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## Pastor's Page

**"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord..."**

Well, I'm glad *He* does!

No, really, I'm glad He does!!! I'm glad it's not up to us to *make* the right plans, only to *discover* His plan, the best and the right plan for our lives!

Right now my head is spinning with ideas as I watch Pastor van Sliedrecht building relationships and finding his niche, as we work to turn our new budget into a map for

this year's ministry work, as our Day Care expands, and as we work to be organized and structured in the best possible way. What a comfort it is to be able to step back and remind myself that there is a plan, and that God will reveal it to us step by step!

While I was on vacation, I was able to get a little more perspective on our ministry together, and one thing really sticks out. It'll take a little bit for me to set the stage, but see if this doesn't make sense to you...

by Pastor Jeff Moore

When someone joins a Christian congregation, it should mean this: "I believe the same Truth these people believe, and I want to be a part of this group. I want to have fellowship with them, make friends here, spend quality time with them. I want to worship God together with these people, challenged by the same sermons, sharing the joys of Baptisms and the joyful sorrow of funerals here. I want to both learn here and share what I learn. I want to grow in my faith so that I

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## Sacrifices Worth Making

A few days ago I received word that St. John's Lutheran School in Winter Park was closing its doors. Many parents were depending on St. John's to establish a sound Christian foundation in the lives their children. I have been a Lutheran educator

for the past 36 years. I have seen many Lutheran schools open and close. When a school closes, it is sad,

by Bill Kuck, Principal

because there is one less opportunity for us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.



The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is known for its schools. Lutheran schools in general have a

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## The Faith that Lives

by Pastor Jon van Sliedrecht

Brothers and Sisters of Trinity, I want to thank each of you for the wonderful welcoming that you have given me. It is seen through your helpful hands, smiles, and quick talks. The Lord has blessed me on this move more than I could have imagined. It is one of Jesus' disciples that says, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31)

Through this book and the entire Bible Christ comes alive displaying His power and authority in our lives. It is because of His death and resurrection that we are saved. It is

by Christ's blood and by His love that He removes our sins from lives. By this selfless act our faith can be strengthened each day, and because of our belief in Him, others can see the life we have in His name. It is through this belief we are brought together as brothers and sisters in Christ. A title that is as powerful as any.

Together as brothers and sisters, this day we will embark on our mission the Lord has given to us, of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus to all with whom we come in contact. If it is through our faith that we have life, it is this faith that can help others live.

Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Jon

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can bring others to know Jesus and to join our congregation. I want to serve Jesus shoulder to shoulder with these particular Christians. I feel that this is the place for me."

Consequently, a Christian congregation should be a place that invites these desires. The proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus, of His life, death and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins, should be so clear that lives are really changed. And, (you were wondering when I would get to the point!) when someone joins that congregation with these desires, the desires should be fulfilled Christian friendships formed, true worship of Christ taking place, faith growing, learning and teaching going on, people reaching new people with the Gospel, and Jesus' command to love and serve being obeyed.

Here's my concern. When someone joins Trinity, if they really want to move closer to God and desire to serve Him, I'm not sure we make it easy. Specifically I'm thinking about the structure of Trinity. You might think that someone who wants to serve God here should get elected to one of our Boards, and that person could then put their gifts to work for

God. While I believe that this is basically true, while on vacation the thought came to me that most of the work of our Boards and various committees really centers around the institution of "Trinity Lutheran Church & School" rather than around the actual work of making disciples and bringing the love of Christ into the lives of people.

I hope you're not starting to feel defensive as I say this, especially if you're one of the dedicated people who are currently serving in an elective office here. I'm not trying to point accusations at anyone. Maybe I'm the only one who feels this way, but I think the reason I was so tired before vacation is because of all the effort expended in tasks that are not really directed at the heart and soul of the work of the ministry. What I want to do with this page is ask you to think this through with me. How can we bring the work that we do together closer to the target of being totally focused on the spread of the Gospel? How can we make sure that people walk away from our meetings with a smile on their face, saying, "What a pleasure it is to serve my Savior!" I'm not saying that we shouldn't work so hard I had, a blast helping my father-in-law drag several

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reputation of being quality institutions that support families with their faith in Jesus Christ, preparing them for eternal life and for their sound academics for success in this world. The people that work in Lutheran schools are generally well-educated, hard working people who are good Christian role models. Everything that goes on in the Lutheran school is based upon the fact that God’s Son Jesus Christ was sacrificed for our sin and rose on Easter Sunday to demonstrate His victory over sin and death. The Bible is God’s Word and the basis of the doctrine that is taught. It is essential that the students and their parents are familiar with this important book. The purpose of Lutheran schools is to help students learn to live successfully as Christians in our world, which often encourages godlessness and immorality.

