

June

Ushers

Jon-Anders Mateer – Captain
Bill Hutchinson
Sandy Hutchinson
Brian Crotty

Greeters

5 Gary, Linda and Paul Kozak
12 Bruce Sladek and Char Dunk-Sladek
19 Kelly, Madelyn and Allyson Ford
26 Greg, Janice, Kendra & Cameron Goetz

Nursery

5 Pat Petersen
12 Rebecca Hanson, Michelle West
19 Carol Latimer
26 Hannah Sullivan, Emily Sullivan

Counters

John Weszely
Richard Swanson
Mel Mueller

Birthdays

3 Thomas Eustace, Sr.
4 Joan Erickson
4 Thad Przybylowski, Jr.
5 Lori Jaeger
9 Arnold Rodstrom
12 Edna Garcia
13 Barbara Mateer
13 Julie Przybylowski
17 Justin Lee
17 Alyssa Jones
19 Tom Panush
20 Brian Crotty
22 Richard Larson
23 Richard Erickson
23 Karl Keller
25 Florence Voss
26 Jennifer Davies
27 Ruth Mitchell
28 Joyce Gorney
29 Harry Persson

If we missed your birthday, please let the office know so that it will be listed in the future.

Over the Pastor's Shoulder

You can call me old-school. You can even call me a curmudgeon, but I am asking you to be a little less chatty in what should be holy and sacred moments leading up to our corporate worship experience on Sunday mornings. Instead of using that time to discuss lunch plans, your friend's new hair color or the collective woes of Chicago baseball, how about turning an ear toward the still, small voice of God?

The prophet Elijah did not encounter God in the mighty wind or in the earthquake or in the fire, but in the small voice (see I Kings 19:9-13). It has been so noisy in the sanctuary as of late I doubt very much if anyone is hearing - let alone listening for the holy whisper of God. Just last Sunday I walked into the sanctuary and thought to myself: What is going on here? Did I oversleep? Did we skip worship and go right to the coffee hour?

We can do better especially if we take our worship seriously. Worship isn't just about sitting next to family and friends. It is not just about singing our favorite hymn. Worship is definitely not just about the pastor's sermon. Worship is about God and for God.

Worship then begins with listening and obediently standing in the presence of God. This, my friends, is to happen the moment you walk into the sanctuary. I can't remember the last time I walked into the sanctuary on a Sunday morning and actually saw someone with his head bowed in prayer.

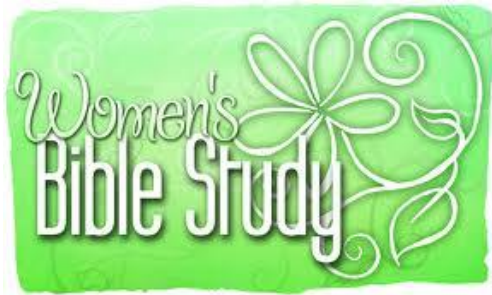
In the weeks to come I encourage you to do all of your meeting, greeting and kibitzing in the narthex or fellowship hall. Yes, this kind of interaction is important to the ongoing health and vitality of our church, but it should take place outside of the sanctuary before and after worship. So when you enter into the sanctuary please come in quiet reverence. Come with a listening ear. Come ready to hear and encounter the one who still speaks to us in a still, small voice.

*Grace and peace,
Pastor Jim*

EXTRA! EXTRA!

On Sunday, May 15, Trinity voted to call Zachary Lovig, a recent graduate of North Park Theological Seminary, as our Associate Pastor and Minister to Youth and Families.

Zach still has his clinical pastoral education to complete at Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago. He will conclude this work at the end of July. Zach will begin his ministry with us part-time on June 15. His full-time responsibilities will begin sometime in August.



Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Our five-week study of the Book of Jeremiah, led by Denise Krueger, proved to be enlightening in many ways. Denise led us through chapters 1-45 always annotating selected verses which gave rise to the call when Jeremiah, God's prophet, spoke and no one listened. This study brought into view our role as we seek to take our position in this year 2011.

The following statements are learning points, adaptable and adoptable. Read and reflect and hopefully conclude with the understanding why these five weeks have strengthened our walk with God and why we are appreciative of this Old Testament study which was challenged, met and shared.

1. For 40 years God spoke through Jeremiah and no one listened and not one acted or moved on the call;
2. Even with total rejection from nation, family, neighbors, audience and kings, Jeremiah stood alone while announcing the new covenant;
3. Yet, he was one of the most successful people in history because of obedience and faithfulness;
4. God would not allow Jeremiah to resign or give up. Called God's weeping prophet, a man in tears with a trembling voice, delivering the harsh message of judgment - yet a man God chose with a tender and compassionate heart.

When we hear God's call He expects us to surrender and respond, to act, to move. Our voice may go unheeded and face disappointment, our hearts may be broken but when called we must stand firm for God's calling is constant and consistent.

