

October

Ushers

Phil Cavallone – Captain
Roger Shannon
Janice Goetz
Joyce Gorney

Greeters

2 Clare & Dolores Rosengren
9 Rick & Dawn Ferrell
16 Bill & Sandy Hutchinson
23 Tom & Barb Dorl
30 Ellis & Lois Flaws

Nursery

2 Kay Shannon, Kellie Lee
9 Pat Klutcharch, Sharon Parney
16 Gloria Vitro, Kari Devine
23 Tracy Hood, Denise Sullivan

Counters

Ray Lewis
Clarence Rosengren
Diana Eigenbauer

Birthdays

2 Diana Nilsson
3 Jim Strickland
3 Carol Raines
3 Karen McShane
11 Mary Noren
12 Joy Gaw
12 Michelle West
14 Priscilla Swanson
16 Stan Michalski
19 Lois Flaws
20 Phil Cavallone
22 Mary Almer
22 Madelyn Ford
24 Kirsten Torling
27 Jay Hanson
29 Michael Davies
30 Lorraine Weszely
31 Judy Kurzweil

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

Over the Pastor's Shoulder

"I feel like I've been preparing for this all my life," he said to me. I was a bit surprised to hear him say that. His beloved father had just died of a massive coronary. What did he mean that he had been preparing for this all his life?

"All that sitting in church listening to sermons, reading the Bible," he said. "All of that was getting me ready for the worst day of my life. That was like disaster training. Now the disaster has come and I'm reaching down and I'm praying that I paid attention, that I will be fully prepared."

I thought it not a bad way of thinking about church. Perhaps some people are blown away because they are unprepared. They have neglected their training.

How about you? I have no crystal ball, but I do know that life happens. Sometime it happens when you least expect it. Will you be prepared?

Jesus offers this imperative: *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."*

See you Sunday at 10:45 A.M. Our training continues!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jim



A Support Group: Help for Those Living With Loss Led by Pastor Sandberg Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church

Christians are not immune from the loss of loved ones. Neither are we exempt from the feelings that so often accompany such loss (i.e., depression, frustration, anger, confusion or bitterness). But with God's help and the help of one another we can escape its crippling effects.

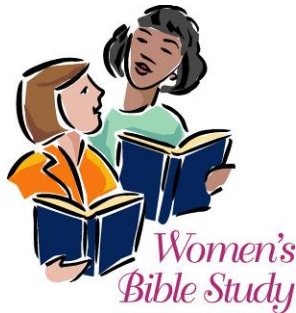
If you are in the midst of loss join us on Pryme Tymer Thursdays beginning on October 13. We will meet from 10-10:45 A.M. in the Prayer Room located in the back hallway just north of the sanctuary.

We will travel the difficult road of grief together and strive to be a help to one another. No one needs to travel this road alone!



Our Adult Sunday School will be led in October by Dennis Parney. Dennis will be discussing the fears that we sometimes have going through life. He will be using the book "Fearless" written by Max Lucado as his study guide.

Come join us for coffee and goodies in the Fireside Room on Sundays at 9:30 A.M.



Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Two frequently quoted statements are necessary to build this column as we continue to study The Lord's Prayer.

Statement One: "We are not truly formed unless we are informed."

Statement Two: "As I go I am wearing you."

The following one-liners we share this month are based on the first three requests relating to the role of God as our Father.

1. In the Old Testament, God was regarded as remote and august in demeanor.
2. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Christ, puts God in a new relationship and a new light.
3. God now moves from behind the bar of justice to our hearts.
4. God now enters our lives as Jesus saw Him.
5. We are now fortunate to know Him, not just know of Him.
6. We give Him honor by calling Him "Our Father" because He calls us His children.
7. "Our Father" sets the tone for this prayer as it embraces all the beauty to be found in a unified family.
8. "Which Art in Heaven" describes three distinct and different realms.

9. The first heaven describes the envelope of air that surrounds our planet and sustains life.
10. Heaven two describes outer space; the unending realm of constellations that circle us in majestic movements.
11. Heaven three is called the realm of God, a heavenly place, a New Jerusalem, a home prepared for God's children.
12. Our Father God is present anywhere and everywhere.
13. We see the first heaven by day. We see the second heaven by night --- and the third heaven by faith.