Lutheran schools denote sacrifice for those involved. The congregations and/or associations that sponsor schools do so for the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel message. It is a ministry or mission of the church. Tuition does not usually cover the entire cost of running a Lutheran school. Congregations supplement as much as ten to twenty percent of the school’s budget, sometimes more. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of the churches’ budgets are designated to finance their schools. The profit from schools is not cash, but souls-children and families that are wrestled away from the devil and put on the



path to salvation.

The people who work in Lutheran schools sacrifice by working harder for less. Some of these teachers and support staff give up opportunities to earn twice as much, so that they can help children develop spiritually. In today’s world this type of logic does not make any sense, but Lutheran schools could not exist if it were not for these people. Lutheran teachers do not last long without the support and love of their sponsoring congregation.

Parents who send their children to Lutheran schools, like the teachers and staff, make sacrifices as well. They are usually the parents who have to prioritize their spending. They have made the spiritual development of their children a high priority, and have chosen to pay hundreds of dollars a month for a Christian education, while a public education



could be had for free. When they were choosing between a larger house, a newer car, the latest technology, eating out, and a faith based education for their children, the education was the most important.

Lutheran schools have been a part of my life for a long time. I can remember my parents agonizing over where the money would come from when my sister and I were enrolled in

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## A from Your Music Director

by Lisa Moore, Music Director

The *Long* Season of **Pentecost!**

*Why do we devote half of the church year to Pentecost?*

Consider these questions:

*What good would Christ's birth, His life, His death, His resurrection be for you, if you didn't know about those saving acts, or if you didn't believe they had any significance for you?*

*What good would God's promises of forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus be for you if you never heard them or if you placed no trust in them?*

On Pentecost, God poured out His Holy Spirit upon His Church (Acts 2). It is the Holy Spirit who works through the Word of God and through the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion to bring us knowledge of and faith in, Jesus as our Savior from sin and death.

Martin Luther reminds us: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the one true faith."

To get the most out of this half of the church year:

- Let the Spirit build up your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Redeemer.
- Put yourself in the vicinity of the "means of grace" through which the Spirit works
- Remember your Baptism!
- Read and listen to God's Gospel of New Life in His Word!

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tons of logs out of the creek that runs through his property, even though I was dog-tired and sore when we finished! But the right kind of hard work fills you up rather than wearing you down.

Please think and pray about this. Specifically I'm asking that you ask God to direct our work

- Attend a Bible class.
- Attend the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins and the strengthening of your faith.
- Make each Sunday, and every day of your life, a little celebration of Pentecost!

### **Choir and Bell Rehearsals**

The season starts up again, Wednesday, August 25. *Hand bells* meet at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. *Parish Choir* meets at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

*First Men and Women's Choir* once-a-month rehearsals will be Sunday evening, September 5

The music ministry here is alive and growing! Come be a part of this exciting way to serve your Lord, yourself, and your fellow Christians!

### **Learn How to Read Music Workshop**

**Saturday, Sept 11**

**9 am - 12 pm, Church basement**

For *Anyone* in the congregation wanting to learn how to start reading music, or to sharpen up your music-reading skills!

### **Organ Update**

Work on the organ re-leathering projects started in July. We have enough donated to do the first two of four phases. If you care to donate to this continuing project, put your donation in an envelope marked "organ."

Thank you!!

together so that it really serves Him directly in obedience to His commands and in gratitude for our salvation. I would welcome your comments, especially if you find God is answering that prayer with good ideas!

I am so looking forward to the next few months! God bless you!

## Continuing in His Word

*(Jesus said) “If you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.” John 8:31, 32*

In our last newsletter I challenged you to catch up on your daily devotions and Bible readings during the summer months. How are you doing? Have you continued in His Word?

