

THE TIDINGS

OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 5, 2010

Welcome guests! We are honored that you have chosen to worship here today! Following Saturday worship, join us for refreshments and fellowship on the parking lot sidewalk, and following the Sunday service, join us in the coffee corner (located at the intersection of the two hallways outside of the worship space) for refreshments and conversation. We also ask that you participate in our **Ritual of Friendship**, filling in your name & address on the clipboard. Remember to **turn off your cell phone** and other electronic devices before our worship service begins.

Prayer requests may be written on the cards, available on the bulletin table outside or in the sanctuary pew racks, and placed in the offering plates. A supervised **Nursery** for infants & toddlers is available during our Sunday indoor worship service.

The **flowers in the sanctuary** are given by Pam Watson in memory of her father, Jim Morton.

This week marks the **35th year of Dolly Collins** being the organist here at Trinity. Thank you for your beautiful music, and for your dedication, Dolly!

Please welcome **Sara Freudenburg Puricelli** this weekend in worship. Sara is a student at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago who has been assigned to our congregation for her year long "Ministry in

Context" requirement. Beginning this week Sara will spend 7 hours a week engaged in Trinity's ministry. You will see her assisting in worship, attending and leading various events. Please welcome Sara, her husband Tom and daughter Markey during fellowship time.

The **Fall Worship and Education Schedule** begins next weekend:

- **5:00 p.m. Saturday**
Saturday Night 5, a relaxed, simple service for those who may be new to the faith.
- **8:30 a.m. Sunday**
Heritage Worship
- **9:45 a.m. Sunday**
Education Hour
- **11:00 a.m. Sunday**
Celebration Worship

Have you considered serving in worship or in a worship hospitality role? Contact the pastors or the church office to find out more!

The **Wednesday morning Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room. Join us at 9:45 for coffee and fellowship followed by discussion of the upcoming Sunday texts.

The deadline for submissions for the **October-November issue of The Tidings** is **Friday, September 10**.

Thank you for recycling! Please note the acceptable items outlined on posters at each bin: **paper cups and napkins are NOT recyclable.**

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Outside groups in italics

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
5:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
9:00 a.m. Heritage Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Labor Day-Church Office Closed
9:30 a.m. AA Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Men's Group
7:00 p.m. Choral Connection

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
7:00 a.m. Men's Morning Ministry
9:00 a.m. Quilting Group
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Sat. Night 5 Planning

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
9:30 a.m. AA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
no scheduled events

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
9:00 a.m. Youth For Understanding
9:00 a.m. Greysheet

5:00 p.m. Saturday Night 5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Rally Day
8:30 a.m. Heritage Worship
9:45 a.m. Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship
12:00 p.m. Guide Huddle
3:00 p.m. Habitat House Dedication
4:00 p.m. Catechism Orientation

Thanks to this weekend's Football Parking team! Volunteers are still needed for upcoming games. Sign-up in the information area.

CROP Walk 2010 will be on Sunday, October 10. Save the date and watch for more information soon!

Tuesday Night Men's Group: From the success in the Spring, the **Men of Trinity** have decided to gather another group together, reviewing and discussing "*The God We Never Knew*" by Marcus Borg. We will begin this **Tuesday, September 7** meeting from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the lounge. Books for purchase are available in the gathering space. Contact Dan Schoof at dfschoof@yahoo.com or 426-9123.

Fall Music Ministry

beginning Thursday, September 9

Chancel Bells

rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir

rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

beginning Sunday, Sept. 12

Celebration Band/Singers

rehearsals at 10:00 a.m.

Youth Praise Band

rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

Joyful Ringers-TBD

School Supplies Drive: members are encouraged to bring in school supplies for local kids in need. Three boxes are located on the altar for elementary, middle and high school; choose which group you would like to help out. The drive is on until Rally Day (September 12). New crayons, markers, pencils, lined paper, binders, folders, backpacks, rulers, colored pencils, pencil boxes, pens, highlighters, and other school supplies are needed! If you have any questions contact Emily Guwca at guwfamily@yahoo.com.