All of the above are based on scripture and are referenced in The Bible.

"Hallowed Be Thy Name" was a lesson into the identity and character of Our Father God. Based on a symmetrical six-sided cube, this study gave us a broader sense and appreciation of who God is and what He does.

"Thy Kingdom Come" gave disciples, followers and enemies difficulty in comprehending and is why Jesus often spoke in parables. They did not understand God was inviting Jesus to establish His kingship in the hearts and lives of all who believed.

And so it goes every Tuesday morning and as we slowly move along we realize that when we repeat favorite verses or passages so flippantly and without much thought there are great lessons to be learned if we dig and this is what the word of God is about. He has given us the tools. If in our daily lives we are to wear God we must know Him not just know of Him. This month and next – we have miles to go before we sleep. Join us – 9:30-10:45 A.M., Fireside Room – Trinity, every Tuesday.

Barbara Johnson

VBS Special Offering

We will be taking a special offering for Vacation Bible School expenses following the worship service on Sunday, October 16. Due to circumstances beyond our control (remember the electrical problems with the transformer?) we had to cancel our VBS closing program. The monies we would have received that evening typically help us pay for the week of VBS.

Hopefully, your giving will help make up for the gifts we did not receive on July 21. Envelopes will be available in the narthex on the table and in your bulletin on the 16th.



Change of Phone Number

Marian Zeise's new phone number is: 708-927-6022



If You Build It, They Will Come!

No doubt, many of you remember the above title paraphrase from the 1989 movie, *Field of Dreams*, in which an Iowa farmer hears the phrase through a voice in his cornfield instructing him to build a baseball field on his farm and "they will come." Well, we didn't build a baseball field, but we are continuing to build Crossroads Career® Network and they came!

I am happy to report a guest list of 25 individuals for our first meeting on September 19. They came from a variety of backgrounds and differing periods of unemployment. Some of the careers represented were an attorney, union electrician, accountants, computer programmers, general office types, maintenance workers, etc. They each had a story to tell along with their primary need for sustainable employment. We presented the Crossroads Career® Network model and how the website works as well as what is available to them in the form of tools and resources.

When asked how they heard about us, the most popular marketing tool is our own Wayside Pulpit! (Thanks to the Mantheys for upkeep of the sign and weekly quotes!) Others found us through the flyer posted at the local Jewel (whoever was responsible for posting – thank you!) and Comcast's Public Access Channel 19.

Pastor Sandberg opened our meeting with a cordial greeting and prayer. Other Crossroads Ministry team members, Dennis Parney and Tom Panush, also participated in welcoming and providing job options. Their warm hospitality and friendly attitudes helped everyone feel at ease.

Please continue to pray for the success of this vital ministry. We see that hope and encouragement as well as fellowship among the group is fundamental. Continue to spread the word to those you know who may be in need of job-search help. Also, if you become aware of any local job openings, either bring in the ad or tell us about it so we can pass the word on to our job seekers. Meetings to follow will include various job-related topics.

Denise Krueger

Thought to Ponder

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.



Would you like to know what it's like to be a missionary teacher in Nairobi, Kenya, and learn about the adventures, experiences and challenges of teaching third grade in Africa? If so, visit Tara's Great Adventure, my great-niece's blog (Tara Manheim).

Tara flew to Nairobi at the end of July to start her 2-year stint as a third-grade missionary teacher. You can read her blog and see her youtube videos by logging on to www.tarasgreatadventure.wordpress.com. It's a fascinating read. Please pray for her safety, health and patience in working with exuberant children.

Diana Eigenbauer



Rick Erickson, son of Dick and Joan, recently participated in the Ironman Triathlon held in Louisville, Kentucky. There were about 2,500 people coming from different countries to take part in the race.

The Ironman included a 2 ½-mile swim in the muddy Ohio River, 112-mile bike ride up and down the hills of Kentucky, followed by a 26.2-mile run through the area. To even complete this grueling triathlon is quite an accomplishment. Rick completed the race in 11 hours, 9 minutes. Rick arrived home tired but proud of his accomplishment.



