

TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

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"Sharing Christ in Word and Deed"

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 11 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM (June 6 only)

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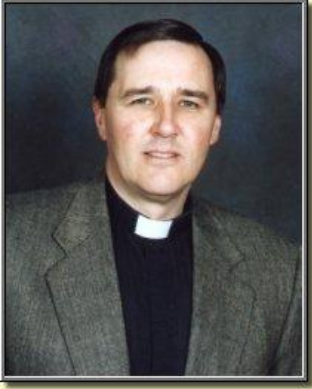
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FROM PASTOR BILL



This month I thought I would talk about a strange topic – our parking lot. I have probably talked about various parts of our building before but never the parking lot. Mostly we just see it as the paved place we leave our cars while we are inside.

When the Building Committee worked on our present design we intentionally planned a parking lot that would afford plenty of space, including spots for visitors and those with physical issues. We also very intentionally designed the covered drive through at the front door.

To my surprise and pleasure our parking lot has become a place of ministry. As I sit in my office I have observed just that. It is incredible how many come up and walk in our lot. People walk across it to use our play area or the Prayer Garden. I have seen bicycles, skaters and those small battery powered toy cars being driven in our lot.

I have observed people greeting each other in the lot on the way into worship. I have seen people reconnect in our lot as they are there for a wedding or a funeral. You can tell from the hugs and kisses that it has been awhile since these folks have been together.

On several occasions our parking lot has been the first place a young person has driven a car. Sometimes people have come in to ask permission and other times it just happens. Either way, I love to watch the young people step on the gas for the first time with that thrill of movement and their parent holding on for dear life. The expression on the faces of each tells me very clearly, “first time in the driver’s seat”.

It has also served as a park and ride for golfers and other folks meeting and sharing rides. For two or three months a group of construction workers met

there in the morning and traveled together to wherever their job was.

Our parking lot has been a place of ministry for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. We have held picnics and ice cream socials on it. There have been yard sales. Sometimes wonderful conversations happen either after worship or some other event. I have often greeted strangers in the lot, sometimes having more conversation and sometimes just saying hi.

I haven’t found anything in the Bible about parking lots. I don’t have a lot of theological wisdom about them. But by observation over ten years I know that much has happened in our parking lot for which we no inkling. Yet in the midst of the gatherings, the greetings, the reconnections and the every day events God is there in the midst of all of it.

We only built some place for our cars. God has found much more use for this space than we could ever imagine or envision. Sometimes the Law of Unintended Consequences is a very good thing. Or maybe I should say, the grace of God’s intended purposes.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill DeHass

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

It has been some time since we have updated the congregation on what is happening. Actually not much has changed because we have been gathering information about how much of a loan we might be able to handle.

The Finance Committee has met with a representative of a local bank to help us determine what might be a type of loan for which we can be approved. This will help us determine the actual size building we will be able to afford. This work has taken some time.

In July we should get a final number and then the Building Committee will be meeting with our contractor to rework the plan to incorporate

some of the suggestions made at the cottage meetings.

After that is in place there are two things that are most likely to happen. One is another series of cottage meetings for information and questions. Two is some form of a capital fund campaign. In order to borrow money for this project we will need commitments from the members of Trinity. There will more about that in the near future.

Again, nothing will happen without an official vote of the congregation but that is still some months away at this point. We are still hopeful of breaking ground as soon as possible, but there are hurdles we need to clear first and some of them have taken more time than we had hoped.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns you may speak with someone on the Building Committee: **Darrell Swart, Gaither Dean, Keith Arnold, Andy Gehr, Sue Snyder, Doug McCullough or Pastor Bill.**

2010 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly

On June 10 – 12, 2010, we were again provided with the opportunity to represent Trinity Lutheran as voting lay members to the 2010 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly. The Assembly was held at Messiah College at Grantham, Pa. The theme of the Assembly was: “God’s Work. Our Hands.” The guest speaker for this year’s Assembly was Churchwide Bishop, Mark S. Hanson.

Upon arrival on Thursday afternoon, a voting member orientation was offered. This orientation covered the procedures and order that will be used during all Assembly meetings. Following dinner Thursday evening, we attended a worship service of Word and Sacrament with Rites of Consecration and Installation.