Do we have...

your@e-mail.address?

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On **October 17** we will be showcasing how people can get plugged in to Trinity at the **Empowerment Fair**. There will be tables set up around the church during the education and fellowship hour between the services, where people can find out about different activities by talking with people, collecting information or looking at displays. If you have a group that provides a service to members or an opportunity for members to volunteer to help the congregation or the community, then we want you to join the fair. For more information or to help, contact Anne Baird at albaird@comcast.net.

In the month of September, Trinity will be supporting the extensive community assistance program at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti. Throughout the month we are seeking, for their program, donations of **lightly used men's clothing suitable to wear for job interviews**. Please place items you want to give on hangers in the coat racks near the Pastors' offices in the section designated. At the end of the month our goods collection (Sept. 25/26) will go to Emmanuel's active and well-administered food bank.

Lutheran World Relief Health Kits will be assembled here at Trinity this fall. A box is out in the gathering space for your donations through Sept. 26. Needed items with LWR specifications are listed on a "Shopping List" found near either entrance to the building. Each **LWR Health Kit** contains: one hand towel (dark color); one wash cloth (dark color); one bath-size soap (original packaging); one adult size toothbrush (original packaging); one comb (wide tooth); one metal nail file or clippers with file; six band-aids (1/2" x 3/4"). We are glad to accept several of one kind of item.

Beginning September 7 and on the 1st Tuesday of each month, Lutheran Campus Ministry will offer midday worship at 12:15 p.m. in room 2105B on the first floor of the Michigan Union. This will be an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to take a short break in their hectic days to reflect and to be renewed in life and faith. We hope you'll join us and invite others, too.

Quilt Sunday is coming up on October 10, and we want to have as many quilts ready to ship to **Lutheran World Relief** as we can. We have 223 quilts completed to date, but there are dozens more ready to be assembled. So we are trying to get as many people as we can to help in September. You do not have to be able to sew – there are jobs for those who can tie a knot, use a pair of scissors, fold sheets, and pack boxes. Work sessions are scheduled for September 14, 15, 21 and 22 from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. and an evening session on September 14 from 7:00—9:00 p.m. You can come for an hour or all day. All help is appreciated. There is a brown bag lunch at

noon with tea and home made desserts. For more information, contact Darlene Lakatos at (734) 426-5280.

Women's Spirituality Group: Do you identify with any uppity women from the Bible? Would you like to meet some? Join us for our first meeting on **Sunday, September 26** from 12:15-3:30 p.m. in the lounge. Our topic will be: What is women's spirituality? Please bring a dish to share. We meet several times a year, always eat (we are Lutherans), pray, talk, cry (sometimes), and laugh way too loud. All meetings are free standing: so if you miss one, you will never be left behind. Contact Marybeth King at 734-576-3728.

2010 General Offering Income through August 29	Actual Weekly Offering Last Week	\$ 5,691.00
	Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 9,729.00
	Actual More/(Less) than Budget	\$ (4,038.00)
	Actual Weekly % of Budget	58.5%
	Actual Year-to-Date Offering	\$ 325,627.00
	Budgeted Year-to-Date Offering	\$ 351,063.00
	Actual More/(Less) than Budget	\$ (25,436.00)
	Actual Year-to-Date % of Budget	92.8%

Our purpose is to serve God by loving the world as God loves us.

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"Ministry in Context" Seminarian: Sara Freudenburg Puricelli.
Missionary: Bette McCrandall in Liberia

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12	Rally Sunday Milestone Event
September 12	Blessing of the Backpacks
September 12	Catechism Family Orientation Night
September 12	Transformer Teams/Youth Praise Music
September 17-18	Youth Fall Retreat

TRANSFORMER TEAMS: All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to participate in Transformer Teams at 6pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Be a part of the Youth Praise Music team, Technology team or another team that you help create. These teams will give youth the opportunity to use their talents in worship and bring ideas to lead youth ministry at Trinity. **We'll start September 12 at 6pm--** Come find out what it's all about!



