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## Pastor's Page

***There's no such thing as a Lutheran.***

That's the title of a little booklet I've been composing in my head, something I'd like to put in our pews, if I can ever get the time to write it. This booklet would have a number of pages, each of which would cover one topic, trying to explain mainly to visitors why we are like we are. There would be pages about different elements of our worship service, about terms that we use, about why we wear robes, why we say "Christian" instead of

"catholic" in the creed (We're the only ones who do, by the way, but it's probably not for the reason you think!)

There's no such thing as a Lutheran? Let me try that page out on you, and tell me what you think.

Martin Luther was a very religious man who, though he was a priest and a monk, could not find peace with God. He was looking for God's love in all the wrong places, trying to please God with his own holiness, but never

by Pastor Jeff Moore

feeling holy enough. Finally, through studying the Bible to teach university classes, Luther found God's answer. God Himself had lived the holy life necessary, the Son of God becoming the man Jesus and dying on the cross for the forgiveness of all our sin. Luther discovered in the Bible that faith in Jesus Christ saves us, and he was a changed man. He began teaching and preaching about God's love and about the faith that grasps that love, and the people of Germany

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## Sometimes It's Not All Bad

As I sit down to write this, my thoughts are on the devastation that has come to us in the form of the hurricane we knew as Charley. Trees have fallen everywhere damaging homes and knocking out power lines. Wind lifted roofs, blew out windows, and mangled screen enclosures. Some

houses are no longer located where they were built. Traffic lights are not working. Gas stations can not pump gas. Public schools are closed and will remain closed for another week. The life that we had become comfortable with and often complained about no longer exists. Yet, we

by Bill Kuck, Principal



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## Don't Be Left Empty

Growing up in a family of three boys, we could always find things to do. We didn't always need toys because our imaginations would run wild for different games that we would be able to participate in together. We would come up with some doosies. Usually the games involved a ball or something you could hit, kick or even throw. The problem, however was that we would lose the ball, or object in a bush, over a roof, or even in gutter. It wasn't until Nerf toys came out with a toy that was not supposed to get lost.

It was the Nerf boomerang that filled the lives of kids across the nation. A child could throw it and it would come back to them. It could hit them and it would not hurt. It became the perfect toy, sought after by every boy that liked to throw things. The only problem was that after a while the boomerang would bend, have pieces nicked off of it, or just become destroyed. The boomerang that could be played with by one kid, because it always came back, sometimes just never returned to its owner.

At Trinity it seems as if one of our toys has been destroyed. The toy that we take for granted so much that we put it on the side because we feel that it has lost its fun. The toy of Bible study, and reading the Word of God on a continuous basis that is to strengthen our lives. I have been crunching the numbers and it is disheartening to see the non-commitment of staying in the Word. Out of 1300 or so members of this church we have less than 70 people involved in a Bible study in one form or fashion. Some of those 70 make up two people because they go to more than one a week.

Our Lord through the prophet Isaiah (55:10-11) says: "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out

by Pastor Jon van Sliedrecht

from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty; but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." The Word of God sprouts new seeds in our lives, a seed that will not return empty.

The question is, how you can get to a place that the seed can be planted, fed and nourished to grow and change in your life? As you have struggled and succeeded in keeping this church ALIVE, it is now time to make sure our spiritual lives succeed in keeping Christ alive in our hearts. Part of the problem is that Trinity is not offering you a time, or opportunity to help you start being with the Lord. That is why you need to be ready and looking for the opportunities that will come across your doorstep.

This fall (late September) there will be an opportunity for you to come together with other God loving families and share in the Word of Christ. Soon approaching will be a day that you will be able to eat a dinner, pray and sing praise to God, then wrap up the night with a Bible study of your choosing. All of your questions will be answered soon enough. But for the time being, remember the Word does not return empty. So continue in prayer, and study His word, for Christ's word will not leave you empty, ever.

**Thank You  
to all the youth and adult  
volunteer helpers for Sunday School  
this summer!  
We couldn't have done it  
Without you!**

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and surrounding areas recognized that Luther was telling them the truth.

But conflict arose in the church of his day, because there was so much corruption in the highest levels. The love of money and power had taken over the hearts of most of the leaders. They actually condemned Luther to death for teaching that God loves us, that Christ gives us His own righteousness, and that faith in Him justifies the sinner before God!

