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*Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran
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From the Pastor

If you didn't attend the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly held in May at the Santander Arena in Reading then you missed it. That no doubt includes all of you except our delegates, Bob Bashore and Diane Brown, Carol Koch and myself. All of you missed an exhilarating event.

And if you weren't in church the following day, Sunday, May 31 then you missed hearing about the inspiring worship, rousing music, informative lectures, and moving accounts from a cross section of people who have served or been served in a variety of Lutheran ministries. Even those of you present to hear these accounts from those of us who attended may have missed the great spirit which lifted the event to a mountaintop experience.

If all you heard about this assembly is what you read in the "Reading Eagle" then you missed what an awe inspiring, spirit-filled and educational this assembly was. Without exception the best assembly I've attended in my 28 years of assemblies.

Unfortunately the "Reading Eagle" chose to focus on one small part of the two day event, a controversial resolution which was discussed briefly before being passed by a clear majority. The resolution read, "encourage churches to facilitate same sex weddings," though it might more accurately be read (these resolutions come with a page of explanations) "encourage a discussion about facilitating same sex weddings."

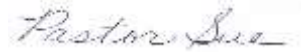
The broader issue of homosexuality and the church has been on the table for years, with study guides provided by the national church, and culminating in the vote at the 2009 churchwide assembly to accept homosexual people in ordained ministry provided, like heterosexual persons, they remain celibate or in a committed relationship. But, according to those in leadership positions at Trinity, no formal discussion has taken place here on the subject.

For that reason I invite you to join me on Sunday, **September 13, from 4-6 pm** to discuss the Biblical basis for marriage, what the Bible has to say about homosexuality and the history of the church on these matters. We will also explore ways that our church has adapted to changes in society over time.

Our hope is that a broad cross section of people will attend this forum, willing to share their thoughts and opinions. We are committed to maintaining an open and respectful atmosphere in which we can share and, together, discern what God is calling us to do.

This will be the kick-off for a series of topical discussions sponsored by the Endowment Committee tagged "Second Sunday † Training." Look for more details in this and forthcoming newsletters and hope to see **YOU** there!

God's Peace,



Sunday School in August

We continue to encourage our families with younger children to attend worship, as they are able, throughout August, knowing that there will be activities for their children as well. The list of teachers for August is on the back of the calendar. We need a teacher for Labor Day Weekend, 9/6. If you would be interested in helping that day, please call Carol at the office.

Attention

Anyone that needs assistance with household work, odd jobs, and outside work-John Kurtz is the man to see, reasonable rates. You can contact him at 610-693-5233.

Congratulations and Godspeed to Laura, David and Benjen Laudenslager

On Sunday, July 19th Benjen was baptized, a very happy event for the Laudenslager and Franzen families. However, a wonderful job opening will be taking the Laudenslager clan to California to live in August. While we are happy for this wonderful opportunity for them, they will be missed in our midst.





Have a garden?

If God blesses you with an abundance
bring your “overage” to the basket on the back windowsill.
If you don’t have a garden or are not growing what’s in the basket
take what you would like, leave a donation.
All donations will be given to **World Hunger**.



Calling all musicians!

Share your talents during the summer.
Sing or play at the time the choir normally sings their anthem.
A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex
Two Sundays are still available- August 23rd and 30th.
Please call Carol the Monday before you will be using your talents so
that your selection can be placed in the bulletin.

Knitters & Crocheters....get out your yarn.

Yes, it's time once again to being collecting hats, scarves, mittens & gloves for the men, women & children who are served through the annual community event-**People First**.
Can you help? This amazing event serves more than 1000 people each year in November. Each year a warm gift of hats, scarves, gloves, or mittens is offered to each guest. Not a “crafter”?
Donations of purchased items are gratefully accepted. Need more

information? If you are interested, in helping, let Carol Koch know. We will gather the donations here and deliver them to Cheryl Young/Reading Berks Council of Churches representative. This is an opportunity to touch and perhaps change a life. Please put your donations in the blue bin on the windowsill in the narthex.

Remember to save the date of December 13th @ 3 PM for the Christmas Concert. The Senior Choir will be joining the Bell and Chime Choirs this year so this will be a really special event.



Thanks for help from the Community Response Fund

On behalf of Amy Hatlee, I thank you for your generous donation to her as she undergoes treatment in Boston.

I know how hard all of you work throughout the year and on the day of the Festival to make those funds available to those in need.

Well done.

Suzanne Kreider

Dear member of Trinity
Thank you for the Birthday
Cards. It sure helped to make
my Day.