Consider the following five implications of “continuing in My Word.”

- **Read and listen** Obviously, we need to acquire Bible Truth. Today we are blessed with so many versions of the Bible by which dedicated scholars attempt to convey the ancient concepts in modern language; not to mention the multitude of printed and electronic helps. Therefore, it shouldn't be difficult to find the resource(s) you need for your daily time with Jesus.
- **Learn and apply** Is the Bible mere information? NO! It is a proclamation meant to confiscate. God is reaching out to make a family. We are to listen and apply Bible truth to life. We are to be directed by Biblical convictions, not day-to-day circumstances.
- **Obey the laws** The Bible gives God's direction to life. One who “continues in the Word” lives in God's way. Behavior is determined by the Bible's code of ethics, not by what is convenient. Right or wrong are based on Bible truth and not merely on what society considers fashionable or timely.

However, this obedience is not generated from fear. It is not behavior modification merely to avoid punishment. Rather it is compliance to a loving Father's beneficial

by Sandy Ogg, Executive Director

directives. Are you among the wise who follow the path affording what is good?

● **Rely on promises** A small boy asked an old man whether he believed in miracles. The old man replied: “No, I do not believe in miracles; I rely on them.” A mature believer stores hundreds of biblical promises to provide security. Do you sometimes have trouble learning from the past? We can only perform the tasks before us in the today with the hope from God of adequate future provision. The Lord is always in the past, present and future knowing and providing for every time.

● **Break-throughs** In our faith life there are times where we pass from understanding to reliance. These are “break-through” times. These break-through times are different for each of us. Through them we find a security that only comes from our faith and belief in a Father, Son and Holy Spirit that alone can calm the troubled waters.

So what does all this have to do with catching up on your devotions and Bible study?

Ask yourself these questions:

1. How can I receive God's Word if I am not diligent in seeking it?
2. How can I rely on God's promises if I am not daily reading His Word?
3. How can I “continue” without Him?

Blessings on your “continuing” adventure in His Word!

## Education Opportunities at Trinity

The Board of Parish Education is constantly looking for new ideas for classes, class leaders and input about our Christian Education program. Please contact us via email at [bpe@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:bpe@trinitydowntown.org).

### Saturday Evenings 5:00-5:45 p.m.

In the School Office, Pastor Moore is leading a study of the **Book of John**. The class is learning about John's life, the meaning behind his inspired writing, and what John teaches us about Jesus.

### Sunday Mornings 9:30 a.m.

The Hammerstroms are leading *The Importance of Prayer* in the school computer lab.

Join Pete Krzyak in the Fellowship Hall for *Ephesians*.

### Monday Evenings 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The Roby Bible Group is currently studying the **Book of Genesis**. For more information, contact Susan Roby by phone at 407-620-8804 or 407-647-3559, or by email at [robyshome@robylawfirm.com](mailto:robyshome@robylawfirm.com).

### Tuesday Evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Lisa Moore is leading a women's Bible Study group in her home. The group is currently doing a Max Lucado study. Everyone is welcome. Please call or email Lisa for more information, 407-422-5704 X124, [LMoore@trinitydowntown.com](mailto:LMoore@trinitydowntown.com).

### Thursday Mornings 6:00 -7:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is being held in the City Diner, next door to Travelodge. Pastor Moore is leading a class study of **Hebrews**.

If you have a group or study not listed above that is currently meeting, we would like to know about it. Please contact Kristy Bowman in the church office by email at [kbowman@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:kbowman@trinitydowntown.org), or by phone at 407-422-5704; or email the Board of Parish Education at [bpe@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:bpe@trinitydowntown.org).

### Sunday School Superintendent Needed!

As we begin planning for next year, we are looking for someone interested in taking over this ministry. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Our new Sunday School Superintendent will have the opportunity to guide Trinity's Sunday School program through an exciting time as Pasto van Sliedrecht joins the Board of Parish Education in developing exciting new Christian Education opportunities for the congregation. If you are interested in finding out more about the position of Sunday School Superintendent, please call Claire Stephens at 407-855-4759 or email [bpe@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:bpe@trinitydowntown.org).