This month, June 7, 14, 21, 28, we will study well-known and favorite Bible verses - reference, unpack and give added meaning - each Tuesday an in-depth study with a fuller understanding of why selected verses hold personal and corporate significance. Trinity, Fireside Room, 9:30 A.M.

Plan your calendar around Tuesdays in July when we move body and soul to 9712 S. Kolmar, for morning bakery, study and lunch.

Barbara Johnson

Summer Sunday School Teachers

Please give prayerful thought to giving a Sunday of your time to teach our children during the summer months. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. You can sign up for one week or multiple weeks.



Noah's Ark Preschool

Spring is finally in the air! We went for a nature walk after it rained and the children saw daffodils in bloom along with tulips. There were a few puddles along with scattered worms on the sidewalks. The trees had some buds on the branches. Several robins even made an appearance! Who could have asked for a better nature walk!

Inside our classroom we grew corn. Last year we planted beans and thought we would try our green thumbs with something different. The children enjoyed watching their seeds sprout before their eyes! They came into the classroom in the morning and checked their plants before they did anything else. Their little eyes were so wide with excitement when they saw any kind of growth. The minute we saw any kind of green stem and leaves, we sent them home before anything happened to them. I am hoping they will be able to plant them in their backyards and be able to experience the harvest of corn. They will have to let us know if they are going to the Farmer's Market this summer.

We also did our unit on butterflies. We received our four eggs at the end of March from a company called, "Insect Lore." The eggs have already turned into caterpillars and have spun their cocoons. This whole process usually takes four to six weeks. Our Monarch butterflies hatched the week before graduation.

We have been reading many different books that explain the stages of the butterflies. Our favorite is The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle. This is an excellent book that shows the stages of the butterflies but also includes teaching the children numbers and the days of the week.

The children surprised their moms with several poems for Mother's Day. They also painted a spring picture with flowers and spring insects. They also made their moms teddy bears and coupon books with special coupons to do chores around the house. I hope the moms cash in on all their free coupons. Some coupons were for cleaning up their toys, rubbing mom's back or feet and giving mom some time to herself. These were things that money could not buy. They were gifts from the heart. Moms have a year to cash in on their coupons.

We also finished our unit on the farm and zoo animals. We also talked about the new life on the farm in the spring. The children learned about the many different ways that farm animals help us. They also discovered the differences in farm and zoo animals. The children learned to develop an appreciation and respect for animal life. The children enjoyed making a huge zoo out of blocks for the animals.

It is that time of the year again when we celebrated all of our summer birthdays! We also had our end of the year party. We had hot dogs, chips and root beer floats. The children told me earlier in the year, they never had root beer floats, so we will try them and see how well they go over! It is hard to believe the year is over!

Our 4-year-olds graduated on May 27. We had a graduation celebration for family and friends in Peterson Hall. We wished them well and good luck as they enter kindergarten in the fall.

Join us in the fall as we start a new adventure. Until then, have a safe and happy summer.

If anyone is interested in enrolling for the fall sessions, our 3-year-olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 -11:30 A.M. We will start on August 30. Tuition is \$75 a month. The 4-year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 - 11:30 A.M. Tuition is \$115 per month. We need a \$30 deposit to hold your spot for the fall. There is also a registration form to fill out and your child will need a physical along with a copy of the birth certificate. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Kapala at (708) 422-5111 or (708) 396-9834.

Sue Kapala, Preschool Director



Pryme Tymers

Remember those “thrilling days of yesteryear”? Prom night, ladies choice, Hokey-Pokey, dressed “to the nines”? It’s all coming back for 2 hours on Thursday, June 9. Get those semi-formal gowns and tuxedos out of the closets. A disc jockey will play the Big Band favorites and we’ll “dance the afternoon away”. Bring your prom picture for our display board.

Come at 11 A.M. Get your picture taken. Dance or sit against the wall (prom protocol). Enjoy some pizza and veggie trays, etc.

Reservations are required and need to be made no later than the Friday before we meet. The fee for the program and lunch is \$6.

Again, remember to sign up. We continue to have sold-out audiences. And don’t forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army food pantry.

Pacesetters

Mark your calendars for our next meeting which will be held on June 12, following the morning church service. Dr. Avis Clendenen, professor of religious studies at St. Xavier University, will be our guest speaker. A light lunch will be served. See you there.



Rummage Sale Success!

Our second attempt at a Rummage Sale was a huge success. We made over \$6,300. The proceeds will be going to Covenant Point and Covenant Harbor. A big thank-you goes out to Rhea Maurer and Diana Eigenbauer, co-chairs.

As many hands make light the load, we also wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our sale such a success. See pictures on following pages.

Helping Together We Cope

On Sunday, June 5, we will complete collecting men and women’s personal toiletries to help Together We Cope, a homeless prevention agency in Tinley Park. Please remember to place your items in the narthex.



Covenant Women’s Annual Picnic

Come join Miriam Circle of Covenant Women at 6 P.M. on Wednesday, June 15, at church for a picnic! Although the picture above is from an actual church women’s picnic (not Trinity), we believe you will have more fun at our picnic. Moms, bring your daughters. Girls, bring a friend. Let’s get together and just enjoy an evening out! No long skirts, please.