Luther's message was still resonating with people, including young university theologians and local parish priests, as well as the common people. They began to look to Luther for guidance, and he complied, writing sermons, tracts, and especially his Catechism. Those who opposed Luther began to call his followers, "Lutheraner," which they meant as an insult. Luther's friends, though, took it as a backhanded compliment, and began to refer to their movement as the "evangelische lutherische" movement. The official name our congregation, if it had been named in German, would be "Evangelische Lutherische DreiEinigkeits Gemeinde," that is, "Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation."

Here's where the translation problem comes in, and why I say there's no such thing as a

Lutheran. In German, Lutheraner is a noun, and it was applied to us as an insult. We were called "Lutherans" instead of Christians! Our answer, in German, was that we are Christians with a certain history and emphasis, that we are "Evangelical Lutheran Christians," Christians who are eager to spread the Gospel (evangelical) and who have found in Martin Luther a helpful guide to discovering the heart of that Gospel.

The problem, of course, is that "Lutherish" sounds stupid in English. We take the German noun form, "Lutheraner," and try to make an adjective, Lutheran, from it. But it still sounds like a noun, and so we shorten what we are, Lutheran Christians, and just say that we're Lutherans. We're not! That's an adjective! We are evangelical Lutheran Christians, and if we're going to shorten our name, we should drop the adjectives and keep the noun Christian!

So, there's no such thing as a Lutheran, but there are 70 million Lutheran Christians, followers of the Christ who came into the world to save us, and grateful to Him for allowing Martin Luther to cut through the corruption and confusion and point directly at his Savior and ours, Jesus Christ!



### Reach Out to Military Members!

Help our Lutheran servicemen and women stay spiritually strong while they serve by enrolling them in the Ministry by Mail program. LCMS is the

only denomination to support its members in such a direct way. Servicemen and women receive materials regularly mailed copies of Portals of Prayer and a special LCMS Armed Forces magazine. To add a member or update an address, call 1-800-433-3954 ext. 1337 or email information to [lcmschaps@lcms.org](mailto:lcmschaps@lcms.org). If you are already a part of this ministry please call Kristy in the church office in order to update our files.

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have to count our blessings because the pictures in the newspapers show families in much worse conditions. In fact, 23 people have been killed and volunteers continue to search for survivors in the rubble.



As bad as all this is, there is good to be found in all this tragedy. Neighbors who have never spoken to each other are helping one another.

Neighbors with power are giving the keys to their house to those that did not have power. Food and fellowship are being shared. People are praying for those who are worse off and thanking God that it is not as bad as it could have been. Americans from all over the country are asking how they can help. Radio stations are taking time out from entertaining us so they can give us vital information about gas, ice and food. Plans that were put into effect after the last bad storm have proven to be more effective. People understand better than ever that life is not only about themselves and their own comforts. There are others who need our love and compassion. Sometimes we are the ones in need of help and that is humbling because we are used to having control. People know better today what Christ meant when He said to love thy neighbor.

The problem is that soon after the air conditioning is turned back on and they have gas for their cars, the doors on their homes and

their hearts will close and people will go back to being their self-centered selves. At Trinity Lutheran School we are trying to teach our students the love that Christ demonstrated when He was with us on earth. We are helping children understand that God's love through His son Jesus Christ is the center of all things. It is our hope that they will reach out to others the way that Christ reached out to the sick and sinful of His time. By learning of God's love and forgiveness and practicing service to others, maybe it will not be necessary to have a terrible storm or tragedy in order to bring out love and compassion in these young people. It will come naturally as a response to God's gift of salvation and eternal life.

Hurricane Charley was humbling. It reminded me how insignificant I really am in the scope of things. Perhaps it is just what I needed to help me understand who is truly in charge of all things and who I need to model myself after. Pray that God blesses our effort to teach and train students to live and understand the true meaning of life as a successful Christian adult in these modern times



## A from Your Music Director

by Lisa Moore, Music Director

### Hymns of the Month

Our weekend worship services this year will be highlighting our school's "Hymn of the Month." Choirs and instruments will be enriching these well known hymns. Hopefully, for many of you, these will be old favorites. We want them to become second nature to our children too.

Hymns reflect the history of the church, embody the doctrine of the church, express the devotional life of the church, and demonstrate the unity of the church. They assist in teaching the faith. They connect our past to our present. Unfortunately, we have gotten to the point where an adult Bible class cannot even sing the first verse of "A Mighty Fortress" by memory. Yes, this is largely due to changing hymnals, and yes, there is a new hymnal just approved by convention this summer, coming out mid-2006.