Following Friday breakfast, we gathered for the first Assembly session. This session started with the completion of various “house keeping” business items. Bishop Hanson then presented a very

interesting and dynamic key-note address. This address was centered around the hope that all Christians be unified in Christ’s salvation and grace for us. We are bound to be free because of Christ’s forgiveness of our sins; and in turn we are free to be bound in Christ’s work in the world.

Later in the morning session, Bishop Hanson provided a “State of the ELCA” message. Bishop Hanson stated that the ELCA continues to grow as a diverse, but inter-related community of believers in Christ. He related that so far this year here in the US, 41 new mission congregations have been established and with 15 additional missions coming in the near future. About one-half of these new missions have been in Latino communities.

The afternoon session began with a Bible study message lead by Bishop Hanson. Following this, the Assembly took up the consideration of one Memorial (a resolution, if adopted by the Assembly that specifically addresses the Church-wide Synod Assembly, requesting that a particular action be taken by that body) was debated and voted on. Also, several resolutions (formal statements of opinion adopted by the Assembly) were debated and voted on.

On Friday evening, various informative, one-hour forums were provided. One of these forums was a question and answer session with Bishop Hanson. Friday concluded with an Evening Prayer Service.

Saturday morning’s session began with a Daily Order for Holy Communion Service. A second Bible study was lead by Bishop Hanson. Next, various Synod Committee reports were presented and the Assembly concluded with the installation of newly elected Synod Council members.

This year’s Synod Assembly experience was both informative and enlightening. Hearing from, the ELCA’s Church-wide Bishop, Mark Hanson, was a definite pleasure. We would also like to encourage any member of Trinity to attend a future Synod Assembly. The experience will serve to enhance your knowledge and understanding of our ELCA Church organization.

Marie and Gaither Dean

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS will be held on Thursday, July 29; Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31. Thursday and Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.; preschool class will dismiss after lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Helpers are needed for games, craft, snacks, and mission project. Please check the sign up sheet in the narthex for opportunities to help and donations of food items posted. If you have any questions about any of the groups please contact Lorena Davis.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS MISSION PROJECT

We need items to fill 85 bags. Bags will be provided during VBS. Please put items in box in narthex. Deadline for bring items is Sunday, July 25.

1. Underwear: girls and boys, size 6 and above, boxers for the boys. NO toddler sizes.
2. White socks for girls and boys.
3. Pens
4. Bar soap (double bagged)
5. Wash cloths
6. White drawing pads
7. Toothpaste
8. Small boxes of puzzles
9. Match box cars – 50
10. Beads for girls hair
11. Reading glasses (any strength)
12. Hair picks
13. Salon hair scissors
14. Coloring books – NO CRAYONS
15. Finger paints

THANK YOU!

Jack and Nancy Dunn for their gift to refinish the Paschal Candle stand and the Advent Wreath stand. Thank you very much!

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Sophia Eve Tytus who was baptized on June 27. She is the daughter of **Pete and Kathy Tytus**.

Kellin DeMaster and Brad McCullough who were married on June 18 in York, PA. May God bless their marriage and let them grow in holy love until life's end.

Karl Rowland who earned his GED in June. He is one of the graduates that we honor this year.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JULY 2010

July 4 Pentecost 6 8:30 and 11 am Holy Communion
Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 11 Pentecost 7 8:30 Service of Word and Prayer
and 11 am Holy Communion**
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 18 Pentecost 8 8:30 and 11 am – Holy Communion
Genesis 18:1-10a
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

**June 25 Pentecost 9 8:30 Service of Word and Prayer
and 11 am Holy Communion**
Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship at 8:30 AM followed by a fellowship time

Sunday School at 10:00 (June 6 only)

Worship at 11 AM

AROUND THE CHURCH
July 2010

- 3 – Michael Kline/Robin Witmer Wedding – 11a.m.
4 - Worship with Holy Communion – 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship following worship
 Worship with Holy Communion – 11:00 a.m.
6 - Outreach Committee – 2:00 p.m.
6 – Daisy’s Scout Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
7 – Council – 7:00 p.m.
9 – Greencastle Sidewalk Sales – 8:30 -8:30 p.m.
10 – Greencastle Sidewalk Sales – 8 - 5:00 p.m.
11– Worship – Service of the Word – 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship following worship
 Worship with Holy Communion – 11:00 a.m.
13 – Mutual Ministry – 2:00 p.m.
18 - Worship with Holy Communion – 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship following worship
 Worship with Holy Communion – 11:00 a.m.
19–Christian Ed. – 7:00 p.m.
20 -Daisy’s Scout Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
25- Worship – Service of the Word – 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship following worship
 Worship w/Holy Communion – 11:00 a.m.
29 – Vacation Bible School – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
30 – Vacation bible School – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
31 – Vacation Bible School – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 (Preschool class will dismiss after lunch at 12:30)
August 1 – One Worship Service at 9:45 a.m.
 Congregational picnic to follow