Thought to Ponder

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

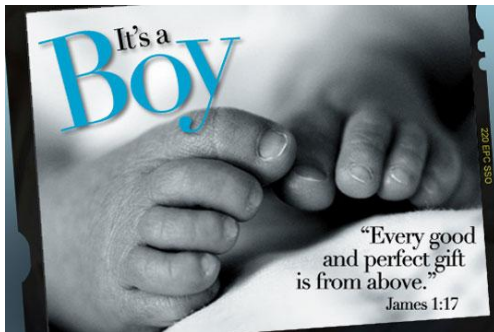






VBS Dates – Save!

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held July 18-22. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping out for all or part of this week. VBS workdays will be held on the following:
Wednesday June 15, at 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday June 22, at 9:30 A.M.
Thursday July 14, at 9:30 A.M.



It's Boys!

Congratulations to Bill & Heidi Shannon on the birth of their son, Mark Andrew. Mark was born May 4. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Mark was welcomed by his other siblings: Lauren, Will and Katherine, as well as his grandparents, Roger & Kay Shannon; his aunt & uncle, Kellie & Pat Lee; and cousins, Shannon & Justin Lee.

Congratulations to Ashley and D.J. Brandenburg on the birth of their son, Alexander Ryan Brandenburg, who was born on Monday, May 23. He weighed 6.5 lbs. and was 20 inches long. Barb Bailey is the great-grandmother.

July/August Combined Messenger

We combine our July and August Messengers into one publication coming out in July. Please note that your articles will be due on Wednesday, June 15, for the summer publication.



Congratulations Graduate

Elizabeth Eigenbauer, granddaughter of Diana Eigenbauer, graduated with honors from Harrington College of Design with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design.

Patrick Thoms, grandson of Edna Garcia, graduated May 16, from St. Laurence High School.

Nathan Sorensen, grandson of Lorraine Sorensen, graduated from Montini High School in Lombard and will be attending the University of Minnesota in Duluth.



Thank You Notes

Words cannot express my thanks to my church family for their prayers, phone calls and as so many beautiful cards and notes.

Mel and I are so thankful to God for His love and for answering our prayers. Also, thank you to Pastor Sandberg for all his nice visits; how much we appreciated him at this time.

Arline Mueller

Church Chuckle

I had been teaching my 3-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.

Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail."

Interactions

On Sunday, May 22, the Interactions group went biking and then gathered at Pastor Jim and Charlene's for food and fun! There were 12 adults and 20 children. Forty hot dogs were consumed, along with baked beans, taco chips and dips, angel food cake and brownies. All washed down with pink lemonade! A great time was had by all!

June 2011

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Notes:

June 4: Men's Prayer Breakfast at Jedi Garden (8 AM)

June 5: Summer Worship Schedule Begins (10 AM)

June 9: Pryme Tymers Prom (11 AM)

June 12: Pacesetters after church

June 14: C.E., Trustees (7 PM)

June 15: VBS Workday (9:30 AM)

June 15: Miriam/Cov. Women Picnic (6 PM)

June 16: Church Board Meeting (7 PM)

June 19: Father's Day

June 22: VBS Workday (9:30 AM)

June 28-July 2: Annual Meeting in Estes Park, CO

On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings

9:30 Adult S.S. (Sept.-May)

9:30 Confirmation (Sept.-May)

10:30 Kingdom Kids (Sept.-May) 10:00 (June-Aug.)

10:45 Worship (Sept.-May) 10:00 (June-Aug.)

Women's Bible Study - Tues 9:30 AM



Cares and Prayers

Trinity's knitters are continuing to make life easier and more comfortable for the nation's mariners. Through knitting we pay homage to the brave men and women who sail the rivers and open sea and transport goods to nations everywhere. The latest box included 34 items, running the nine-plus years by Trinity to 1,480.

Christmas at Sea and the Seamen's Church Institute continue to provide many programs to show gratitude for the work of merchant mariners. SCI suggest you may help mariners by taking up knitting or by adding them to your Sunday prayer list. The mariners receive the knitted gifts during the Christmas season - often while they are far from home.

Trinity's knitters: Lois Carlson, Barb Dori, Lois Flaws, Ruth Gustafson, Diane and Dave Manthey, Audrey Post, Charlene Sandberg and Lorraine Sorensen. New knitters are welcome. Contact the church office for more information and patterns.

Kidz Korner

The **Devine boys** will be enjoying the summer digging in the new sand pit their daddy built and mommy helped design. The pit is 8 ft. x 3 ft. x 7in. deep! Also **Mikey** is playing Hometown t-ball and **Cody** is trying to learn how to peddle a bike.

Kendra Goetz made Prairie Jr. High cheerleading squad for the upcoming fall season. She worked very hard to achieve her goal. 2-4-6-8; who do we appreciate!

**Deadline for the
Summer Issue of the
Messenger
is Wednesday, June 15.**

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