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Pastor's Page

by Pastor Jeff Moore

"As I write we're preparing to send Pastor Jon and several others to Louisiana to help with the relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina. By the time you read this they'll be back, and sharing their stories with us. Thank you to all who shared so generously to help the people impacted by the Hurricane. I won't try to update you here, because it will be outdated by the time you read it, but already as I write many thousands of dollars in money and supplies and

many dozens of volunteer hours have been donated.

I'm sure that you remember from last year's string of three hurricanes in a row left us dazed, confused, tired, and wondering just what God was up to. So many people after Katrina are in so much more danger and difficulty. When all was said and done, we suffered a *major inconvenience*. They have suffered a *major disaster*. (By the way, I checked that last

statement out with someone whose house had to be completely rebuilt after our hurricanes, and he agreed with it!)

It's likely, as we remember, that their difficulties will go on long after the nation's attention is turned elsewhere. Please don't stop praying for them just because the news shifts somewhere else.

Just what is God up to, anyway? Remember that this question

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Why the Lutheran School

by Dr. Shaffer

I would like to share a portion of an article by Ross Stueber in the *Lutheran's School Administrator's Handbook*. Do Lutheran schools really do for students what they say they can? In other words, does attending a Lutheran school really make a difference in terms of

one's Christian commitment, faith, and life?

Researcher Milo Brekke, reported in *How Different Are People Who Attended Lutheran Schools*, some striking differences. Brekke found that alumni of Lutheran schools, when compared with

Lutherans in general: 1. Report more frequent personal experiences with God. 2. Believe more consistently in the divinity of Jesus. 3. Exhibit more clarity regarding the way of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. 4. Have far more Bible

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Compassion and Action: Katrina Response

by Pastor Jon van Sliedrecht

"When Jesus went out and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick..."(disciples said) "Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:14-16)

A year ago, Central Florida was hit with four hurricanes, three in Orlando. Individuals from LCMS churches across the country came to our need and sent supplies to provide to people that needed help from our church and in the surrounding area.

I remember wondering how Trinity would respond if something like this were to happen to others. To the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the people of Trinity have responded as Christ would have responded -- with compassion and action. So far, we have collected over 700 LWML kits, enrolled two children from Mississippi into the school, and raised over \$2000 for an immediate response mission trip.

As you read this, six men from Trinity and ten from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Boca Raton are working to share your compassion through action to "heal the sick" and to not "send the

needy away." This response is more than I would have imagined. And still, more compassionate people want to help. I pray that you will consider and are moved to help in the following ways.

Approximately 5,000 individuals displaced from the hurricane will relocate to Central Florida. We can show them compassion and, together, identify ways to help them rebuild their lives. The Florida-Georgia District plans to adopt 3-4 churches in the Gulf port area to help them rebuild their communities! With that said, there will be opportunities to go on short-term mission trips to the Gulf port region throughout the next year(s).

For the men traveling to the Gulf port region, I pray that God will work through them to change lives unto Him. There will be many non-Christians who will experience the love of Christ being poured out on them. May God's Spirit fill their hearts and lives and change them unto Him. For the rest of the family of Trinity, I pray this experience continues to move you to show compassion for and share God's love with others.

Somewhere in Louisiana,
Pastor Jon

Opportunity Knocks At Trinity's Door

by Sandy Ogg, Executive Director

Trinity's Development Committee has recently been made aware of the opportunity to purchase the Travelodge property. At this time there is no firm dollar amount being discussed just the opportunity to purchase.

Many of you will ask: "What would we do with the property?" The short answer is: "Use it to expand ministry at Trinity."

The Development Committee has envisioned

many ways this property could be used, including:

A high-rise complex consisting of:

- Christian Retail Office Building
- Parking Garage
- Lutheran Counseling Services
- Adult Retirement Facility and Medical Facility
- School Expansion to include space for existing Orlando Lutheran Academy

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belongs only to the people going through the trouble, not onlookers. It's not our business to speculate. However, when disaster strikes us, there is a right way to think it through. First, you ask yourself, “Did I earn this?” I won't try to imagine that with Katrina, but suppose I ran myself ragged for a solid week, getting little sleep, no exercise, and eating poorly, and then caught a cold. Should I be surprised? No, I earned that cold. Same with someone who drinks to excess before driving, then smashes up the car. That person earned the wreck. The answer to the first question could be “Yes,” and then I need to address my prayers of repentance to God and work with the fact that God is giving me the direct, natural consequences of my behavior.

But what if the answer to the first question is, “No, I didn't earn this?” Suppose I'm not the person driving under the influence, but the person whose child is killed by the drunk driver. Unless that parent was grossly negligent, unless they ordered their child in front of the speeding car, the answer is “No,” they don't deserve this. Usually someone in this circumstance will question whether their past, unrelated behavior is being punished. Judging from the Scriptures I would say that this is not helpful. If God is not punishing you right now, directly, for your sin, it's probably not a good idea to try to go back through the years to figure out why something has happened to you now.

If you didn't directly earn it, you simply say, “God's ways are beyond my knowing, but I do know that he loves me.” That enables you to receive whatever happens as a gift from God, and your question changes to, “What can I learn from this?” I realize that this is overly simplified, and I'm happy to sit down with you if you're really trying to sort out some difficulties. But we know from the Scriptures that God does love us through his Son, Jesus Christ, that he is beyond our imagination, that we don't have all the puzzle pieces, and that God has promised to work all things together for our good,

In our current situation, then, there are a lot of people who need help. It's not our job to guess whether that's somehow a judgment from God on them (See John 9:1-3 and Luke 13:1-5). It is our job to find ways to show the love of God flowing through human hands to people who need.

There might be a prophetic message to proclaim in the areas devastated, but, if so, it's God's prerogative to raise up the prophet from within those communities. It's really not our business.