We will, however, be consistent in using the same translation and settings of these hymns. As they are repeated weekly for a month, the goals will be to again commit them to memory, to pass them on to our children, and to encourage the four part harmony singing of the congregation. The choir will help lead in this. The Lutheran church has always been known as the "singing" church, and has always been known for singing harmony, again, hampered by "newer" hymnals. We hope that whether or not you are in choir, if you like singing parts, you will do so on our "Hymn of the Month." As we get comfortable with this, the organ will drop out so we can hear the beautiful harmony and encourage each other to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" Occasionally, the organ plays a different harmonization, usually on the last verse, for variety or emphasis of the text. On these verses, the four-part hymnal harmony will not fit.

Each month, this article will feature the "Hymn of the Month" with history and explanations and Scripture background. Please share this information with your children. Help them to understand what they are singing. Sing these at home in your family

devotions or at bedtime.

September Hymn of the Month:  
**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**  
LBW 543, AGPS 201

The author of this hymn text is Joachim Neander, often called the greatest of all German-Calvinist Reformed hymn writers.

He wrote approximately 60 hymns and numerous tunes. This hymn is one of the most widely sung praise hymns of the Christian Church. It was first published in 1679. The composer of the tune, "Lobe den Herren" (German for "Praise to the Lord"), is unknown, but Neander married this tune to his text in 1679 and it is a union that continues till today. These words have never had another melody. The translator of this text, Catherine Winkworth, is regarded as one of the finest translators of the German language. Her translations helped to make German hymns popular in England and America during the 19th century.

The hymn is a free paraphrase of Psalm 103:1-6 "Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed." See how closely the author's verses match the Scripture verses!

### **Vocabulary for Children:**

**Almighty** - all powerful

**Salvation** - being saved from danger and evil and death

**Adoration** - great love and praise and respect

**Sustaining** - holding up

**Ordaining** - plan, order, law

**Prosper** - bless, give you success

**Defend** - guard and protect

**Ponder** - think about

**Befriend** - be a friend to you

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## The Youth Group That Prays Together, Grows Together

by Jim Luce, Director of Youth Ministry

The Youth Group That Prays Together, Grows Together. I spend a fair amount of time in prayer. I start and end my day in conversation with the Lord. I stop during the day and pray for guidance when a decision needs to be made. These are my quiet times with my Heavenly Father, and they are good.

I began thinking the other day about how much time I spend in prayer with other Christians. Not nearly as much time as I do when I am alone. We have our congregational prayers in Church on Sunday, but sometimes it seems as if the pastor is doing the praying as I wait for "Lord in Your Mercy" so that I can respond. We pray the Lord's Prayer together often, but I am usually focused on my prayer to the Lord instead of our prayer. I have been guilty of saying the before and after meal prayers without much thought of exactly what I'm saying.

I get many great opportunities to pray with our youth groups. However, it is usually me doing the praying, and the students listening. That is about to change. We are going to focus on truly praying together during our youth group meetings and Bible studies. Corporate,

(group) prayer is powerful, effective, and most importantly, biblical. We will establish prayer times where people may take turns and pray for whatever the Holy Spirit leads them to. During these prayer times we will also learn that silence is not only acceptable but it is a time where we can open our hearts and listen to God.

As we practice (and it will take practice), our prayer lives will improve and the quality of our relationships with God and one another will improve as well. I will be encouraging the students to take these practices home for family group prayer time. I sincerely encourage each family to take time for this very important activity that I am sure will bring your family closer to God and to one another in Christ's name.

*"...Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18*

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### Mark Rhoads and Family

The congregation's prayers are requested for Mark Rhoads, former Trinity member and Youth Director, as he begins classes at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

Mark, his wife Michele and their children Kristina, Katelyn and Joshua recently moved from Austin, Texas where he served at St. Paul Lutheran as Minister of Discipleship and Youth. Prior to that he served parishes in Flour Bluff, Texas; Birmingham, Alabama; Nassau, Bahamas as well as interim youth director at Trinity.

His foundation for a lifetime of Christian education was laid here at Trinity Lutheran School. While attaining a degree in Mass Communication at Florida State, Mark was active at Luther House. After graduation he served one year as a Youth Staffer for the Nebraska District, then went on to obtain his DCE Certification at Concordia, Seward. Michele has also participated in many youth activities and Sunday School teaching since their marriage. They will appreciate your prayers and encouragement during this challenging time.

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### To Think About:

Make a list of all the things God does for you in this hymn.

