

Trinity Highlights

September 2009

“Make Jesus
Known”

Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church ♦ Jeromesville, Ohio
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m

Hillsdale CARES Update

It has been an exciting and blessed summer for our CARES ministry, with more developments on the horizon. This is the kind of excitement that happens when many people share their gifts in response to a real need.

Since June we have added 20 families to our Sunday Bread Ministry, giving out 52 boxes of food each week. Many folks have stepped forward to deliver boxes in the community after worship on Sundays, or have helped by donating food, time and items for this ministry.

CARES also sent 37 volunteers to Bucyrus a few weeks ago to help pack rice meals. In return, we were able to bring back enough to feed about 575 people! Two more of our young adults got involved with the food distribution from the Cleveland Food Bank, and are now volunteering with Lutheran Social Services when available.

The donations to CARES have been incredible! In the last few weeks we have received a truckload of sweet corn, 30 dozen eggs, lots of bread and paper products, several hams, several whole chickens, 40 pounds of ground beef, and many monetary donations. Chuck Pierce has been bringing fresh produce donated by people at the Ashland Farmer's Market on Saturdays, a welcome addition to our weekly boxes. God works in amazing ways!

Fundraising events have also been blessed this summer. Youth attending Vacation Bible School raised \$436 for CARES, which was matched by an anonymous donor! Funds raised at our festival this June will also add to the CARES coffers. And a last minute rummage sale for CARES brought in \$250 in 2 days! We also invited those on our Bread Ministry list to come in and choose things they needed for free when the sale was over. We had about 15 families in 3 evenings and they seemed to find a lot they could use.

This is no time to rest on our laurels! Our church is set to serve a free dinner on the third Thursday of each month, starting in September. United Methodist Church will do the same starting in October, on the 4th Thursday of each month. Helpers and food donations will be needed.

There are many other ways to help. We still need gallon size bags that zip, paper grocery bags, boxes (about the size of copy paper boxes) and gift cards for groceries or gas. We could also use a few more volunteers to deliver boxes. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in any way. It's been exciting to watch our ministry grow, and see so many people get involved in helping their neighbors! Praise God!

Sue Smith



Trinity Prayer Concerns

Our Shut-ins
Virginia Eagle
Bertha Eagle
Yvonne Dickoff
Naomi Lachica
Peg Field
Ken Allenbaugh

Our Students	Amy Moorhead
Amy Attherholt	Loretta Moreland
Kevin Bicker	Kim Ringler
Jamie Bickel	Dani Slarb
Erin Ebert	Megan Smith
Matti McFarlin	Ben Tucker
Tyler McFarlin	David Tucker

Prayer Requests for Healing and Help

Mike Fritzche	Russell Mong
Gabriell DeCaris	Teresa King
Mary Ann Dingus	Pauline Triesler
Robert Pidgeon	Rev. Richard Shibley
Glenna Ulseth	Barb Rice
Roger Boles	Donald Manley
The Roscoes	Marian Carpenter
Tom Ambrose	

Mary Bishop (Jan Russell's sister)

David Kaufman (brother of George Kaufman)

Mary McGound (Yvonne Dickoff's sister)

Joanne Wagner (Howard Russell's sister)

Shevon Kaufman (George's granddaughter)

Bob Barr (Don Barr's father)

Helen Chapman (Michelle Mong's mother)

Courtney Klinger and Kevin Klinger

Brady Saffel (friend of Yvonne Dickoff's)

Jackie Miller (Yvonne Dickoff's niece)

Molly Manley (Shannon Canfield's sister)

Mark Piatt (Jenn Bicker's father in law)

Kelly Bascom (Jamie Bickel's sister/GRIP parent)

Barb Timmons (friend of John & Linda Barr)

Jamie Cutshaver (friend of Jamie Bickel)

Carla Shuck (friend of Yvonne)

Ethel Moreland Earl Black Carter Kettner

Tor Kent (son of Chris & Rachel Kent)

Kim Muetzel and family

Kevin Paddrutt (friend of Cassy Brown's)

William Jenkins

(Shannon Canfield's grandfather)

Our Military Servicemen and women

Fred Patznick III (Navy)