By the time you read this the focus here at Trinity may have shifted to displaced persons that we can help without leaving Orlando. If so, I know that the people of Trinity will step up strongly to do the work. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Me A Pastor?

Have you ever considered being a Pastor or Deaconess? If so, Rev. Wally Becker from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday, October 5th, between 1:30 and 4:00 p.m. Rev. Becker is interested in meeting with prospective seminary students of all ages elementary school age through adults who are already employed in another vocation. Conferences are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome. Reservations are not needed, however, if you wish to schedule a specific appointment time, please call Kristy in the church office at 407-422-5704. If you need an earlier time, Rev. Becker will be at Orlando Lutheran Academy between 11:00 and Noon.

A from Your Music Director

by Lisa Moore, Music Director

A Night of Family Fun!

Our Fellowship Board invites you and your children to join us on Friday, October 28, 2005, 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, costume contest where everyone is a winner, and bobbing for apples. All Trinity School and Church members are invited to join us. In order to kick-off the canned food drive at Thanksgiving, we ask that each child donate a canned food item as entry to the party. Children's costumes should be friendly or Biblical, no devils, witches, ghosts or monsters. At 7:00, we'll proceed to the Balcony! For...**"Bats N the Belfry" Second Annual Fun Organ Concert!** At 7:00 p.m. Your chance to get "up close and personal" with the organ and your chance to hear organ music like you never hear in church!!

We have a Wonderful Problem....

All of our musical groups in both church and school have experienced growth this Fall! It means bells that haven't been played are getting used. It means our choirs have a fuller, more beautiful sound. It means the balcony is fuller too!! And it means, we need more folders, gloves, polish, music stands....If you would care to give a donation to help cover costs of these "extras", please mark your check "Music". We would also like to purchase new battery candles for processions for the choirs. We would need about \$100 for this project. If you care to donate these, please mark your check "Choir Candles". Thank you!

"Three generations of choir members"

We welcome *Sarah Dittmer*, 8th grader at TLS, who has been in school choir all eight years, and is now in the Adult Parish Choir. *Her dad, David*, has sung in the Adult Parish Choir for eight years, and also sang in the Church Youth Choir during high school. Sarah's *grandparents*, Omar and Gladys, now also join our Adult Parish Choir after singing in

high school, college, and 25 years in adult church choirs. The Dittmer's write, "Music has always been important and fun in our family...there's been a piano in the house since our four children were toddlers. They all took piano lessons, and then we added clarinet, trumpet, but guitar was the most popular...and vocal solos for some. We sing around the piano, especially at Christmas, and with a guitar at our annual "Dittmer Days." We have our "favorites". It's fun to see the grandkids carry on the tradition. Choir is a wonderful way to meet people...all with a common purpose ...to glorify God through song."

Of course, we've had three generations before. Isabel, 1st grade, has been accompanying *mom*, Jen, and *Grandma* Carolyn Burnette to choir since October 1999, when she was two weeks old. Isabel is our beautiful musical interpreter, expressing herself through movement and dance.

We are very thankful that the faith gets passed down from generation to generation, especially when it's through music!!

"Parenting in the Pew" Tip of the Month:

Appropriate behavior and participation doesn't just happen: it's learned step by step. The most important thing you can ever teach your child is how to worship. It's the only thing they will do forever!

Volunteer as a whole family to usher, or read the lessons. Children love to hand out bulletins. Children can give the Bible reference, or say the lesson response, "This is the Word of the Lord."

Hymn of the Month

Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress" look at pictures, draw or build Lego castles this month and use them to describe God, and to talk

Growing in Christ



“This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

How do you celebrate life? How we spend our time is a strong sign of how we celebrate life. It also shows our priorities, our hopes, our dreams, and our vision for the future.

Here is a story that says it well:

“Daddy, how much do you make an hour?” With a timid voice and idolizing eyes, the little boy greeted his father as he returned from work.

Greatly surprised, but giving his boy a glaring look, the father said, “Look, son, not even your mother knows that. Don't bother me now, I'm tired.”

“But, Daddy, just tell me please! How much do you make an hour?” the boy insisted.

The father signed in frustration. “Twenty dollars per hour.”

“Okay, Daddy. Could you loan me 10 dollars?” the boy asked.

Having had enough of his son's questions, the father yelled, “So that was the reason you asked how much I earn, right? Go to sleep and don't bother me anymore!”

Later on the father was meditating on what he had said and felt rather guilty. Maybe, he thought, his son wanted to buy something. Trying to ease his mind, the father went to his son's room. “Are you asleep, son?” the father asked.

“No, Daddy. Why?” replied the boy, through he really was partially asleep.

“Here's the money you asked for earlier,” the father said.

“Thanks, Daddy!” rejoiced the son, putting his hand under his pillow and removing some other money. “Now I have enough! Now I have 20 dollars!” The father just gazed down at him in confusion until his son asked, “Daddy, could you sell me one hour of your time?” (From: Let There Be Laughter by Rich and Robert Bimler, CPH 1999)

by Ronda Krauskopf, Director of Christian Education

How much do you cost an hour? Think about it. Each hour, each moment is really a gift from God. Take some time to share the gift of time and life with those close to you.

Wishing you the joy, love, and peace of Christ Jesus as you share that joy and love with others each day of your precious life,
Ronda Krauskopf, DCE



In 2005-06!
**Sunday School For Youth
and Children**
9:30-10:30 Sunday Mornings

2 and 3 YEAR OLDS WITH PARENTS CLASS
Jenn Blackwood, teacher

This class builds an environment where toddler and parents learn and grow spiritually together. Parents join their little ones for action songs, finger plays, and age-sensitive lessons and prayers. Simple techniques and activities learned in class show parents how to nurture their child's faith at home.

PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE
**STUDYING GOD'S WORD THROUGH
LEARNING STATIONS**

Kids learn in different ways. Our Sunday school will recognize and nurture this by

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knowledge. 5. Exercise a much fuller devotional life. 6. Witness to others verbally about Jesus and His church more frequently. 7. Confess to a greater awareness of the presence of the Trinity in their lives. 8. Give a higher value to relationships with God and other persons. 9. Show stronger tendency to be forgiving and personally forthright with other people. 10. Reveal lesser tendency to be anxious about their faith. 11. Are less likely to be overly swayed by their peers. 12. Avoid over simplistic views of social issues merely as power struggles. 13. Generously contribute a higher proportion of their income to church work.

Brekke, of course does not suggest that these qualities are found only in those who have attended Lutheran schools. But it is noteworthy that the greater number of years, one attends a Lutheran school (at least through age 18) the more significant the difference.

Trinity School has served the Orlando area since 1953 and has provided a Christ like learning environment for many students. We have been blessed by eager and enthusiastic students, dedicated teachers, strong parental support, and a firm commitment by the Trinity Church Congregation.

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- Expanded Child Care Facility
- Youth Recreation Center
- New Sanctuary
- Florida-Georgia District Offices

The purpose of providing this information to Trinity's members is to make them aware of this opportunity, and to solicit input as to whether Trinity should pursue investigating the possibility of purchasing it.

Please send your thoughts and comments to the chairman of the Development Committee, Ron Roby, at his e-mail address: robhome@robbylawfirm.com. Comments may also be dropped at the church office with Ron's name on it. Kristy will see that Ron receives it.

Blessings to all!

Hope for Parents

Hope Lutheran Church is offering a parent education series this fall. They are offering at least two class each month. Classes offered are:

Passages and Pathways

October 7

What Young Children Need to Succeed

October 11 and 18

Passages and Pathway

November 4

What Teens Need to Succeed

November 8 and 15

Lifeline Dads

November 12

Passages and Pathways

December 2

All classes will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 2600 N. Dean Road, Orlando. Some classes have a fee to cover materials (no more than \$18). Look for brochures in the narthex. For more information call Dennis Rach, Director of Christian Education at Hope, 407-657-4556.

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spending 4 weeks on one Bible story, rotating to Learning Stations that teach the Bible story in four different multi sensory approaches, like music, art, games, storytelling, science, food, and computers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Each group will have discussion based classes on various books of the Bible and topics relevant to youth in the world today.

CLASS LOCATIONS WILL BE POSTED AND THERE WILL BE GREETERS TO SHOW YOU SPECIFIC LOCATIONS.

Questions about classes or about volunteering to help contact Ronda Krauskopf, DCE Rkrauskopf@trinitydowntown.org or 407-422-5704, ext. 127.

The College Congregation Connection:

The Florida-Georgia District has launched a new ministry to provide a one-stop location for connecting students from congregations with campus ministry in order to provide a welcoming presence for our students on the university campus.

If you are a **student** leaving home for the excitement of college life, a **parent** who has sons or daughters attending a college or university in Florida or Georgia, or a **congregational official** concerned about students connecting with campus ministry, then this information is for you. To **refer a student**, go online at www.flga-lcms.org, the home page for the district website. On the main page you will find a banner for the **COLLEGE-CONGREGATION CONNECTION**. Simply click on the banner and you will find a simple form that provides the basic information necessary for our campus ministries to connect with your student. The information will be forwarded from the main database to the local campus ministry contact.

Confirmation Classes are about to Begin!

Confirmation is an important and exciting two-year program at Trinity, instructing youth in God's Word and what it means for them in their life. First year confirmation students are youth in 6th grade (not attending Trinity Lutheran School- material covered in daily religion classes) and up who have not had previous confirmation instruction. First year confirmation classes take an in-depth look at the Old and New Testaments. Second year confirmation students are youth in 7th grade (including Trinity Lutheran School) and up who have completed first year confirmation. This class primarily uses Luther's Small Catechism. Trinity's second year confirmation program uses a model of a "family based, church assisted" learning, where parents and confirmation student study and grow in their faith together in class.

The 2005-2006 confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The second year students will be meeting with their parents in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Moore and the first year students will be meeting in room 204, upstairs in the 2-story building with Mrs. K. If you would like to enroll your child in confirmation class, or have any questions about confirmation, please contact Ronda Krauskopf, DCE, at 407-422-5704, ext. 127 or Rkrauskopf@trinitydowntown.org.

Attention Young Adults!

Join in exciting Bible study and fun on Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., at Amy Kushnir's home. The current study is a study of Moses and how God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things, based on the book "Here I am Lord...Send Someone Else" by Jill Briscoe. This group also gets together for some type of social events (like going to a Christian concert or a local pool place).

Contact Amy Kushnir for more information at 407-697-1396 or amyk@c-p.com.

Needed: CPP's!

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, DCE, 407-422-5704. ext. 127 or RKrauskopf@trinitydowntown.org

FL/GA Middle School Youth Gathering

All Middle School students the FL/GA Middle School Gathering will be held in Leesburg, FL this year during the weekend of Nov. 4th - 6th, 2005. Pastor Bill Yonker will be the guest speaker - some of you might remember him from the 2003 FL/GA MS Gathering in Bradenton, Florida. So if you wish to attend this event keep this weekend open. More details to follow as they become available from the district.

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through the words of this hymn. Which musical version and rhythm does your family like best? (LBW 228 or 229?)

Children's Christmas Program, 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve

It's time again to sign up any TLS students, Sunday School children, public school kids if you are in town on Christmas Eve, you're welcome to be part of the Children's program at 4:00.

Please e-mail Imoore@trinitydowntown.org, or leave a message at 407-422-5704 X 124. Rehearsals will be on the Saturdays in December.

I'd like to request the hymn:

In memory, or in honor of:

For the date: _____

Service Time: _____

Your Name & Phone:

Drop off or mail to the church office, or drop in the offering plate.