*What is your response?!*

### Practice Makes Perfect ??

Does practice make perfect? Not always. But look at the root meaning of the word perfect: from the Latin *per-facere*, it means to do something thoroughly, to do something faithfully. Practice does promote an orderly and coherent flow in worship and in music. Follow-through is important as we recreate what we have learned and practiced. The whole process is filled with faith in Jesus Christ and His saving work for us and using faithfully the gifts and talents He has given us in response to His love for us. You will get out of worship what you put into worship. Being a part of one of our many choirs is one way to practice, to perfect, faithfulness. No experience is necessary. Short-term, seasonal commitments are workable for those with kids and sports schedules. Child care can be available if you talk to Mrs. Moore. Come practice for Heaven!

**Organ Update:** As of the writing of this, the organ's first two stages of re-leathering are due to be reinstalled in August. The project will

continue to move forward as donations continue to come in. Thank you for your support!

### “Save a Tree” Weekend

*September 4th and 5th*

You Pick the Hymns!

### “Learn How to Read Music Workshop”

*Saturday, September 11th, 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!

### “Lutheran Reformation Heritage Service”

*Sunday, October 17th, 4 pm*

Lutheran Towers

Our choir and brass will be participating in this mass Lutheran congregation service!

### “Bats in the Belfry”

*Friday, October 29th, 6 pm*

Join us for a “fun” secular organ concert!

*THE* Question of the Century! What COLOR will the *NEW* hymnal be? Make your guess now, answer coming in next month's newsletter!

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## New Adult Instruction Classes Scheduled

We will be providing a new adult instruction class starting this fall for people interested in the faith of our church...and possibly membership in it. (That part is your choice.)

The class will be held on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m to 9:15 p.m., for ten weeks, beginning on September 7th.

This is a wonderful opportunity for members to review and to meet and make new friends. Please call Mary Gene Carr at 407-365-9700, if you are interested; there will not be any childcare available for the classes.

## 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 407-422-5704 or email [kbowman@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:kbowman@trinitydowntown.org).



Christ caring for people through people  
at Trinity Lutheran Church Downtown

### Why Stephen Ministry ?

We have many needs for care in our congregation and community: people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of job, relocation, hospitalization, loneliness, and other life challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care they really need. With only two pastors in our large congregation, you can quickly see why it would be impossible for our pastors or elders to meet every single need of every single person in need of distinctively Christian caring. Stephen Ministry expands the care

Trinity can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with gifts, skills and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who need it most.

This fall Trinity will be seeking to train its fourth class of Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training, and, make a two year commitment to train and give confidential care.

If God is calling you to train for this caring ministry, please call:

Pastor Moore - 407-422-5704,

Stephen Leader Walt Wolters - 407-855-5945

Stephen Leader Kae Retzlaff - 407-469-9062

*Ongoing Education/Peer Supervision classes meet on Thursdays, September 9th and 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Magnolia Building.*

### Are You Practicing Safe Cell?

Did you know that, according to the American Automobile Association, between 4,000 and 8,000 automobile accidents related to distracted driving occur daily in the United States? Annually, they contribute to as many as one-half of the six million U.S. crashes that are reported. While not the only cause of distraction, cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle is a large, and growing danger.

The temptations for cell phone use while driving are mighty--friends to talk to, work to get done, children to check on, helping time to pass on a long and boring highway. However, as God's people of health and hope, we have the opportunity to be good stewards and to demonstrate care for others on streets and highways by minimizing cell phone use while driving. Consider the following tips from A.A.A. ([www.aaawa.com](http://www.aaawa.com))

- 1.) Recognize that driving requires your full attention.
- 2.) Before you get behind the wheel, familiarize yourself with the features of your cell phone.
- 3.) Use your cell phone only if it is absolutely necessary.
- 4.) If you must use your phone, do so at a safe time and place.
- 5.) Ask a passenger in the car to place the call for you and, if possible, speak in your place.
- 6.) Plan your conversations in advance and keep it short. Inform the person you're calling that you are speaking from the car.
- 7.) Hang up the phone as soon as possible, especially in heavy traffic and hazardous weather conditions.
- 8.) Secure your phone in the car so that it doesn't become a projectile in a crash.

## Thanks Beyond Imagination

Once again, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Downtown Orlando showed their true spirit and came out in droves to volunteer for the 2004 National Youth Gathering, July 24th to 28th at the Orange County Convention Center.

From Bud and Phyllis Yeager stuffing 35,000 backpacks to Gail O'Rourke and her altar guild team from several area congregations preparing communion for 35,000.



Mary Beth Brink, Local Arrangements Manager several dozen hermit crabs which were stored at the Ramiz house.

Doris and Dean Engstrom who managed the youth gathering store selling cool t-shirts and lots of accessories.