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Brought to You  
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Fellowship Board!  
Sundays 8:45-9:30 a.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall**



*Christ caring for people through people  
at Trinity Lutheran Church Downtown*

**What is Stephen Ministry?** Stephen Ministry is a system through which members of Trinity are trained and organized to help provide Christian caregiving to members of our congregation and community. This provides Trinity with a team of skilled caregivers who are equipped to bring Christ's healing love to people. Trinity's team of Stephen Ministers include: Gretchen Kuck, Peggy Trapp, Joanie Trapp, Wendy Churchville, Susan Roby, Beth Schumacher, Walt Wolters and Kae Retzlaff. We thank God for Emily Berry and Barbara Mundinger who will use their skills to serve Him in other congregations and pray God blessings on their services of love. We thank Marilyn Blackwood for her three years of service as a caregiver and pray God's blessings on her life. We thank God for the training received by 17 Trinity members and pray His continued blessings on our caregiving.

If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone who is facing difficulties, suggest that they request a Stephen Minister. Make use of YOUR Stephen Ministry it belongs to YOU the people of Trinity.

If God has blessed you with the talent of compassion and a desire to learn caregiving skills, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. New classes will begin this fall.

For information call:  
Pastor Moore at 407-422-5704  
Stephen Leaders:  
Walt Wolters at 407-855-5945  
K. Retzlaff at 407-469-9062

## Trinity's Children Need You!

***Wanted - a few good men and women to help with Sunday School for the coming year!***

Plans are underway to staff our Sunday School in a new way making use of the many talents we have among our congregation. Sunday School teachers do not have to do it all; just helping with your special talents will lighten the load and make everyone's job easier and more fun! So please boldly step forward in faith today! Would you help with one of the following?

Teachers  
Song Leaders  
Teacher's Aides  
Arts and Craft Organizers  
Arts and Craft Leaders  
Substitute Teachers  
Weekly Office Staff

We need 3 to 4 people in each position. Some positions will only require volunteers to work once or twice a month; others are a weekly commitment to the children of Trinity. Please call Claire Stephens at 407-855-4759 or email the Board of Parish Education at [BPE@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:BPE@trinitydowntown.org) today to place your name on our list.

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## Calling All College Students!

We are beginning to form a list of names, addresses (snail mail and email), and birthdays of Trinity youth who are in college. We would like to keep them connected to the congregation and remember them with notes, cards, and maybe even some goodie boxes. Please give the information to the church office. Also, let us know if you would like to be a part of the committee to help with the contacts. Packets, can be found in the Narthex of the church.

## Seeding Health And Hope Wheat Ridge Ministries

### *It's Healthy to Be Hopeful!*

How do you define hope? According to one dictionary "Hope is a wish or desire accompanied by confident expectation of its fulfillment." Studies indicate that having a sense of hope about the future positively impacts personal health.

Through our Christian faith we become people of hope. We have confident expectation that our desire to live eternally with Jesus will be fulfilled. Our hope in Christ "trumps" our daily struggles. We know that even when there appears to be no hope...there is hope in the Lord!

Rich Bimler, president of Wheat Ridge Ministries, provides the following suggestions for practicing hope as an antidote to despair and inertia.

Search the Scriptures and share words of hope with your self, and with those around you. "All things really do work together for good for those who love God!" "I will fear no evil, for you are with me." And on and on and on!

Repeat God's Word regularly while you walk, or wait, or work, as hope boosters. They will keep you focused on hope in the Lord!

Hang out with hope-filled people. It's contagious!

Instead of becoming upset or irate when stuck in traffic or when someone upsets you, ask "What is the Lord trying to teach me through this?"

Regularly remember people who give you hope. Thank God for them. Tell them also. And model their actions to others!!

Start a huge, foolish project, like Noah! Initiate old projects that will benefit others and give the next generation reason to hope.

Yes, healthy people are hopeful people! Live every day with health and hope in the Lord!

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## Vacation Bible School - Construction I.N.C.

VBS used the theme "Construction I.N.C. (In the Name of Christ)" and learned a great deal about God's role as the Builder. (God is the Builder of Everything...Hebrews 3:4) We also listened and watched Pastor make a table and when it needed repairs, we learned about how Jesus makes repairs in our lives. Sixty-nine children sang songs, played games, ate snacks and enjoyed crafts all around this theme.