Or email Imoore@trinitydowntown.org

Fresh Start Volunteers

Each month on the 24th, Trinity members serve dinner at the Christian Service Center Fresh Start Shelter. The CSC operates Fresh Start as a residential training and rehabilitation program for employable males. Fresh Start provides an opportunity for those men wanting to put their lives back together. The program helps the residents make a transition from a life of dependency to independence. GED and vocational courses are offered to the clients in addition to daily counseling and Bible study.

There are a number of dedicated Trinity members that faithfully devote their time, resources, and cooking ability to provide the food items and to serve dinner each month. The Human Care Board is looking for additional volunteers to help.

The monthly meal serves between 15-20 men. In addition, Fresh Start asks that Trinity provide other food items to help with lunch and other meals.

Items needed each month are:

-Dinner for 15-20 men. (main course examples: pasta, chili, fried chicken, ham, meat casserole, sliced pork, and turkey. Salad, vegetable, dessert, bread, and drinks are also provided by Trinity volunteers)

-Other food items needed monthly: 2 dozen eggs,

2-4 loaves of bread, 1 gallon milk, 1 gallon Orange Juice, lunch meat for 25 sandwiches, 1 lb of butter, and 1 lb of sugar.

Food items are delivered to Fresh Start at 6:30pm M-F for a 7pm meal and at 5:30pm on Saturday and Sunday for a 6pm meal. It is possible to drop non-perishable items off at Fresh Start during the day if that is more convenient.

Typically, an evening at Fresh Start transpires like this; arrive with food items at 6:30pm, set out food items in buffet style arrangement, at 7pm notify the residents dinner is ready, meet in a group and bless the food, help serve dinner, prepare extra plates of food for residents that are working late and miss dinner, leave Fresh Start around 7:30pm. The residents are responsible for cleaning up the kitchen.

The time it takes to participate is small; the experience of seeing Christ at work in these men's lives is enormous. Residents are very thankful for the help provided and they make sure the volunteers know how much they are appreciated. It is a wonderful experience.

If you can help, particularly with the main meal, please contact Bonnie Hahn at 407-292-8300 or 407-222-0671 (cell).



Trinity has had **Stephen Ministry** since 2000! In that time 17 of our members

have been trained as Stephen Ministers that's 50 + hours of training. In addition, three Stephen Leaders and two Pastors have attended the Stephen Ministry Leadership Training Conference that's a seven-day conference held here in Orlando. Stephen Ministers have cared for more than ten care receivers some long term, some short term depending on the need and situation. At the present time we have three active Stephen Ministers who's commitment of service is nearing completion. So, **we have a need for more caregivers men and women**, who are willing to be

trained in providing quality, one-to-one, confidential Christian care. In Ephesians 4 Paul talks about pastors and other leaders as gifts God has given the church "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Stephen Ministry is an organized way of building up and caring for those experiencing a difficult time in their life/faith journey. God has given each of you gifts to be used in His service what are your gifts? **Consider and pray - "God of mercy, You have blessed us each with unique gifts and called us to ministry we are Your hands. As we look to train new Stephen Ministers, there are those among us whom You have blessed with compassion, patience, faith, mercy and encouragement. Work in the hearts of these individuals so that they may know you are calling them now to Stephen Ministry. We ask this through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen."**

Grandparents' Day 2005

It was a grand day for grandparents at Trinity Lutheran School! Grandparents began arriving on campus as early as 7:00 a.m. and were treated to breakfast items in the Fellowship Hall. The grandparents then joined their grandchildren for chapel which was a special celebration of the grandparents in our lives, led by Pastor Jon. Following chapel the 150 + grandparents had the opportunity to spend time in their grandchild's classroom where



many teachers took the opportunity to have them share stories, work together on a project

and learn more about their grandchild's educational life. The day culminated with a reception honoring our guests, provided by our Parent Teacher League. Principal Dr. Shaffer talked about the importance of grandparents in our students' lives while Mr. Bob Blackwood, Jr. shared with them about our *Annual Appeal*, which is a new opportunity for grandparents to financially support

Trinity Lutheran School. Prizes were awarded in special categories such as "Most



Grandchildren", and "Who Came from the Farthest Away." We thank you Lord for our grandparents!

Middle School Youth The News You Have Been Waiting For!

***FL/GA District LCMS Middle School Retreat
November 4-6, 2005 @ Lake Yale, FL
EXTREME MAKEOVER FAITH EDITION***

This gathering specifically targets middle school youth. To register a youth must be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade during the 2005-2006 school year. Non-LCMS youth are certainly welcome to attend also! Join in on Xtreme breakout sessions, great mass events with incredibly funny speaker Rev. Bill Yonker and Daniel's Window, a modern rock worship band with splinters of hip-hop and rap, free time with sports, games, and lots of fun, and making new friends from all over Florida and Georgia! Registration forms will be handed out at the confirmation potluck, Sunday morning Bible classes, church youth activities, TLS middle school classes, and will be available in the narthex, church office, and school office, as well as the Trinity Youth Website. Pick up your registration packets today. All completed registration forms and \$140 fee (includes transportation and bus driver, all meals, housing, snacks, and all activities) must be in by Sunday, Oct. 2. No exceptions to this date will be made. Forms and money can be returned to the school or church office, attention Ronda Krauskopf. If you have any questions, or if you need financial assistance for this trip, please contact Ronda Krauskopf, DCE, at 407-422-5704, ext. 127 or Rkrauskopf@trinitydowntown.org.



"THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION;
THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME!"
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



Trinity Responds to help Hurricane Katrina Victims

*Church and School help pack 735
bags for storms refugees!*



Following Hurricane Katrina, Trinity's e-LWML group changed its September project to address storm relief. Answering the call of the national LWML and LCMS World Relief, the 'bathrobe bunch' quickly organized an effort to create supply bags for evacuees and responders to the disaster. Thanks to the students at our school and the congregation, 735 bags were put together on Sunday, September 11th. The e-LWML wants to thank all who participated in this effort.