Thank again
Maureen Ochs

July 7, 2015

Thank You

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Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$500.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Gifts like yours make it possible for our church to continue its effective and efficient response to disasters.

Your support helps families and communities get back on their feet again after they have been harmed. Your gifts also provide resources for preparedness and risk reduction programs.

To neighbors who can feel alone and in despair, your gift brings immediate help and hope for the future. We will partner for as long as it takes to rebuild, reclaim and recover.

As Lutheran Disaster Response, we support and pray for the well-being of people all over the world who are recovering from a disaster, and for our partners and volunteers who assist them in their journey to renewal. Thank you for providing help, hope and healing.

In Christ's service,

Daniel Rift

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July, 8, 2015

Dear Pastor:

The Arts Committee of St. Daniel's Lutheran Church will be hosting a very special program on Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. The Brickhouse Theater Compay will pesent a summer concert at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church, 480 Big Spring Road, Robesonia, PA.

The performance of "Broadway Ala Carte" will feature professional talent from New York City and Lancaster as well as local talent of the Rheinhold Singers.

Tickets available at the door for a suggested donation of \$10.00 per person.

Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music and fellowship. We will be looking for you!!!!

The Arts Committee of St. Daniels Lutheran Church

See poster in the narthex for more info

This letter is from the organization where our mission team traveled to in April of 2014 to help fix and add on to a home in Kentucky. The team is currently exploring ways in which Trinity may be able to help.

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July 16, 2015

Dear Friends:

Late this past Monday afternoon, we had some terrible storms here in Eastern Kentucky that produced damaging winds and massive amounts of rain. People throughout Johnson, Pike and Floyd Counties have been without water and/or electricity. Some people have lost their homes and even loved ones. As I write this they are still looking for five people who were swept away by the water in Johnson County, Kentucky.

We too suffered damage at St. Vincent Mission as the winds were so strong that they dropped an 80 foot tree with at least a 36" diameter on our warehouse which was 40 feet wide and 60 feet long and literally split it in half. God has blessed us in the fact that the four volunteers that were on site were not hurt.

Since we began to store items in plastic totes about two years ago, we only lost a little over half of the items that we usually store in the warehouse for Christmas, the Second Hand Store and those recovering from abuse, fire, flood or other situations in which they need items to give them a fresh start. Most of those items were goods that are donated by organizations, churches and friends like you and will not be covered by the insurance company. Our agent, Bryan, at Catholic Mutual has been so helpful and understanding and I have already had a conversation with the adjustor who will be coming Friday of this week.

Monday night we were unable to do anything other than to secure the site. Tuesday morning our volunteers from Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois came and started with chain saws and hand saws to remove the top of the tree and dispose of the branches. We were not able to do much Tuesday as the power lines were down and the electric company said it was too dangerous.

Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. the staff, Keith our site supervisor for the new Volunteer House, our intern Ali and volunteer Richard, along with our group of volunteers from Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Saginaw Michigan, began the massive cleanup and going through items to see what could be saved and what had to be dumped into the 30 cubic dumpster that was provided by Waste Management. When the dumpster was full Waste Management removed it and returned it for more disposal. Everyone worked tirelessly and by lunch time we had gone through at least half of the warehouse. Sr. Eileen, Prioress of my community and St. Vincent Mission Board Member, arrived to see how she could help. I asked her to go into town and pick up pizzas for all the helpers. She came back with pizzas, soda, chips and even some popsicles! That was a treat. After lunch we continued our work and by the time we finished for the day the

dumpster was full and the second floor of the mission was filled with the totes that held what could be saved. We quit for the day and said we would be back at it come Thursday morning.

Throughout our emergency five groups of Home Repair Program volunteers have continued with our scheduled repair of low-income, elderly and disabled people's homes. We are truly blessed with a hard-working staff, caring volunteers and generous donors.

Even in the midst of storms and loss the Spirit of God calls to mind scriptures and words of Christian songs that comfort and strengthen us. A short burst from a dear friend's recollection is:

"Oh how he loves you,
Oh how he loves me,
"Oh how he loves you and me."

Please keep the mission in your prayers as we do you.

With Christian Love,

Sr. Kathleen Weigand OSB
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Executive Director



**Women of Trinity will present their annual
Thank Offering Service on Saturday, September 19th and Sunday,
September 20th, 2015**



Our Organization to help this year is the PJ Project

My name is Kaitlyn Berger, I am 15 years old and I'm in tenth grade at the Boyertown Senior High School. In the spring of 2010 my pastor told me about the children in need at the Delaware County Shelters. I wanted to do something to help so I started The PJ Project which is collecting pajamas for children in need. Pajamas make us feel safe and at home even if we aren't. We accept pajamas in any size, gender and season for area children. Our batches of collected pajamas benefit over 1,000 children at the Delaware County Homeless Shelters, The Laurel House in Montgomery County and Berks Women in Crisis, shelters for women and children .