Patrick Hazlett (overseas service)

Brian Patznick

Billy Patznick

Chelsey Tucker (Julie's niece)

Warren Ortiz (Deb Kelley's son)

John Siegenthaler (Shirley Dillon's grandson

- serving in Sinai)

Keith (friend of Kim Ringler's in Afghanistan)

Sgt. Tim Morgan (grandson of Roma

Morgan and grandnephew of Anna

Austen) - in Iraq

Others who serve

Brian & Fiette Wall (daughter and son-in-law of the Beasleys, and missionaries in the Dominican Republic)

Pastor Alan and family

Pastor Jerry Rhea and family

our call committee

New Additions

Ellen Chapman (niece of Michelle Mong)

Karl Hubeny (Sue Smith's stepfather)

Peggy Kohler (friend of Teresa Ebert)

Dave Post (Sue Bicker's cousin)

Courtney Welch and baby Chase

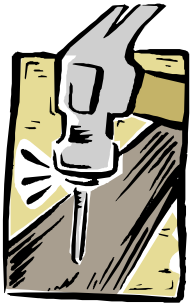
Shelley Moorhead and family

Bill Crites (Sue Bicker's uncle)

Use this prayer list throughout the month to help pray for our friends and neighbors in need of God's strength and healing. Updates are placed in the bulletin each week. Please write down any changes and place them in the secretary's box or prayer baskets, or contact the church office.

CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Congratulations to Tierra Haskins and Daniel Keen on the birth of a healthy son, Gage Edwin Keen. Gage was born on June 30. Grandparents are Scott and Loretta Moreland.



Everyone is welcome to gather for the

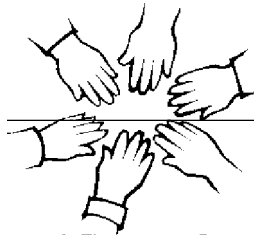
Blessing of the Parker House on Sunday, September 20 at 3-4 p.m. Pastor Alan has agreed to return for the event. The home is located at 2300 State Route 179 (near Mohicanville).

Please note that the locks to the church offices have been recently changed. If you need a key to the copy room, there is one available for sign out. See Cassy or Phil.

CARES Coat Collection. Hillsdale CARES is collecting coats to distribute in October or November. We are especially looking for Hillsdale Varsity jackets that can have the names and letters removed. Coats may be left at the church by the coat rack.

Thank you to some great volunteers!

- * Chuck Pierce for his dedicated help on our church's bread ministry.
- * Susan Brown for a great idea with the CARES yard "sale" which raised \$240 for and helped several families obtain gently used back to school clothes for their children.
- * Lisa Smith for all her hard work on the Relay for Life, which gained gold team status again, and for leading Vacation Bible School efforts this year which served more than 80 area youth.
- * Phil Bicker for installing paper towel dispensers in the restrooms.
- * Doug Smith, Linda Barr and Linda Heifner for their work on the church yard.

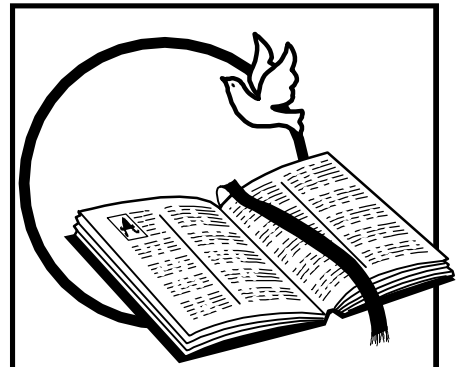


Smetzer Counseling Center. Brochures are available at the church for the Smetzer Counseling Center located on the campus of Ashland Theological Seminary. Smetzer counselors include graduate students completing their final coursework. The center's services are professional and affordable. For more information, see the brochures at the church or call the center, 419-207-5558.