To find out more about Trinity's e-LWML (a.k.a. The Bathrobe Bunch), contact Doris Engstrom at: engstromdd@earthlink.net

Youth News

by Wade Regan, Board of Youth Ministry



Trinity Youth News - Welcome Back / Kick Off and Rock the Universe

had their Welcome Back/Kick Off parties. The Middle School students (a.k.a. The God Squad) meet from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the High School students (a.k.a. In the L.I.G.H.T.) meet from 6:00 p.m. to around 8:45 p.m.. The parties took place in Trinity's Fellowship Hall and Gym area.

Both parties started off with a few ice-breakers/games and short devotion. After these games the 'real' fun started in the Gym that had both an inflatable obstacle course and a jousting ring. Both groups enjoyed the inflatables - whether they were racing each other on the obstacle course, dueling it out on the jousting ring, just hanging out with old friends or making new ones - a good time was had by all. In all we had about 18 Middle School students and about 25 High students attend this event.



The Board of Youth Ministry would like to thank the following for helping us out with this event - they are as follow: Pat Teal, Ted Lange, Tony Ramiz, Eileen Regan, Kristine Zook, Priscilla Kehoe, Michele Alvarado, Melissa Wittcop, Kathy Schumacher, Jen Burnette, Cathy Kane and Amy Kushnir.

A special thanks to Carmen Ramiz for getting all the snacks, drinks, food, and the decorations for this event.



Rock the Universe - Friday 9/9/05 and Sat. 9/10/05

On Friday, Sept. 9th - we had 25 Middle School students attend Rock the Universe at



Universal Studios, Orlando. Then on Sat., Sept. 10th we had 23 High School students attend Rock the Universe. From the reports that I have received - was that the students enjoyed riding the various rides and also listening to the various bands etc. I was also very pleased to hear that our students were very well behaved and represented Trinity well. Thank you for setting a Christ like example.

Many thanks to the Adult Leaders - that without them this event would not have taken place. They are: David Tesch, Pete Krzyzak, Patti Smith, Ted Lange, Melody Smothers, Jen Burnette, Gary Schumacher, Amy Kushnir, and Eva Spotorno.



And of course where would we be without - Barb the Bus Driver? Thanks so much for driving the bus and getting the students there and back safely! You are the BEST!

Future Youth events are: Oct. 2nd - Coffee House / Movie Night

Nov. 20th - Possible Servant Event
Dec. 4th - Possible Christmas Party

Keep watching the Triune and this newsletter for more details for these events etc. Also check the Youth Web sites too - we are trying to keep this up-to-date as much as possible.



Trinity Fall Festival

The Trinity Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 10am-4pm. There will be tons of games, prizes, food and fun! All funds raised at the festival benefit Trinity Lutheran School. We are looking for event sponsors to help off set the expenses of the festival. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring the event, donating items or volunteering to help, please contact Monique Yeager at myeager@sonnysbbq.com or 407.660.8888.

Trinity Lutheran School Fall Festival

2005 Sponsorship Opportunities
Saturday, October 22, 2005

- The Eighth Grader \$500**
 - A positive community tie-in with Trinity Lutheran Downtown.
 - Official recognition as a Sponsor at the event.
 - Inclusion of your name on all printed material.
 - Inclusion of your name and/or logo on all approved radio promotions.
 - Inclusion of your name in all press releases and media alerts.
 - Opportunity to set-up booth at event.
 - Company profile in the school's, *The Bulletin* newsletter, distributed 250 families
 - Recognition as a sponsor in the weekly church bulletin, distributed to 1,200 members

- The Fifth Grader \$250**
 - A positive community tie-in with the Trinity Lutheran Downtown.
 - Recognition as a Sponsor at the event.
 - Company profile in the school's, *The Bulletin*, newsletter.
 - Inclusion of your name in all press releases and media alerts.

- The Kindergartner \$100**
 - A positive community tie-in with Trinity Lutheran Downtown.
 - Official recognition as a sponsor at the event.

If you have any questions, please email or call Monique Yeager at 407.660.8888 or myeager@sonnysbbq.com. Completed forms should be faxed to 407.660.9050, attn. Monique Yeager.

Sponsorship Information:

Name of Company, Foundation or Individual _____

Name of Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

Trinity Lutheran School has served the community in Downtown Orlando since 1953. The school prepares children Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade to be successful in high school and beyond.. All funds raised from the Trinity Lutheran Fall Festival benefits the children at Trinity Lutheran School.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thanksgiving 2005



We all have so much to be thankful for, especially as the hurricane season comes to a close, please join us and as we gather together with the Vietnamese & Haitian Congregations at Trinity's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, November 13, 2005 immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service.

The Fellowship Board will provide the Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Rolls and Dessert and ask that members whose last name starts with **A - G bring a salad and H - Z bring a side dish** to share. There will be a free will offering taken to help defray the cost of the meal.

Come join us as we celebrate God's Blessings. This will also be a time to welcome Trinity's new members! Please mark your calendar for this annual event and make your reservation by calling Kristy in the church office.

See you then!

Thanksgiving Bread

We share small loaves of bread at Thanksgiving services. We need someone to help coordinate this project along with three women or men to prepare bread in pans. If you can help coordinate or prepare the Thanksgiving bread, please call Kristy in the church office, 407-422-5704. It has become a nice tradition for each family to receive a loaf of bread after church on Thanksgiving. Please help us keep the tradition going!

Get Your Pecans...Valpo Pecans

Once again it is that time of year! The Valpo Guild is now taking your orders for pecans. They will be \$6.50 a pound for pieces, and \$7.00 a pound for halves. Please call your orders in to Mary Gene Carr at 407-365-9700 or call Kristy in the church office at 407-422-5704. Place your orders early before they are all gone! We will need all orders in by October 2nd. Thank you for your continued support.