The Gavin, Ramiz and Brink families who purchased AND STORED hundreds of bean bags chairs for 35,000 youth to rest and relax in.

Mary and Lance Bell who designed and printed 1,000 postcards for the gathering youth to send home to loved ones.



But Youth Gatherings simply are not possible without the work of hundreds of

volunteers who put in thousands and thousands of hours of service. When all is said and done, it is clear that God's call to service was answered with a resounding, "Send me!"

### ***A special word of thanks to:***

Carmen Ramiz and Ronda Krauskopf who put in long hours every day, survived most days on just one meal, and walked many, many miles from one end of the massive Convention Center to another, while working with Local Arrangements.



Mark and Brian Brink for loading, delivering and unloading props, sets and supplies for mass events, recreation and activities centers.

Lynda Voss, Gary Oakley, Carol Gibson, Chris Hahn and Brian Brink for staffing the midnight to 6:00 am shift of the 24-hour gathering help-line.

Tony Ramiz who pre-purchased many of the crafts for the Experiential Center.... including

***Thank You! to every single person who shared in the joyful task of hosting this Gathering. You have enriched the lives of the youth of our church body by making memories for them that were truly beyond their imagination.***

## Local Youth Receives Wheat Ridge Ministries Youth Health and Hope Award

The following news release was out August 6, 2004.

Itasca, IL Joshua Brink (Trinity Lutheran Church/Orlando Florida) was named a



recipient of the 2004 Youth Health and Hope Award presented by Wheat Ridge Ministries on July 26th at the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod National Youth Gathering in Orlando, Florida.

Josh was one of 21 youths selected by Wheat Ridge to receive this award because of his strong leadership skills and commitment to Christian service at his church and school and in his community.

"The leadership and service of these young people in their churches, schools and communities is outstanding," said Dr. Richard Bimler, president of Wheat Ridge Ministries. "Their care and concern for those suffering in body, mind and spirit is making a significant difference."

Josh has been a dedicated leader in his congregation and community, serving the Lord in many capacities. He has assisted with church services and is enthusiastic when asked to help out at any event. He is a talented musician and knows that he is blessed with such abilities.

Josh is active in the Best Buddies International program at high school and is a mentor to students in the special education program. He is also involved in the Special Olympics activities in his community.

Josh was nominated by Jennifer Blackwood, adult leader in the youth group, who said, "Josh loves God and that is apparent in how he talks, treats others, and gets involved." Josh and his parents, Mark and Mary Beth Brink, reside in Orlando, Florida. Wheat Ridge Ministries is an independent Lutheran Charitable organization seeding over 100 new, innovative ministries of health and hope each year. By granting, connecting and equipping others, Wheat Ridge spreads the love and joy of the healing Christ to those in need throughout the world. For more information, please visit our website at [www.wheatridge.org](http://www.wheatridge.org).

### Woodlands Lutheran Camp, RV Park & Retreat Center

Special for Campers: August 1st thru October 28th, 2004 (excluding Labor Day weekend), Camp first night at regular price, get the second night at ½ price! Or bring a "new" family (someone who has not camped here before) to Woodlands and get your second night FREE. They get the special rate above. Woodlands accommodates tents, pop-top campers, travel trailers, and RV. Large RV and trailer space is limited, so call and reserve a site. There is water, sewer and electric at each site. Each Saturday night (weather permitting) they have a FREE hayride when they have a minimum of ten riders. Sign up when you arrive at camp.

Please call for reservations or information 407-469-2992.

## Junior Achievement Names Volunteers, Educators of Year

### ***Hewitt Associates' Employee Named Overall Volunteer of the Year***

Orlando, FL Junior Achievement (JA) of Central Florida recently recognized Educators and Volunteers of the Year at its Fourth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event, held at SeaWorld Orlando. Greg Register, a unit manager for Hewitt Associates and a JA Volunteer since 2000, was honored as the 2004 Overall Volunteer of the Year.

Register has taught JA classes at both elementary and high schools, including Riverdale, Camelot and Three Points Elementary as well as Oviedo High School. This year, he recruited and trained more than 100 Hewitt Associates employees as JA volunteers, and he coordinated the company's Bowl-A-Thon. Through his efforts, he has helped Hewitt Associates raise more than \$25,000 for JA in the past five years.