Covenant Women Meet

All ladies are invited to attend our Covenant Women fall meeting on Tuesday, October 25, at 11 A.M. after the women's Bible study in the Fireside Room.

Kathy Bozyk, director of the Southside Pregnancy Center in Oak Lawn, will discuss all the services their center provides to women at a most difficult time. As a church, it is important for us to be informed and be a resource to friends and neighbors should an unexpected pregnancy occur. When asked if there were any special needs at the center, she said that diapers – numbers 2, 3 and 4 – were desperately needed as well as diaper wipes.

Following the program we will serve a light homemade soup luncheon for a nominal fee.

A short business meeting will help us organize our December 3 Jul Fest activities. As a fund raiser, we are having a Covenant Women table and asking for home baked items, craft items, new or slightly used white elephants. If everyone could just donate one item, we could provide a very interesting shopping experience! So join us on the 25th and enjoy an informative and interesting afternoon. Bring a friend.

Lorraine Weszely



Pryme Tymers

The Pryme Tymers will travel to the Red Barn Theatre Show in Racine, WI on Thursday, November 3. A 55-passenger coach bus will depart from the church parking lot at 7:30 A.M. There will be a tour of Larson's Bakery at 9:45 A.M.; a "surprise" theme luncheon at 11 A.M. (including an entrée, wine tasting, dessert & beverage); the show, Kitchen Witches at 1 P.M.; then a hay ride through an apple orchard.

The estimated return time to the church is 6 P.M. The cost is \$76 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$35 is due by October 6; full payment by October 20. Only 15 seats remain, so call Elsie at 708-389-3188 or Tom at 708-636-7548 ASAP. Don't forget to bring non-perishable food or toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste or deodorant.

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On Thursday, October 13, Pryme Tymers will host Sister Bernie for a panel discussion on senior issues. She will discuss our health care, legal questions and final moments in an amusing way. Sister Bernie is bringing her ruler. You will learn! Entrée is roast pork.

On Thursday, October 27, our program will be "The Wiseguys". These entertainers will blend music and laughter with sing-a-longs and great stories of the past. Clear your throat...you will be asked to sing! The entrée will be spaghetti with meat sauce.

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.



We extend our sympathy to Carol Raines and family. Carol's mother, Audrey Post, entered the life eternal on August 29. A private burial service was held on Tuesday, August 30. Peace be to the memory of Audrey Post.



Denise Sullivan's Coleslaw Recipe

Here is Denise's recipe for the coleslaw she brought for the Sunday School Picnic.

3/4 c. mayo, 1 T. sugar, 1 T. cider vinegar, 4 c. green cabbage, 1 c. purple cabbage, 1/2 c. nuts, 4 slices crumbled bacon, 1 c. sliced apples, chives, dill, pepper and a handful of dried cranberries.

Church Chuckle

A comment from a Sunday School student: "Jesus had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus."



Interactions

This group is for our "young" adults and families. We will be going to Brookfield Zoo following worship on Sunday, October 2. This is a great outing for the family and a lot of fun to be with friends new and old.



Thank You Notes

Thank you Pastor Jim for the many visits you made to my son Ron and family. Also thanks to our wonderful Trinity family for the many cards, calls, flowers and help in my time of need.

Sincerely, Dick Larson

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The camp fundraiser, Let's Do Lunch, on Sunday, September 25, brought in \$487. Thanks to everyone who attended and to those who provided the great meal. We are off to a good start to send every kid to camp this next season!

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I wanted to be sure to thank everyone who has donated books for my classroom. The students are using these books and they are truly a blessing and a huge help.

Karen McShane and the 6th grade Coolidge Staff

Kudos to the Family Night Committee. GREAT food (what family doesn't like pizza?); GREAT magician (held the kids spellbound!); GREAT cooperation cleaning and helping to set-up for Pryme Tymers. You're the GREAT-est!

Rhea Maurer, Diane and Tom Panush



October 19 - Family Night

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 19, for our next Family Night!

- Family nights will be the third Wednesday of every month:

October 19

November 16

December 21

- Dinner is served from 6-7 P.M. in Peterson Hall, offered at an affordable price.
- A program suitable for the whole family runs from roughly 7-8 P.M.