"Bioethics & Faith" Convocation

Stem cell research, cloning, and the Terry Schiavo case have been making the headlines in the news. What is a Christian's response to these "hot" topics? What impact will these things have on my life as I fill out a will? Or which way should I vote as I go to the polls on Election Day? Those and other bioethical issues will be the subject of the "bioethics & Faith" Convocation sponsored by the Orlando area LCMS churches. The convocation will feature Dr. Robert Wiese, Professor of Pastoral Ministry and the Life Sciences at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. His extensive knowledge in the sciences and "down-to-earth" style has made him a favorite among students there. Please join us for this thought-provoking day of conversation. The convocation will take place on October 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by calling Sue at 407-976-2771.

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TLS Annual Appeal

As many of you may be aware, tuition, PTL and the financial support of the Church no longer provide sufficient funding for Trinity Lutheran School. In order for the School to provide a Christian education in a progressive environment, to our children, the Annual Appeal has been created to offset this shortfall. The Annual Appeal provides an opportunity for parents, grandparents, members and alumni to support Trinity Lutheran School. You will receive a mailing at the end of September that outlines our project for the 2005-2006 school year. Please prayerfully consider giving to the TLS Annual Appeal and supporting our mission of outreach to children and families in downtown Orlando.



Clergy Appreciation Month

October has been designated **Clergy Appreciation Month**. Please take time to show your appreciation to our Pastors, especially during the month of October. A card, a note, a plate of cookies, candies...a smile, a hug, or kind word. Let's show our Pastors that we recognize who they are and all that they do for each one of us!

PORTALS OF PRAYER

Portals of Prayer, daily devotional booklets, are available in the back of the church. Please take one. A limited number of large print editions are also available in the church office.

Stewardship Sunday October 16th



As Christians, we know that we didn't choose God, but that He chose us, even while we were sinners (Romans 5:8), and made us His children, members of His Family, the Church, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. That's one side of the salvation coin—saved by Jesus. The other side of the coin is one that we don't seem to think of as often. We were also saved for service to our Lord. When Jesus forgives us he also gives us power to say “NO!” to the devil and his desires and “YES!” to God and His will for our lives. What a gift of freedom this is! We sometimes call it Christian Stewardship.

In the meaning of the Second Article, we proclaim that Jesus saved us from our sin so “that (we) may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him...” We have the freedom to choose how we will invest our lives and all of our material resources. We also have the privilege of choosing to return our money to God in holy service. The most important service God desires is our service toward the spreading of the Gospel. To this end, we give our tithes and offerings. Are you choosing to serve the Lord through the first generous percentage of your income that is returned to Him through your church offering, or are you making other choices as to what comes first? Ask God to strengthen you in making choices that honor Him

Prayer List

In order for the Triune prayer list to be up to date and functional, we have started to date the prayer requests 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, call Kristy in the church office 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, 407-422-5704, or email kbowman@trinitydowntown.org.

During the Month of September 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, Inga Bouton, Rosalie Bowen, Lyman Bowman (Martha Pfantz brother/health), Bertha Bradbury (leukemia), Maurice Brodeur, John Calkins, Allison Carey, Mary Cawthon (Health), Elizabeth Cohen (recovery chemo), Ralph Driscoll, Mike Duda (Father-in-law of Greg Registers brother/cancer) Mark Eckoff, Diane Edenfield (Daughter of Margaret Thomas/Cancer), Becky Elkins, Dawn Erwin (cancer/friend/Wendy Churchville), Lillian Ferris, Tim G. (Nephew of C. Burnett/Special Needs), Donna Gardner (Friend of Virginia Ellis), Pat Glander, Elizabeth Gordon (Health), Laura Guderian, Doris Guehery, Mary Hecht, Mariam Hey (Mother of Bob Hey), Kenneth Hill (Mary Hohman's brother-in-law), Robert Hoard, Terry Imperato (Friend of Sweatt Family, cancer), Bev Johnson (Pat Glander's cousin), Madeline Kimmel (rehab), Ed Korndoefer (Brother of Karen Killinger), Deborah Koivu, Kim (Koivu) West, Duane Kuhlow (Brother of Mary Lange/Abdominal Surgery), Wendy Kuhn (Friend of Frank Kraus), Edna Kunze, Everett Lackey (Father of Sharon, Shirley, Susan and Shelia), Pat Lange (Mother of Ted Lange/High Blood Pressure), Rick Lasater (Brother of Marty) Crystal Lawrence (friend Carole Stevens), Jennifer Leishte (Friend of Jody & Gaye Bowman), Laurence Lillvik, Rose Madlinger (Chemo), Babe Marjema, Stewart Marshall (leukemia), Doyle Martin (Father of Anna Kunster/Cancer), Shaun McDonnaugh, Elizabeth McLean (Family friend of Ruffier family), Steve MacNevin, Mike Meeske, Lenore Mooneyham (Sister of Peggy Trapp) Cayla Ann Parody, Susan Podrasky, Ruth Pytko, Lois Raymond, Adel Renner (Mother of Craig Stephens), 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, Louis Siems (Chemo), Bonnie Claire Shelton (Family friend of Ruffier Family), Joseph Starr, Earl Stanhope (Health), Oakus & Dorothy Stephens, Paul Stephens (Craig Stephens Dad/ Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma) Sheryl Stephens (Oakus & Dorothy Stephens' daughter-in-law), Neal Strange, Samantha Steinman (Friend of Kunze/Harris Family), Oakus & Dorothy Stephens, Marilouise Stuart (Mary Jo Hoard's mother), Mark Sulzman, Tyler (Friend of Jody & Gaye Bowman), Steven Thompson (Student of Tim Smith), Peggy Trapp (Cancer), Jimmie Vaught (Family Friend of Collier Family), Thomas Vroman (Grandfather of Laurie Gonzalez), James Walters (Father of Mellissa Hoevenaar), Bernest Ward (Brother of Alex Boston/Hodgkin's), Easton Wargo, Clara Watson (Louis Siems sister), Glen Wendt, Daniel Walsh (Father of Carrie Sabin's friend), Bonnie Wesinger (Friend of Jody & Gaye Bowman) Tom Whittaker, Mary Wilk, Scott Wilkins (Hodgkin's), Bill Williams (Health), Gail Wilsheck (Amy Dittmer's girlfriend/breast cancer) Marti Wise (Friend of Patricia Teal), Don Wolf (Uncle of Kent Wolfe), Earl Yawman, Tyler Youtz (5-year-old friend of Janet Wolbert) Paul & Helen Zalman (Recovery/Health)