Kaitlyn is now in college and our thank offering will benefit this organization. Come and hear her and her mother speak that weekend (Saturday & Sunday).

We invite the children of the congregation to come to church in their PJ's that Sunday and we will also take a special offering in Sunday School for this project.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is **\$38.00**. If you are sponsoring the flowers, please note that there are flower envelopes in the narthex beside the sign up list for altar flowers. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is **\$12.00**. We also want to remind you that the week you are an altar flower sponsor, please call the office, Nancy Moyer, or contact the altar guild person listed in the bulletin if you want to keep the flowers. Otherwise, the flowers will be given to the sick, shut-ins, or others in need. Thanks. **We need altar flower sponsors for 8/23 and bulletin sponsors for August 16, 23, and 30th.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for August: 8/2-Gary & Darlene Lundy in memory of their parents, 8/9-Carol Koch in memory of her father, Rev. William H. Marburger, 8/16-Rick & Kathy Lawry in honor of their wedding anniversary, 8/23-available, 8/30-Mary Young in memory of her wedding anniversary.

Bulletin Sponsors for August: 8/2-Jerry & Lynda Jarsocrak in honor of their children, Mike, Ian, Bronwyn, and Jarad, 8/9-Sue & Joe Sicker in memory of Elsie Sickler, 8/16-available, 8/23-available, 8/30-available.

Helpers for August

Communion Assistant-Carol Koch

Altar Guild-Suzanne Kreider

Greeters: 8/2-Kricks, 8/9-Bashores, 8/16-Mary Young, 8/23-Lufts, 8/30-Marlene Ochs.

Acolytes: 8/2-Kevin Gemmell, 8/9-Paige Shannon, 8/16-Forrest Lamm, Jr., 8/23-Bethany Miller, 8/30-John Kurtz.

Lay Readers: 8/2-Elaine Briner, 8/9-Wendell & Beth Byler, 8/16-Bob Bashore, 8/23-April Schwartz, 8/30-Kathy Lawry

Ushers: 8/2-Lawrys, 8/9-Coldrens, 8/16-Kurtzes, 8/23-Berkenstocks, 8/30-Bashores.

Counters: 8/2-Jarsocrak/Brophy, 8/9-Debiec/Rinehimer, 8/16-Hummels, 8/23-Franzens, 8/30-Rapley/Pirl-Roth.

Sound Technician: 8/2 & 8/9-Donald Oxenreider, 8/16-Wendell Byler, 8/23-Scott Franzen, 8/30-Donald Oxenreider.

Bulletin Assemblers: 8/6-Ann Sentz, 8/13-Mary Nace, 8/20-Eleanor Brossman, 8/27-Sandra Miller & Pat Sickles, 9/3-Mary Young.

Children's Summer Sunday School Teacher: 8/2-April Schwarz, 8/9-Morgan Enck, 8/16-Kathy Lawry, 8/23-Kim Scheider, 8/30-Suzanne Krieder.

Prayer List

FERN BAGENSTOSE, Wanda Barnett, Marge Dietrich, DAWN GIANGIACOMO, Sharon & Larry Hamilton, Amy Hatlee, SUE HOLDER, Letitia Jarsocrak, DORIS KETNER, Hannah Kramer, CATHERINE RICHARDS, JANET SEARFOSS, Holly Shaffer, MARGIE STINE, Ann Zimmerman, Rev. Mark Billow, Jerry Brossman, Larry Brossman, RON HARMAN, RAYMOND HARP, Kevin Hartman, Scott Hickernell, TEDD HICKERNELL, Nicholas Hydock, Leslie Jarsocrak, Sam Jarsocrak, BUZZ LOCKWOOD, Gary Ochs, Jake Powers, Ryan Manbeck, Nick Moore, BILL SUHR, Talan and his grandfather, Rodney Weiss, Jr., and Jerry Zachouski. Armed Services: Eric Alderman, Marie Rosati Clark, Allison Rosati Martin, Justin Klinger, Brent Naveiro, Eric Ochs, SCOTT SCHAFFER, and Jeffrey Troutman, Jr., Please help us with this prayer ministry if there is someone you want to include. (Capital letters designates members of Trinity).

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Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in August

Clarence Schein will be 97 and John Ketner will be 84.
Happy Birthday Clarence and John.