

Pastor's Report: Installation of Officers on May 31st. Pastor met new vicar and his wife on May 16. Installation of new vicar on August 2. Vicar Lee's farewell on July 26. "Fan the Flame" initiative letter will be forwarded to the Stewardship Board for consideration on whether Trinity will participate.

Business: Board Reorganization questions: concern was brought up about combining education and youth boards. Rod Ryan will contact Marc Heiden concerning duties as he expressed concerns.

Still need an Altar Guild chairman; Kurt will contact a couple of people suggested as possibilities.

Dennis Shaltanis expressed his thanks to the outgoing council members; Council thanked Dennis for his years of service to the congregation as chairman.

Meet Vicar Quintin Cundiff

The following is the letter received from our new vicar who will begin ministry at Trinity on August 1.

Dear Pastor Wolfram and Trinity Lutheran Church,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I gratefully accept the vicarage assignment given to me. I give thanks to God for placing me with all of you and giving me the chance to learn and more fully prepare to enter into the ministry. I anxiously await the chance to get to meet all of you and begin what will undoubtedly be an encouraging and fruitful year.

Please allow me to introduce myself further. I am originally from Oberlin, Kansas, a small town of about two thousand people in the northwest corner of the state. I grew up as an only child with my mom, Janice, and my dad, Greg. My mom is a speech pathologist in a local school and my dad is retired. After high school, I went to Seward, Nebraska for college. There, I got a degree in history as well as taking my pre-seminary courses.

Also in Seward, I met the woman that would become my wife. Lindsay is a truly wonderful woman who has devoted her life to helping people as a nurse. She is currently an LPN, but is doing coursework to become an RN. She is originally from Farnhamville, Iowa, where she grew up with her mom, Denise, her dad, Rick, and two brothers, Marcus and Jordan.

We were married the day after I graduated from college, which made for a very busy weekend. After staying in Seward for a few months, we moved to St. Louis for Seminary. We have not yet been blessed with children, but we hope to eventually add to our family. The next big step for us is vicarage, which we both are looking forward to very much. I hope that this letter finds all of you well and once again let me thank you for the opportunity to come and learn and serve your congregation.

In Christ,

Quintin Cundiff

Serving this Month

ELDERS

June 7 - Spaine, M. Bennett
 June 14 - Chesnut, Honts
 June 21 - Hohlfeld, Oliver
 June 28 - Morris, K. Heiden

ALTAR GUILD GREETERS

Martens, Redd Chesnut Family, Brad & Linn Morris
 James & Pam Jackson, Connie Mekus
 Stoermer, Morris Hollis family; Martin family
 Fornoff family, Dwight & Shari Stelling

ACOLYTES

7 - Baylee Heiden
 14 - Matt Jorgenson
 21 - Noah Smith
 28 - Andrew Kent

TRUSTEE

Jackovich
 Julius Koth
 Rick Krug
 B. Bennett

USHERS

R. Brott, E. Chesnut, B. Wadle, M. Hanson
 Stoltenow, Jackovich, Schneller, T. Garton
 K. Honts, Jon & Josh Freeman, C. Stoermer
 Hohlfeld, Oliver, Olauson, M. Heiden

Statistics/Membership Changes

TRINITY'S RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

	<u>Offering</u>		<u>Attendance</u>
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>- Special</u>	<u>10:00am</u>
Apr. 26	\$3,960	\$ 939	119
May 3	5,848	1,198	105
May 10	4,145	100	148
May 17	5,153	888	133

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Death: Janet Arp, 5-3-09 (no services planned)

Youth Confirmation: Joe Riesterer, 4-26-09

ADDRESS CHANGES

Brad & Katie Crookshank, 422-8007 (was 8008 in last Tidings)



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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Michael C. Wolfram, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Arno Melz, Visitation Pastor
 Brian Lee, Vicar
 Bev Wadle, Office Manager
 Debbie Bennett, Adult Choir Director
 Judith Shaltanis, Music Coordinator
 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: balcony, 9:00am
 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 and
 Fridays at 7:00pm

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: Rod Ryan

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Barry Wadle

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Hanson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Denise Honts

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Jim Riesterer

TREASURER: Annette Blasnitz

ELDERS: Mark Bennett, Eddie Chesnut, Kurt
 Heiden (Chairman), Bill Hohlfeld, Kevin Honts,
 Brad Morris, Burrell Oliver, Vidal Spaine

TRUSTEES: Bruce Bennett (Chairman), Ron
 Brott, Nate Cloe, Mary Kay Frasier, Tim
 Huckaby, Mike Jackovich, Julius Koth, Rick
 Krug.

BOARDS:

CAMPUS: Dorothy Garton

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Vacant

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH: Carol Newsom

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Bev Wadle

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: John Schneller

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Connie Mekus

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