AA Meetings are held every Monday and Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Friends at Trinity,

I wish to thank each of you for your prayers and the kindness shown to me during the past few years. It means so much to know people care.

I think I am finally winning some of the “battles” thanks to your many prayers and cards. I especially wish to thank Pastor Bill for the many prayers and visits.

Sincerely,

Betty W. Henry

Worship Assistants for July

8:30 AM

Lay Readers:

- 4 – Bobbi DeMaster
11 – Marie Dean
18 – Dave Wolfe
25 – Don Swart

Ushers:

- 4 – Bruce DeMaster and Dave Wolfe
11 – Don Berger and Bud Wolfe
18 – Jack Phillippy and Don Swart
25 – Andy and Rachelle Gehr

Acolytes:

- 4 – Logan Cline
11 – Sarah Wolfe
18 – Reece Barbuzanes
25 – Kristen Louder

Greeters:

- 4 – Carol and Don Swart
11 – Darrell and Jess Swart
18 – Bruce and Bobbi DeMaster
25 – Ralph and Doris Burdick

Nursery

- 4 – Lori McCullough and Stacie Wolfe
11 – Jen Barbuzanes and Peggy Potter
18 – Tracey, Morgynn and Chloe McKenzie
25 – Linde Cessna and Sue Snyder

Communion Presenters:

- 4 – Evelyn Pensinger, Cheri Roth and Sarah Wolfe
18 – Betsy Fisher, Alice and Rob Marsh

Communion Assistants:

- 4 – Nancy Freshman, Evelyn Pensinger
 and Bud Wolfe
18 – Evelyn Pensinger, Darrell Swart
 and Gary Louder

11:00 A.M.

Ushers:

- 4 – Dot Potter
11 - Dale Thatcher
18 – Cameron Schroy
25 – Doug McCullough

Communion Assistants:

- 4 – Latasha Davis
11 –Megan Stevens
18 – Cheri Roth
25 – Scott Valentine



Happy Birthday
For those celebrating birthdays in July

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 - Sophia McClure | 17 - James Thomas |
| 5 - Max McCullough | 21 - Curtis Dodson |
| 10 - Gaither Dean | 25 - Olivia McClure |
| 11 - Dave Brown | 27 - Phyllis McCullough |
| 12 - Elena Castillo | Sue Gardenhour |
| 14 - Mary McClure | 28 - Nicholas Knode |
| Sue Snyder | 31 - Dick Gardenhour |
| Cameron Niland | |

Two hundred thirty four years ago on July 4th the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress: Happy Birthday to the United States of America.



*Happy Anniversary to those Celebrating
 Anniversaries in July*

- 10 – Andy and Rachelle Gehr
- 11 – Steve and Kathy Berger
- 23 – Bruce and Andrea Wesley
- 24 – Chuck and Sue Wunderlich

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR JULY

The Special Appeal for July is designated for our companion congregation, Ukukwe Congregation. The Ukukwe congregation is part of the Konde Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The Konde Diocese is the sister synod of our Lower Susquehanna Synod. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for Special Appeal or use the white envelope in the pew rack and mark it “Special Appeal”.

**PEOPLE NEEDED TO PROVIDE SNACKS
 FOR FELLOWSHIP**

We need people to provide snacks and cold drinks for Sunday morning fellowship time. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you or a couple people would be willing to provide snacks.