School Supplies Drive: Calling ALL youth (elementary, middle school and high school)! The school supply race is on again! Please bring in school supplies for kids in need locally. The three boxes are located on the altar. If you aren't in one of the three groups or don't have a child in one you get to choose which group you would like to help out. Elementary won last year with over a total of 100 supplies! Let's do it again! **The race is on until Rally Day (September 12).** New crayons, markers, pencils, lined paper, binders, folders, backpacks, rulers, colored pencils, pencil boxes, pens, highlighters, and other school supplies are needed! If you have any questions please e-mail Emily Gucwa at gucwafamily@yahoo.com.

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YOUTH FALL RETREAT: September 17-18: 7th-12th grade youth are invited for a Lock-in full of fun--a bonfire, activities, and a concert with our new Youth Praise Music Leader, Jaci Kao and her band! Middle School and High School youth are invited for Friday-Saturday. Following breakfast, youth can go home and **9th grade Catechism youth will plan their Confirmation service** (this retreat is required for you!). We'll begin Friday at 6pm, youth can be picked up Saturday at 8:30am, and 9th grade Confirmation youth will be finished at 5:30pm on Saturday. Cost is \$5. Parents are needed to provide breakfast items--please sign up on the Youth Nooz board by September 12.

September 12 is Rally Sunday!

- ❑ Children are invited to bring their backpacks to the 8:30 and 11 services to participate in the "Blessing of the Backpacks" for the new school year.
- ❑ Parents and youth (Beginners - 12th Grade) are invited to attend Rally Day Milestone at 9:45. You will fill out paperwork for the new Sunday School year, meet your child's Sunday School teacher and make a bowl to use throughout the year. In addition, 9th grade youth will be measured for their confirmation gowns.
- ❑ Final collection for school supplies drive! Who will win: Elementary youth, Middle high or senior high?
- ❑ 7th and 8th graders kick-off the catechism year at 4pm. Parents are asked to come to this orientation. Potluck meal.
- ❑ All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to participate in Transformer Teams at 6pm. Be a part of the Youth Praise Music team, Technology team or another team that you help create. Come find out what it's all about and be a Transformer!

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**Milestone
Ministry**

Another step your faith journey

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We are still looking for these Volunteer positions for next year. Would you like to join the volunteer team? Contact Heather Shaw for more information.

- Acolyte coordinator
- Catechism dinner coordinator
- Living faith coordinator

Catechism for 7th and 8th graders will begin this year on **September 12 from 4-6pm**. PARENTS are asked to come to this family event as we share about the coming year. We'll have a potluck dinner so we ask the 7th graders to bring a dessert and the 8th graders to bring a dish to pass. We'll provide beverages. We have great hopes for the year ahead, knowing that God will bless our time together.

As part of the Pearl Manning Bequest Vision Grants, we are hiring a **Nursery Caregiver** for the fall. Please see the job description on the Youth Nooz Board or contact Heather Shaw for more information.

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The **YOUTH ROOM** continues to be updated thanks to many volunteers. To be finished for fall there are many ways you can help:

- Donations of paint are needed. Color swatches are located on the Youth Nooz board
- You can donate items that are pictured on the poster next to the Youth Nooz board,
- You can donate game tables such as foosball or air hockey,
- You can donate money directly to this project through the church office,
- Furniture needs to be assembled. We have the items and they are waiting for someone handy!
- Youth, we want to continue the tradition that was in the room of having each person have a verse on the wall with their name and year of high school graduation. We won't paint them anymore but will make posters. Please email me (hshaw@trinityaa.org) your verse (typed out) and your year of graduation and we'll start making posters.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP: We are considering a trip for summer of 2011 and would like to discuss options with youth and parents on Sunday, September 26 at 9:45am in the youth room.

CONTACTS

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Trinity's youth ministry is dedicated to partnering with parents to nurture their children's faith by creating opportunities for education, service and fun in a welcoming, supportive way.