We are grateful to everyone who helped with the program. We used a Rotation



Format so the children moved between "sites" in "crews" led by their "foremen." We are especially thankful for the "site" teachers, Ronda Krauskopf, Stephanie Gavin, Lisa Moore, Jan Eggert, Jeff Wegner, and Mary Hohman for making each day a fun, meaningful experience. We were blessed by their creativity and commitment.

And a special thank you to all who donated supplies and money toward the program making it possible for us to present an effective program within budget.

## Trinity Bulletin Board

### **2004 Christmas Parade**

We are looking for some dedicated volunteers to organize this years Christmas Parade. The 2003 Christmas Parade was a wonderful way for Trinity to reach out and witness to everyone in Downtown Orlando area. We were the only Christian float in the entire parade! Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer or the main contact person to organize everything! Let's not wait...contact Kristy in the church office to volunteer!! Call 407-422-0000 or email [kbowman@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:kbowman@trinitydowntown.org) or call

### **LWML Convention**

The 31<sup>st</sup> biennial Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention will be held in Tampa, Florida during the summer of 2005. This may seem like a long time away, but the planning is already underway to make this exciting event happen. Please consider participating in the planning. Call Martha Pfantz 407-425-2947 or Claire Stephens 407-855-4759 for more details. You can also email [wot@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:wot@trinitydowntown.org) for details.

### **LWML Crafters**

The LWML of Prince of Peace is looking for crafters for their Heavenly Holidays Craft Show being held on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. For more information call Lois Hierholzer, Craft Show Chairperson, at 407-277-3945 or 407-382-0537.

### **LWML**

The FL-GA District Lutheran Women's Missionary League in convention September 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> in Jacksonville. There is still time to register. If interested, call Martha Pfantz at 407-425-2947.

### **Quilters**

The LWML Quilters can use your old clean sheets as fillers for our Lutheran World Relief Quilts, If you have some to donate, please bring them to the school or church offices.

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some tough decisions to have the money for tuition to keep our children in Lutheran schools. As a teacher and principal, I have been fascinated over what I could do if I was paid the money that my counter part in the public schools were making. I have participated in hundreds of church meetings struggling to balance the next year's budget as the cost of education goes up each year. When I compare the above sacrifices to the results that I have come to expect from Lutheran schools, I only have to look at the children and families that I have worked with to know that it is all worth it. The truth is, these sacrifices have helped me to put my Christianity in the proper perspective. It is not about me. It is about the love that Christ demonstrated on the cross and

the salvation that he has won for me, and all who believe.

Take some time this month to pray for Trinity. Pray for all of our ministries. Pray for the volunteers and the staff that make these ministries possible. Pray especially for our school and all Lutheran schools. Ask God to bless our effort to proclaim the Good News to people through our schools. Some of these people may not have been reached if it were not for our emphasis on education. Pray for St. John's Lutheran as they struggle through the loss of an important ministry, their school.

## June/July Prayer List

In order for the prayer list to be up to date and functional, we have started to date the prayer request and put them in a rotation. After three weeks of prayer, we will automatically take off that particular prayer. If you want us to continue the prayer all you have to do is call Kristy in the church office (407-422-5704) and request the prayer be put back on the prayer list for another three-week rotation. The prayer list of the monthly newsletter will consist of prayers that are longer term. If there are any changes on the list below or if you would like them in the Triune prayer list for three weeks, call Kristy in the church office, 407-422-5704, or email [kbowman@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:kbowman@trinitydowntown.org).

Trinity's monthly newsletter, *Trinity Downtown* monthly prayer list will consist of prayers that are longer term. (If there are any changes on the list below or if you would like them in the Triune prayer list for three weeks call Kristy in the church office 407-422-5704 or email [kbowman@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:kbowman@trinitydowntown.org))