*"I've always enjoyed interacting with the kids," said Register. "My father owned the Melody Lanes bowling center in Orlando, which was one of the first centers to host a JA Bowl-A-Thon."*

Other JA business volunteers who were honored include:

- Elementary Volunteer of the Year: Martha Dickinson, SunTrust
- Middle School Volunteer of the Year:

Carole Stafford, Tupperware

- High School Volunteer of the Year: Sharon Engram, Orlando Regional Healthcare
- All-Star Bowl-A-Thon Coordinator of the Year: Terry Lynn Osteen, Daytona International Speedway
- Rookie Bowl-A-Thon Coordinator of the Year: Mary Sazenbacher, CNA

The following teachers who host JA classroom consultants were honored:

- Overall Educator of the Year: Rich Hillman, Lake Howell High School
- Elementary Educator of the Year: Roxanne Hunter, Tangelo Park Elementary
- Middle School Educator of the Year: Debbie Seabrook, Mount Dora Middle School
- High School Educator of the Year: Keith Costner, Spruce Creek High School

Junior Achievement is a national not-for-profit organization that works with local schools and businesses to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics and prepare them for the work environment. Junior Achievement of Central Florida serves Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia counties. For more information visit [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org) or [www.jaorlando.org](http://www.jaorlando.org).

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## **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

LWML/LWIM weekend will be celebrated at all services Oct. 2 and 3. Please bring your mites that you have saved for our Lord's work and deposit them in the large mite box in the narthex. These mites will be consecrated and used in God's kingdom in the FL/GA District and in many places in the world.

**"The Best Cup of  
Coffee in Town"  
Brought to You  
by Your  
Fellowship Board!  
Sundays 8:45-9:30 a.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall**

## August 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.*

*Trinity's 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)*

### During the month of August we prayed for :

Mary Barnes, Charlie Barnes, Valerie Bender (Amy Dittmer's girlfriend/ Stomach Cancer) Jack Berry, Vicki Blaine (Carole Stevens mother), Dale Blair, Lois Blair, Rosalie Bowen, Lyman Bowman (Martha Pfantz brother/health), Bertha Bradbury (leukemia), Maurice Brodeur, Patsy Butterfield, John Calkins, Allison Carey, Elizabeth Cohen, Scott Davis Ralph Driscoll, Harvey Eckoff, Mark Eckoff, Becky Elkins, Dawn Erwin (cancer/friend/Wendy Churchville), Lillian Ferris, Ella Frazier, Charlie George, Sandra Grether, Laura Guderian, Doris Guehery, Mary Hecht, Lavender Hendricks, Kenneth Hill (Mary Hohman's brother-in-law), Robert Hoard, Mary "Honey" Horn, Terry Imperato (Friend of Sweatt Family, cancer), Meghan Joyce (6 year old/Brain tumor/Family friend of Hey Family), David Kelly, Madeline Kimmel (rehab), Deborah Koivu, Kim (Koivu) West, Edna Kunze, Crystal Lawrence (friend Carole Stevens), Laurence Lillvik, Libby Lynch, Babe Marjema, Stewart Marshall (leukemia), Shaun McDonnaugh, Steve MacNevin, Mike Meeske, Talitha Mercado (family of Miriam & Bill Neff), Hazel Miller, Carol Mielke, 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, Eleanor Schaecher, 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), Easton Wargo, Clara Watson (Louis Siems sister), Tom Whittaker, Scott Wilkins (Hodgkin's), Gail Wilsheck (Amy Dittmer's girlfriend/breast cancer) Earl Yawman

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

The Board of Parish Education gives a *special thanks to all the people who helped with Vacation Bible School in June. We appreciate your time and talents!*

### Teachers and Staff:

Doris Engstrom, Deb Blackwood, Mary Hohman, Joni Emling, Jan Eggert, Jenn Blackwood, Stephanie Gavin, Karen Killinger, Rhonda Krauskopf, Kristine Zook, Lisa Moore Diann Grover, Jeff Wegner, Alissa Beier, Rennie Shultz, Marilyn Blackwood, Dardie Yawman

### Youth Volunteers:

Laura Ramiz, Emily Cox, Shannon Hammerstrom, Megan Thomas, Kathy Muzika, Carolyn Tesch, Kristina Ponik, Martin Ramiz, Brice Beier, Kim Collier, Elisa Wolfe, Brianna Nagy, Lyvia Nagy, Anna Boogher, Sarah Dittmer, Sarah Boogher, Lauren Beck, Ned Price, Maria Boogher, Maxwell Hovenaar, David Brice, Nona Boast Allison Startcher, Peter Killinger, Tony Spotorno, Daniel Yawman, Amanda Ramiz, Anna Hahn, Erich Krzyzak, Sarah Sands, Ben Conine, Jonathan Yawman, Alex Snyder, Hollie Farrell, Katie Undieme, Danielle Stephens, Nona Boas

## Confirmation Begins

Confirmation kicks off with a potluck celebration on Sunday, September 12, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The afternoon will be filled with good food, loads of fun, and all the information you need about Trinity's confirmation instruction for both first and second year confirmation. At least one parent and confirmation student need to attend. Each family is asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or salad. Utensils, bread, drinks and dessert will be provided.