LIFE

(Living Independence for the Elderly) Lutheran Services, Inc. is enrolling participants and welcomes you to call or visit to learn more about this new ministry of Lutheran Social Services. LIFE Lutheran Services, serving residents of Franklin County is most simply “an alternative to a nursing home” making it possible for eligible individuals to remain independent and live safely in the community for as long as possible through coordinated delivery of a comprehensive array of health and social services. Coordinated by an interdisciplinary team, services are primarily provided in the LIFE Center located on Fifth Avenue in Chambersburg and supplemented by in-home support and referral services. All services emphasize holistic care and an improved quality of life. LIFE Lutheran Services provides transportation to and from the LIFE Center and medically necessary appointments for those participants enrolled in the program. The address of the LIFE Center is 840 Fifth Avenue, Chambersburg, PA. For directions or more information, please call LIFE Lutheran Services at (717) 264-5433 or go online at www.lifelutheranservices.org. Tours of the Center are available to the public Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Thank you Trinity Lutheran Church for all the stamps that you have been saving. I recently delivered 9 pounds of stamps to Faith Lutheran Church in Easton, PA. That total equaled 9 Bibles for missions. Please continue saving and remember to keep at least half inch all the way around each stamp. Andrea Wesley

Please continue to save your used call phones, ink cartridges, Campbell soup labels and General Mills Box tops for Education. There is a box in the kitchen for all these items. Thanks to all.

**NEEDED! PEOPLE TO WATER THE
 PAYER GARDEN AND GERANIUMS**

People are needed to water the prayer garden each week through August. There is a sheet on the bulletin board to sign or call the church office at 597-9348 if you could take a week and water as needed.

HARVEST COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Harvest Committee will be setting up at the Greencastle Sidewalk Sales on Friday, July 9 from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 10, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You will be receiving a call asking for donations of baked goods for **Friday only** as well as helping to dip ice cream and selling the baked goods on both days of the sale. Please help if you are able.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CHAMBERSBURG CONFERENCE NEWS

TENT TROUPE IS COMING!

Once again Salem, Marion is sponsoring the Tent Troup Ministry from St. Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, MD. On Friday, July 17 at 7:30 PM they will be performing a program for the whole family under one of their circus tents. The theme for 2010 is "Tales Through the Years 1970-2010: Selected Folk Tales, Stories and Skits From 40 Seasons on the Road". The Tent Troupe will be set up adjacent to Salem on the grounds of Shalom Christian Academy. Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken at the intermission. For more information, please call Salem at 375-4152. **COME AND JOIN THE FUN!**

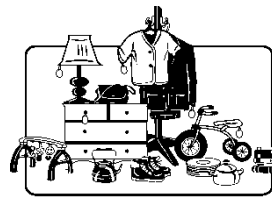
WELLNESS TALK AT LUTHER RIDGE "Controlling Your Blood Pressure"

One out of three adults in the United States has high blood pressure. Since high blood pressure usually has no symptoms, you can have it for years without knowing it. During this time, though, it can damage the heart, blood vessels, kidneys, and other parts of your body. This is why knowing your blood pressure numbers is important, even when you're feeling fine. Come to our presentation on to learn measures to control your blood pressure. The program will be held on Thursday, July 15 at 10 AM in the Fleck Center at Luther Ridge. It is presented by the staff of Lutheran Home Care and Hospice. It is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

CHURCH DAY BUFFET

Members of our congregation and their friends are invited to the Church Day Buffet at the Fleck Center at Luther Ridge on Wednesday, July 14 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. The menu for July is Bar-B-Q Chicken and Pork Ribs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Fresh Fruit, Dessert and Beverage. Cost for the buffet is \$6 per person. To reserve your place, please call 264-5700.

COME TO CELEBRATION DAY



Everyone is invited to the annual **Celebration Day Flea Market** which will be held on the campus of the **Luther Ridge Retirement Community** on **Saturday, September 25 from 8AM to 2PM**. There will be activities and entertainment for children and adults as well as many flea market tables, craft vendors and of course delicious, homemade food under the tent! **Come and bring your friends for a day of fun as we celebrate the arrival of fall. This special day is sponsored by the Auxiliary to Lutheran Social Services and all proceeds benefit programs in Franklin and Fulton counties.**

Members of our congregation and their friends are invited to help support the day by becoming **Friends of Celebration Day** for a donation of **\$5 per name**. All names will be listed on a special bulletin insert. Please turn in your name and donation by **August 22 to Evelyn Pensinger**. **Thanks for your help!**

HELPERS NEEDED

People to care for small children in the church's nursery during worship. You would be helping with another person.

We also could use people who would be willing to keep the communion chalices filled during communion Sundays at the first service.

If you would be interested in doing either of these, please see Donna Wolfe so she can put you on the schedule.