### During the months of June and July we prayed for ::

Mary Barnes, Valerie Bender(Amy Dittmer's girlfriend/ Stomach Cancer)Jack Berry, Vicki Blaine (Carole Stevens mother), Dale Blair, Lois Blair, Lyman Bowman (Martha Pfantz brother/health), Bertha Bradbury (leukemia), Maurice Brodeur, John Calkins, Allison Carey, Scott Davis, Harvey Eckoff, Mark Eckoff Dawn Erwin (cancer/friend/Wendy Churchville), Lillian Ferris, Ella Frazier, Laura Guderian, Mary Hecht, Lavender Hendricks, Kenneth Hill (Mary Hohman's brother-in-law), Mary "Honey" Horn, Terry Imperato (Friend of Sweatt Family, cancer), Meghan Joyce (6 year old/Brain tumor/Family friend of Hey Family), Madeline Kimmel (rehab), Deborah Koivu, Kim (Koivu) West, Edna Kunze, Crystal Lawrence (friend Carole Stevens), Laurence Lillvik, Stewart Marshall (leukemia), Shaun McDonnaugh, Steve MacNevin, Mike Meeske, Talitha Mercado (family of Miriam & Bill Neff), Hazel Miller, David Naugher (brother-in-law Debbie Hall-cancer), Bill O'Brien, Cayla Ann Parody, Susan Podrasky, Ronnie Priep, Paul Raymond, Claude Reece (Jean Hamilton's brother), Wealey Robinson (Billie Kuzdzal's cousin), Alta Salmond, Scott Edwards (Stacy Saul's brother), Nell Schmidt, Carl Schroeder, Maymie Schultz, Diana Seal, Jon Searing (tumor, friend Jody & Gaye Bowman), Louis Siems (Chemo), Joseph Starr, Oakus & Dorothy Stephens, Paul Stephens (Craig Stephens Dad/ Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma) Sheryl Stephens (Oakus & Dorothy Stephens' daughter-in-law), Neal Strange, Marilouise Stuart (Mary Jo Hoard's mother), Mark Sulzman, Lynn Wacker, Bill Wagner (cancer/friend of Karen & Jon Dragotta), Clara Watson (Louis Siems sister), Scott Wilkins (Hodgkin's), Gail Wilsheck (Amy Dittmer's girlfriend/breast cancer) Earl Yawman

## Fresh Start

Fresh Start is a ministry of the Christian Service Center devoted to helping men get a "Fresh Start." Trinity Lutheran Church serves the evening meal on the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month.

If you would be interested in joining the volunteers who serve at Fresh Start, please contact Bruce Hahn at 407-292-8300. Any help or participation is rewarding!

Volunteers are needed to:

- Prepare and/or serve the evening meal (on the 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Provide food for the next day's breakfast and lunch (can be dropped off at Fresh Start on the 24<sup>th</sup>)

Items that are needed each month:

### Dinner:

Main dish	Bread
Vegetables (2)	Dessert

### Lunch:

Sandwich meat	Cheese
Bread [5 loaves]	Fruit
Cookies	Juice Boxes (2 per man)

### Breakfast:

4 gal. orange juice	4 gal. milk
5 doz. eggs	2 doz. breakfast muffins
Instant grits	

### Other:

Napkins	Plastic Ware
Paper Plates	Cold Drink Cups
Paper bags/sandwich bags	

## News from the Board of Youth Ministry

### Youth Calendar of Events



August 7 MS & HS: Lighthouse Work Day,  
9:00am 3:00pm

August 15 MS: Welcome to Middle School  
Youth Event, 2:00pm to 5:00pm

August 15 HS: Welcome to High School  
Youth Event, 6:00pm to 9:00pm

August 22 MS & HS: Youth Parent Meeting,  
3:00pm to 5:00pm

August 29 MS: God Squad Bible Study,  
3:00pm to 5:00pm

August 29 HS: In the LIGHT Youth Night,  
6:00pm to 8:00pm

***Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His presence with singing. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Psalm 100: 2,4***

### Calling All Young Adults

Trinity's Youth Ministry Program is expanding to offer a Bible study and fellowship experience for young adults in the age range of eighteen through late twenties. Whether you are a student or working professional, single or married, with or without children, this group is for you! We will begin with an eight-week Bible study titled, "Our Journey". The study includes lessons on discovering our purpose, establishing our priorities, deepening our personal faith, and igniting our passion. There will also be monthly fellowship activities just for fun! The study will begin early September. For more information contact Jim Luce at [jluce@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:jluce@trinitydowntown.org).