Deaths in September:

Bob Prip
 Janet Neubauer
 Ron Jones
 Trudy Johnson (Sister of Walt Wolters)
 Jodi Larson (Brother of Tanya Ackerman)
 Infried Broderon (Father of Dawn Vaughn)

Please contact Kristy in the church office if any of the names of the prayer list are wrong or need to be taken off or added.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

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

Oct 1	Blackwood, David	Birthday	Oct 7	Weber, Kristina	Birthday
Oct 1	Castro, Christen	Birthday	Oct 8	Alvarado, Michele	Birthday
Oct 1	Hey, Matthew	Birthday	Oct 8	D'Angelillo, Catherine	Birthday
Oct 1	Hofmann, Ashley	Birthday	Oct 8	Haney, David	Birthday
Oct 1	Pfantz, Martha	Birthday	Oct 9	Becker, Christina & John Becker, Jr.	Anniversary
Oct 1	Regan, Nicole	Birthday	Oct 9	Copenhaver, Joyce	Birthday
Oct 1	Vaughan, Dawn & Bob	Anniversary	Oct 9	Glover, Jr., Dennnis	Birthday
Oct 2	Gavin, Joanie	Birthday	Oct 9	Gonzalez, Laurie	Birthday
Oct 2	Jenkins, Robert	Birthday	Oct 9	Southerland, Marsha	Birthday
Oct 2	Lange, Parker	Birthday	Oct 9	Trapp, Robert E.	Birthday
Oct 2	Middleton, David	Birthday	Oct 9	Wasielewski, Cynthia	Birthday
Oct 2	Rash, Troy	Birthday	Oct 10	Hearn-Hoover, Matthew	Birthday
Oct 2	Sharp, Sarah & William	Anniversary	Oct 10	Jones, James & Lena	Anniversary
Oct 2	Sievers, Mark	Birthday	Oct 10	Kottke, Ruth	Birthday
Oct 3	Brickner, Chelsea	Birthday	Oct 10	Levinson, John	Birthday
Oct 3	Rawlings, Katherine	Birthday	Oct 10	Ramirez, Lorenzo	Birthday
Oct 3	Sands, Eric	Birthday	Oct 10	Rayburn, Nicholas	Birthday
Oct 3	Causey, Carl & Gloria	Anniversary	Oct 11	Crowell, Virgil	Birthday
Oct 3	Hahn, Bruce & Bonnie	Anniversary	Oct 11	Hammerstrom, Anders	Birthday
Oct 3	Phillips, Lorenzo & Joyce	Anniversary	Oct 11	Hammerstrom, Shannon	Birthday
Oct 3	Toth, Adrienne & Donald	Anniversary	Oct 11	Hoevenaar, Delaney	Birthday
Oct 3	Tzuanos, Jo Anne & John	Anniversary	Oct 11	McConnell, James	Birthday
Oct 4	Hagerman, Robert	Birthday	Oct 11	Zalman, Helen	Birthday
Oct 4	Hansen, Jeff & Crystal	Anniversary	Oct 12	Bongianni, Cynthia	Birthday
Oct 4	Horton, Andrew	Birthday	Oct 12	Cameron-Hicks, Julia	Birthday
Oct 4	Keene, Jim & Cynthia	Anniversary	Oct 12	Causey, Gloria	Birthday
Oct 4	O'Rourke, Richard & Stacey	Anniversary	Oct 12	Cobb, Kenneth & Abbey	Anniversary
Oct 5	Friedel, Teresa	Birthday	Oct 12	Heumann, Esther	Birthday
Oct 5	Gatti, Joey	Birthday	Oct 12	Meadows, Benjamin	Birthday
Oct 5	Munoz, Beverly	Birthday	Oct 12	Sarubbi, Douglas & Wendy	Anniversary
Oct 5	Savallisch, Diana	Birthday	Oct 12	Woideck, Alan	Birthday
Oct 6	Collier, Marc	Birthday	Oct 13	Bermudez, Isabel	Birthday
Oct 6	Driggers, Andrea	Birthday	Oct 13	Boyle, Ryan	Birthday
Oct 6	Madlinger, Rose	Birthday	Oct 13	George, Brandi	Birthday
Oct 6	Naputi, Jessica	Birthday	Oct 13	Levine, Roy	Birthday
Oct 6	Zastawney, Christopher	Birthday	Oct 13	Smalley, Shanon	Birthday
Oct 7	Anderson, Doug & Lynda	Anniversary	Oct 13	Willson, William	Birthday
Oct 7	Bowman, Troy & Kristy	Anniversary	Oct 14	Bowman, Christina	Birthday
Oct 7	Finger, Terri	Birthday	Oct 14	Bronson, Marla & Tony	Anniversary
Oct 7	Guy, David	Birthday	Oct 14	Lanier, John & Karen	Anniversary
Oct 7	Raymond, Harry	Birthday	Oct 14	Mayer, Irene	Birthday
			Oct 14	Phinney, Robert & Karen	Anniversary
			Oct 14	Rossy, Jack	Birthday
			Oct 14	Short, William (Brent)	Birthday
			Oct 15	Gipson, Greg	Birthday
			Oct 15	Hahn, Bruce	Birthday
			Oct 15	Kunster, Anna	Birthday