RSVP by October 16 to Pastor Zach or the church office at 708-422-5111.

Kidz Korner

Steven McShane was chosen from the 8th grade to accompany the show choir on the drums. He will be the only drummer.

Paul Kozak is on a travel soccer team called, "The Swarm".

Brianna Khan received her midterm for first grade and has straight A's and is also working very hard in cheerleading to prepare for competition on November 13.

Maira Davies turned one on September 2, and celebrated with a princess themed party. Her birthday brought increased mobility and the ability to toddle around the house. No more crawling for Maira!

Maddie Ford is making waves with the Richards Area Swim Club.

Twinkle Toes **Ally Ford** is taking tap, ballet and gymnastics.

Nicholas Cain is busy this fall with soccer and flag football. As always he is working on mastering his timetables and cursive handwriting.

Elizabeth Byland is a sixth grader at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School. She has already made an exciting start by joining the Sunrise Singers (a choir group), the Drama Club, Builders' Club, Architecture Club and Yearbook Club. Looks like it's going to be a busy year!



Finding the Meaning

Confirmation has kicked off. Youth Group is coming. Covenant Harbor has a work day on October 15. The school year is officially off to its start. In the following months, with our many projects, it is important to slow down for a second and ask why. Why do we keep doing all this stuff? I don't know about you, but my calendar fills up fast and several church events during the week can become cumbersome. When there are so many boards and ministries that ask for your help, even the fellowship and fun can become a labor.

So again, why do we do it? It is because we are building something beautiful together. When we are asked to be a holy people and a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9), it is a call to be the people of God who live as children of the light. But in order for us to be such a people, we need to be such a people *together* – we need to build a sense of community that can continue to live as such a great witness to the goodness of God that even "the pagans" will be inspired to glorify God (2:12). Knit into who we are is a calling and desire to be together and, as we've already seen, people are drawn to good communities.

When the calling for the church community to come together serves as such a witness, we are reminded that the church believes that the good news is good. We share what we have found in the good news with one another and, God willing, we can see that our community doing what it does together is a call for all people to see the good news. So, in being such a people, the question is not, "Why do we do all this stuff?" but "How can our life together share this good news?"

Pastor Zach

Things To Do At Trinity



Sunday, October 2
Interactions
Brookfield Zoo



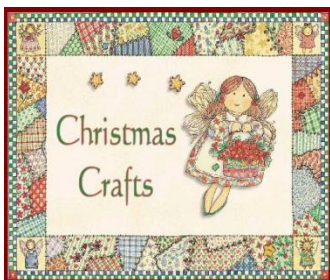
Wednesday, October 19
Family Night
Square Dancing and other "Kid Friendly" Dancing



Sunday, November 6
Interactions
Water Park in Schaumburg



Wednesday, November 16
Family Night
Holiday Celebrations



Sunday, December 4
Interactions
Come work on some holiday crafts



Wednesday, December 21
Family Night
Here We Come A Caroling

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Notes:

Oct. 1: Men's Prayer Breakfast at Jedi Garden (8 AM)

Oct. 2: Interactions – Brookfield Zoo (after worship)

Oct. 8: Pacesetters at Aardemas' home (4 PM)

Oct. 9: Choir Rehearsal (10:20 AM)

Oct. 10: **Columbus Day – No Preschool**

Oct. 11: Music Committee meeting at church (5 PM)

Oct. 11: Deacons (6:30 PM)

CE and Trustees meet (7 PM)

Oct. 13: Grief Support Group (10-10:45 AM)

Oct. 13: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

Oct. 16: Choir Rehearsal (10:20 AM)

Oct. 19: Family Night (6 PM)

Oct. 20: Church Board meets (7 PM)

Oct. 27: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings

9:30 Adult S.S.

9:30 Confirmation

10:30 Kingdom Kids

10:45 Worship

Noah's Ark Preschool – Mon-Fri 9-11:30 AM

Crossroads Career Ministries – Mon 7 PM

Women's Bible Study – Tues 9:30 AM

*Articles for the
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are due on
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