First year confirmation students are “non-Trinity school” 6th graders. Second year confirmation includes all 7th grade students who have completed first year confirmation.

If you have a 6th grader, who does not attend Trinity, or a 7th grader and have not received a letter and registration form for confirmation in the mail, or if you have older children who have not had confirmation training, contact Ronda Krauskopf, 407-737-8442 or [RKrauskopf@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:RKrauskopf@trinitydowntown.org).

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## What Is a CPP?

It's confirmation time again at Trinity. Youth primarily in grade seven prepare for their transition into “full” membership in our church. Every other Sunday for approximately eight months these youth will delve into the teachings of the Lutheran Church and Luther's Small Catechism. No light task to be sure. With all the distractions and temptations that abound in our world and in the lives of these youth, it seems that prayer support as they journey is essential. We encourage the congregation to remember these youth as they pray.

More than this we are looking for some “special” adults who would commit to secretly “adopting” a confirmation student for the year and become their “Confirmation Prayer Partner” or CPP. As a CPP you would of course, pray specifically and intentionally for that confirmation student, but also act as a “secret pal” and remember your youth with cards (birthday, baptismal, holiday, etc.) signed “Confirmation Prayer Partner.” Then at the end of the year, each CPP will be revealed as they join the confirmand's family at the Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday. You will receive information on your confirmand, including birth date, address, email (if

available), interests, etc., along with a photograph. We ask that you make a commitment of at least one correspondence to your confirmand per month.

This is a great opportunity to become involved in a special way in the lives of our young people. It does take a commitment and all students will need a CPP for the program to commence. Please pray about this opportunity to impact the life of a young person. If you have any question or would like to participate this year, please contact Ronda Krauskopf, 407-737-8442 or [RKrauskopf@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:RKrauskopf@trinitydowntown.org), or Amy Dittmer, [ADittmer@trinitydowntown.org](mailto:ADittmer@trinitydowntown.org).

### **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.

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

The following people who were born or married in September. 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.***

Sep 1	Hammerstrom, Kent	Birthday	Sep 10	Anderson, Ken & Karen	Anniversary
	Jones, James	Birthday		Johnson, Patricia	Birthday
	Ponik, Kevin & B. Renee'	Anniversary		Keene, Alexander	Birthday
	Roby, Bonnie	Birthday		Price, Marian	Birthday
	Wilder, Jahna	Birthday		Smith, Kelli	Birthday
Sep 2	Collier, John & Julie	Anniversary		Trapp, Robert & Josephine	Anniversary
	Hofmann, Michael	Birthday	Sep 11	Buechner, Anne	Birthday
	Short, Michelle	Birthday		Cape, Liam	Birthday
	Zimmer, Denise	Birthday		Levinson, Roberta	Birthday
Sep 3	Bowman, Douglas	Birthday	Sep 12	Cooper, Shelley	Birthday
	Christiansen, Arnold & Jo	Anniversary		Jones, Jacob	Birthday
	Logan, Carol	Birthday	Sep 13	Sievers, Mark & Susan	Anniversary
	Olsen, Bjarne	Birthday		Voss, Lynda	Birthday
Sep 4	Berkley, Leanna	Birthday	Sep 14	Alexander, Jeff &	Anniversary
	Cotton, Thomas	Birthday		Cathy Heaton-Alexander	Anniversary
	Finnell, Zachary	Birthday		Smalley, Paul	Birthday
	Hey, Robert	Birthday	Sep 15	Baehr, William & Patricia	Anniversary
	Kunze, Michael	Birthday		Hoctor, Michael	Birthday
	Shultz, Rennie	Birthday		Koepke, Nancy	Birthday
	Terbeche-Rojas, Gigi	Birthday		Shultz, Olivia	Birthday
Sep 5	Estus, Louise & Robert	Anniversary		Smalley, Paul & Marcy	Anniversary
	Graft, Timothy & Amy	Anniversary	Sep 16	Cohen, Elizabeth	Birthday
	Hammerstrom, Cindy	Birthday		Hoevenaar, Melissa & Neil	Anniversary
	Kunze, Shane	Birthday		Parker, Jules	Birthday
	Smith, Michael	Birthday		Petro, Douglas & Dyana	Anniversary
	Stephens, Oakus	Birthday		Savallisch, Johnathan	Birthday
	Tesch, David	Birthday	Sep 17	Evanchyk, Marylou	Birthday
Sep 6	Bowman, Ashley	Birthday		Gregorek, Frank	Birthday
	Rawlings, Ed	Birthday		Vorpagel, Sarah	Birthday
	Schumacher, Glen & Beth	Anniversary	Sep 18	Curnutt, Corey	Birthday
	Zoller, John	Birthday		Feliciano, Cristina	Birthday
Sep 7	Beasom, Jessica	Birthday		Koivu, Daniel	Birthday
	Hildebrand, Rebecca	Birthday		Mooney, Mila & Michael	Anniversary
	Walker, Krystal	Birthday		Stephens, Dorothy	Birthday
Sep 8	Abney, Cookie	Birthday	Sep 19	Hammack, Charles	Birthday
	Alvarado, Shane	Birthday		Jackson, Larry & Beth	Anniversary
	Strain, Gordon & Teresa	Anniversary		Kunze, Elaine	Birthday
	Zastawney, Michael	Birthday		Miller, Herbert & Hazel	Anniversary
Sep 9	Acheson, Penny	Birthday		Reinders, Matthew & Linda	Anniversary
	Muto, Elena	Birthday		Schroeder, Eleanor	Birthday
	Regan, Wade & Eileen	Anniversary		Starr, Joseph	Birthday
	Rossy, J. Javier	Birthday		Wheeler, Terri	Birthday
				Zastawney, Jana	Birthday
			Sep 20	Burstadt, Rebecca	Birthday
				Guderian, Laura	Birthday
				Hyder, Carol	Birthday
				Killinger, Brent & Karen	Anniversary
				Kraus, Frank	Birthday
				Oakley, Herbert	Birthday
				Ponik, Harris	Birthday
				Starr, Di Ann	Birthday