### On Your Mark, Get Set, Serve!

As you read this, twenty-five of our high school youth and four adult leaders, will have just returned from the LCMS National Youth Gathering. While the Gathering offers many outstanding opportunities for worship, Bible study, and fellowship, one of the most unique aspects involve servant events. At the Gathering over ten thousand youth and adults will take to the neighborhoods of Orlando to perform works of service and charity with the only motive being that of sharing the love of Christ with those in need. It is one of the most rewarding feelings a Christian can experience.

With that in mind, the theme for our 2004-2005 year is, "Trinity Youth: Hearts, Hands and Minds to Serve". We will humbly come before the Lord, with gratitude for all He has done for us. There will be an emphasis on service to our church, our community, our country and beyond. We will learn through

Bible study and worship to develop a servant's heart, placing the needs of others above our own. Several service opportunities will highlight the year.

We are also in need of adults to help serve our youth ministry program. There will be many opportunities to help our youth as they grow in their faith and service to the Lord. All parents of Trinity youth and any other adults who are interested in being part of our youth ministry program are invited to attend a special parents and adults meeting on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Your participation is vital to the success of the program. Let's get ready to serve together for Jesus' sake!

Jim Luce  
Director of Youth Ministry

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

The following people who were born or married in August. We thank the Lord for His great gifts of life and love! ***If there is a mistake or we have missed you, please let us know so we can update our records.***

Aug 1	Beier, Brice	Birthday	Aug 13	Glander, Dennis & Pat	Anniversary
	Diaz, Jorge	Birthday		Glander, Pat	Birthday
	Frazier, Scott	Birthday		Reinhardt, Bill & Alice	Anniversary
	Phillips, Joyce	Birthday		Schumacher, Amy	Birthday
	Priep, Karen	Birthday		Van Deest, Howard	Birthday
	Sharp, Sarah	Birthday		Wilson, Barbara	Birthday
Aug 2	Hamilton, Lorenzo & Kristie	Anniversary	Aug 14	Crowell, Christopher	Birthday
	Olsen, Elsie	Birthday		Dittmer, David & Amy	Anniversary
	Parker, Nancy	Birthday		Howard, Blake C.	Birthday
	Schacht, Trenton	Birthday		Magill, Patrick & Diane	Anniversary
	Tedder, Richard	Birthday		Priep, Ronnette	Birthday
Aug 3	Beier, Alissa	Birthday		Ramiz, Carmen	Birthday
	D'Angelillo, Mitchell	Birthday		Raymond, Harry & Lois	Anniversary
	Davidson, Shannon	Birthday		Wilder, Zachary	Birthday
	O'Rourke, Gary & Gail	Anniversary	Aug 15	Ersch, Steven & Kaye	Anniversary
	Rawlings, Patti	Birthday		Kezar, Gloria	Birthday
	Whitney, Kathryn	Birthday		Markel, Jerome	Birthday
Aug 4	Liesch, Don	Birthday		Pearson, Clark & Judi	Anniversary
	McCall, William	Birthday	Aug 16	Blackwood, Marilyn	Birthday
	White, Roseann	Birthday		Clausen, Mary	Birthday
Aug 6	Abney, David	Birthday		Jenkins, Robert	Birthday
	Cavaretta, Gayle	Birthday		Krzyzak, Peter & Stephanie	Anniversary
	Roby, Loren	Birthday		Ramiz, Amanda	Birthday
	Walker, David	Birthday		Torres, Heather & Alex	Anniversary
Aug 7	Hall, Deborah	Birthday	Aug 17	Graft, Doris	Birthday
	Haney, Adam	Birthday		Hamilton, Lorenzo	Birthday
	Mortensen, Elizabeth	Birthday		Petty, Travis	Birthday
	Schwartz, Tim & Patricia	Anniversary		Stevens, Grant	Birthday
Aug 8	DiBlasio, Kim & Joseph	Anniversary	Aug 18	Bowen, John	Birthday
	Kruckemyer, Gene	Birthday		Hansen, Tyler	Birthday
	Rash, Tiffany	Birthday		Roberts, David	Birthday
	Smith, Silke	Birthday		Roby Winterkamp, Karen & Fred Winterkamp	Anniversary
Aug 9	Erickson, Dave	Birthday	Aug 19	Boczar, Linda	Birthday
	Luce, Jim & Carol	Anniversary		Butterfield, Edna	Birthday
	Schellhammer, Kyla	Birthday		Cannon, Brenda	Birthday
	Zook, Kristine	Birthday		Johantgen, Brian	Birthday
Aug 10	Anderson, Ken	Birthday	Aug 20	Gebert, Herman	Birthday
	Behrmann, Alexis	Birthday		Jenkins, Samuel	Birthday
	Priep, Robert	Birthday		McCoy, Lynne	Birthday
Aug 11	Cole, Kristine	Birthday		Moore, Lisa	Birthday
Aug 12	Beasom, Diane	Birthday		Rader, Ben	Birthday
	Bowman, Gaye	Birthday		Schernikau, Dave & Becky	Anniversary
	Futrell, Stephanie	Birthday		Spirduso, Ken & Caroline	Anniversary
	Paule, Christie	Birthday		Terbeche-Rojas, Gigi & Eduardo Rojas	Anniversary
			Aug 21	Hey, Julie	Birthday
				Middleton, Samatha	Birthday