Birthdays, continued from page 14

Oct 15 O'Rourke, Gary	Birthday	Oct 23 Stuenkel, Robert	Birthday
Oct 15 Rader, Patricia & Todd	Anniversary	Oct 24 Drake, Janet	Birthday
Oct 15 Schroeder, Margaret (Peggy)	Birthday	Oct 24 Gavin, Darryl & Stephanie	Anniversary
Oct 15 Stanhope, Earle	Birthday	Oct 24 Sabin, Darlene	Birthday
Oct 15 Wolfe, Kent	Birthday	Oct 24 Schweer, Paul & Cheryl	Anniversary
Oct 15 Zavitz, Mackendrick	Birthday	Oct 24 Velez, Felicia	Birthday
Oct 16 Estus, Louise	Birthday	Oct 25 Boogher, Anna	Birthday
Oct 16 Friedel, Teresa & Martin	Anniversary	Oct 25 Bruno, Stephen	Birthday
Oct 16 Hecht, Mary	Birthday	Oct 25 Dunnican-Breter, Tara	Birthday
Oct 16 Ogg, Sandy	Birthday	Oct 25 Oakley, Lisa	Birthday
Oct 16 Reyes, Carin	Birthday	Oct 25 Pearson, Clark	Birthday
Oct 16 Schillings, Gloria	Birthday	Oct 25 Schroeder, Carl	Birthday
Oct 17 Aber, Kathy	Birthday	Oct 26 Anderson, Kim	Birthday
Oct 17 Arnett, Charlie	Birthday	Oct 26 Bowman, Tiffany	Birthday
Oct 17 Boggs, Kenneth	Birthday	Oct 26 Phinney, Karen	Birthday
Oct 18 Barnes, Erik	Birthday	Oct 26 Ponik, Kevin	Birthday
Oct 18 Cuttler, Diana	Birthday	Oct 26 Rhoads, Myrtle	Birthday
Oct 18 Dees, Christa	Birthday	Oct 26 Schumacher, Matthew	Birthday
Oct 18 Kunster, Gilbert	Birthday	Oct 26 Toth, Adrienne	Birthday
Oct 18 Scaletta, Melissa	Birthday	Oct 27 Blackwood, Deb	Birthday
Oct 18 Wilson, Sandy	Birthday	Oct 27 Heaton-Alexander, Cathy	Birthday
Oct 19 Friedel, Joshua	Birthday	Oct 27 Retzlaff, Catherine	Birthday
Oct 19 Knutson, Kian	Birthday	Oct 27 Trapp, Robert & Anne	Anniversary
Oct 20 Dworkin, Paul	Birthday	Oct 28 Dworkin, Rachel	Birthday
Oct 20 Hill, Justin	Birthday	Oct 28 Sweatt, Bradley	Birthday
Oct 20 Lemcke, Rachel	Birthday	Oct 28 Tayloe, Ricky	Birthday
Oct 20 Luce, Andrew	Birthday	Oct 28 Wolbert, Kristin	Birthday
Oct 21 Cobb, Bradley	Birthday	Oct 29 Beier, Preston	Birthday
Oct 21 Dunnican-Breter, Tara & Robert Breter	Anniversary	Oct 29 Clausen, Donald & Mary	Anniversary
Oct 21 Holshek, Shirley & George	Anniversary	Oct 29 Grover, Diann	Birthday
Oct 21 Jorgensen, Dana	Birthday	Oct 29 Hill, Jared	Birthday
Oct 21 Retzlaff, Vernon	Birthday	Oct 29 Raymond, Lois	Birthday
Oct 22 D'Angelillo, Aaron	Birthday	Oct 29 Shultz, Valerie	Birthday
Oct 22 Horton, Bradley	Birthday	Oct 29 Speelman, Walter	Birthday
Oct 22 Wilkosz, David & Gail	Anniversary	Oct 30 Docton, Claire	Birthday
Oct 23 Bruno, Stephen & Rosaida	Anniversary	Oct 30 Sarubbi, Megan	Birthday
Oct 23 Carter, Nicolas	Birthday	Oct 30 Traugott, Betty	Birthday
Oct 23 McCoy, Lisa & Brian Buchner	Anniversary	Oct 31 Alvarado, Allen	Birthday
		Oct 31 Bond, Gaye	Birthday

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Are you a Good Sport Parent?

A new school year for millions of students across the United States means new opportunities for many of these students to use their God-given gifts in extra-curricular activities, including athletics. School sports are a wonderful way for students to grow in body, mind, and spirit as they compete, experience working as part of a team, develop self-confidence, and learn from their achievements and their mistakes. Unfortunately, the new school year will undoubtedly bring with it stories of parents whose attitudes and actions related to their child's participation in athletics are not helpful.

The state of Maine has begun an important initiative entitled “Sports Done Right” (www.sportsdonerightmaine.org). Here are some suggestions from this initiative that will be helpful if you have a child involved in competitive athletics:

Encourage your child, regardless of his or her degree of success or level of skill

Ensure a balance in your student athlete's life, encouraging participation in multiple sports and activities while placing academics first.

Emphasize enjoyment, development of skills and team play as the cornerstones of your child's early sports experiences while reserving serious competition for the varsity level.

Leave coaching to coaches and avoid placing too much pressure on your youngster about playing time and performance.

Be realistic about your child's future in sports, recognizing that only a select few earn a college scholarship, compete in the Olympics or sign a professional contract.

Be there when your child looks to the sidelines for a positive role model.

So, during this school sports season, marvel at God's creation as you watch your child in the field or on the court! Celebrate the gifts of fun, fellowship, and family as you spend time in the bleachers!

2005 Christmas Seals Campaign

We are counting on your congregation's participation in our Seals Campaign again this year! Your support of this effort allows Wheat Ridge Ministries to continue to make a difference by seeding new health and healing ministries around the world. Thank you!!

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