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Sep 21	Luce, Jlm	Birthday	Reid, Katrina	Birthday
	Schellhammer, Audrey	Birthday	Sutrich, Nicholas	Birthday
	Tesch, Emma	Birthday	Sep 24 Acheson, Virginia	Birthday
Sep 22	Fink, Millie	Birthday	Connery, Aramente'	Birthday
	Konczal, Kelley	Birthday	Hammerstrom, Aaron	Birthday
	Reinders, Matthew	Birthday	Puch, Judith	Birthday
	Schmidt, Edward	Birthday	Roberts, John	Birthday
	Smith, Barbara	Birthday	Spirduso, Katherine	Birthday
Sep 23	Beasom, Jeffery C.	Birthday	Sep 25 Deutsch, Adam & Amy	Anniversary
	Bowman, Linda	Birthday	Fritz, David & Karen	Anniversary
	Davidson, Sean	Birthday	Hays, Jeff	Birthday
	Jones, Craig	Birthday	Kehoe, Priscilla	Birthday
	Jones, Jamie	Birthday	Short, Linda	Birthday
			Tomcsak, Paulene	Birthday

**We Get Letters**

To my Trinity Family

As promised, I am letting all who gave gifts to Trinity in memory of Bill, know the decision made in using them. There is now a memorial garden along the dividing line between the Travelodge - and there will be a bronze marker placed somewhere near the palm trees. Again, my thanks to all who gave gifts and hope you will see that this was truly a fitting memorial to Bill and the services he gave to our Lord and Trinity.

In His Love,  
Mary Gene

Thank you to Trinity members for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and inquiries during my recovery from operation. They were greatly appreciated and helped tremendously.

Carol Mielke

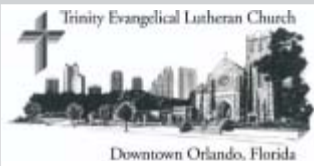
Thank you to Trinity youth and Jim Luce for helping on our yard clean up after the hurricane.

You did a great job!!  
Paul and Carol Mielke

Thank you for all the cards, letters, plaques, phone calls, and memorials you sent to our family on the one-year anniversary of Ron's death. We want you to know how much we appreciate all the support and prayers throughout the year. I'm having a hard time keeping up with all the attention, but I do keep you in my prayers, thanking God for you. We all miss Ron a lot, but God is so good in sending us family and friends to keep us going. As one of the poems that were sent to us says, "Smile, Love, and Go On."

God bless you, with smiles and love and the energy to keep going on, sharing His Word.

In His love,  
Jean Prochnow and Family



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