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Aug 22	Kunster, Amber	Birthday
	Mooney, Michael	Birthday
	Reinhardt, Bill	Birthday
	Seward, Karen	Birthday
	Siviter, Brooke	Birthday
	Spagnuolo, Michael	Birthday
	Young, Matthew	Birthday
Aug 23	Deetz, Timothy & Kathy	Anniversary
	Lerner, Helen	Birthday
	Rolfing, Richard	Birthday
	Walker, Janet	Birthday
Aug 24	Bond, Willie	Birthday
	Femminineo, Fiona	Birthday
	McCoy, Clayton & Lynne	Anniversary
	Reid, Allen	Birthday
Aug 25	Bond, Willie & Nancy	Anniversary
	Diaz, Ricky	Birthday
	Dobson, Diane	Birthday
	Docton, Natalie	Birthday
	Miller, Edith	Birthday
Aug 26	Foster, Randolph & Helen	Anniversary
	Henry, Alison	Birthday
	Rader, Hannah	Birthday
	Revels, Kate	Birthday
	Schumacher, Jessica	Birthday
	Sobol, Connie	Birthday
	Stephens, Russell	Birthday
Aug 27	Cole, Ronald	Birthday
	Finger, Faith	Birthday
	Schernikau, Dave	Birthday
	Wacker, Nicholas	Birthday
Aug 28	Kehoe, Ryan	Birthday
	Thompson, Melinda	Birthday
Aug 29	Alexander, Matthew	Birthday
	Bond, James	Birthday
	Rieder, Christopher & Ruthie	Anniversary
	Van Winkle, James & Lauren	Anniversary
Aug 30	Hambrick, Debbie	Birthday
	Hamilton, Felix & Jean	Anniversary
	Mitchell, Charlene	Birthday
	Mitchell, Steve	Birthday
	Schimmelpfennig, Clifford	Birthday
	Wilkosz, David	Birthday
Aug 31	Bowen, Rosalie	Birthday
	Cavarretta, Steve & Gayle	Anniversary
	Liesch, Shawn	Birthday
	Peper, Jessica & Scott	Anniversary
	Smith, Christi & Don	Anniversary
	Smith, Michael & Tracey	Anniversary
	Walker, Katherine	Birthday

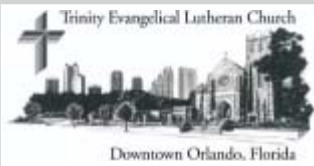
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Church Receipts	\$1,191,624
School Receipts	876,414
Child Care /Extended Care	376,435
Debt Service Receipts	109,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,553,973</b>
Lay Ministry	285,195
Lay Ministry: Music	14,320
Evangelism	7,000
Youth	62,647
Parish Education	9,277
School Registration	28,550
School Ministries	847,695
Child Day Care	368,594
Stewardship	4,700
Finance	92,539
Human Care Ministry	600
Parish Fellowship	7,290
Public Relations	10,100
Properties	546,456
Parish Planning	3,100
Voters: Benevolences	98,035
Debt Service Expenses	167,876
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,553,974</b>
Operations All Funds Gain/(Loss)	(\$0)



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