New E-mail for Cassy Brown, secretary:
cassybr@peoplepc.com

New Address for the Smearoll's:
30303 Georgetown Rd. Salem, OH 44460



September 2009 Readings

September 6, 2009

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 13, 2009

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 20, 2009

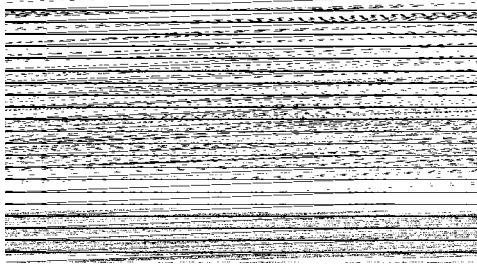
Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 27, 2009

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,
24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

October 4, 2009

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16



LORAC News

LORAC meets next on Thursday, September 10, 7 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Lutheran. If you have ideas on ways LORAC can provide a service for your church organization, please see Julie Tucker.

One Day Bible Overview “See Through Scriptures”

Two Opportunities:

Saturday, September 26
9AM - 3PM
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
4065 Mt. Zion Rd.
Lucas, OH 44691-9235
419-892-2023
Register by Sept. 13

Sunday, October 18
2:30PM - 8:30PM
St. John Lutheran Church
46 CR #2575
Lakeville, OH 44638
419-827-2055
Register by Oct. 11

Cost: \$10 (Includes Lunch or Dinner)

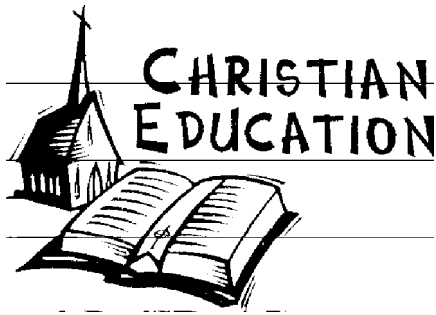
Seminar Leaders: Rev. Ron Daley
(B.A. Western University; B.D. Concordia Theo. Seminary)
Rev. John Furno
(B.A. Thiel College; M.Div. Trinity Lutheran Seminary)
Rev. Mel Kirk
(B.A. Capital University; M.Div. Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary;
MSW Univ. of Baltimore)

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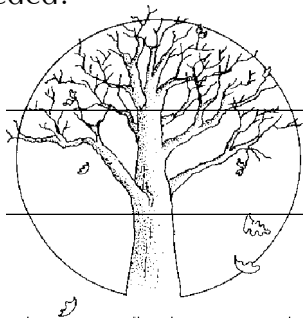
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Phil Bicker has agreed to lead Thursday evening Bible Studies again this fall. They will begin October 8 (7:15 pm). We're looking for families willing to host. There will be a sign up sheet at the church.

Sunday School will begin in October. Look for more details to come.

GRIP afterschool program will begin a new year Wednesday, September 9. We will focus on the book of Luke this year. The group meets after school on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 5:30 pm at the church. This program is open to any community youth in first through 8th grade. Volunteers are needed to help with activities once or twice a month. No teaching or prep needed; just come and help out with crafts, games, etc. and get to know the GRIP kids. Please speak with Cassy Brown if you are interested. Snack donations are also needed.



Excerpts from Bishop Hansen's report on the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Sexuality Decisions.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I write to you from the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis with official information about the actions of this assembly related to human sexuality. I am grateful for the manner in which this church has engaged in this conversation. The way this assembly has discussed these questions is a continuation of the way this church has deliberated: with deep and heartfelt respect for each other, engaging with Scripture, listening to the faith stories and experiences of one another, and through worship and prayer seeking the discernment of the Spirit.

In my response to the voting members on Friday, August 21, I made this request: we need one another. We need time. We need the voices of those who lament and those who rejoice over these actions, for together we have been called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and engage in God's mission for the life of the world.

The assembly adopted 676-338 — precisely two-thirds of those voting — "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust," the ELCA's 10th social statement, with minor editorial amendments.

A resolution called upon members to respect the bound consciences of those with whom they disagree; declared intent to allow structured flexibility in decision-making about candidacy and the call process; eliminated the prohibition of rostered service by members in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships; recognized and committed to respect the conviction of members who believe that the ELCA should not call or roster people in committed same-gender relationships; called for development of accountability guidelines; directed that amendments to ministry policy documents be drafted and approved; and stated that this church continue to trust congregations, bishops, synods and others responsible for determining who should be called into public ministry. (Adopted 667-307 as amended)

I invite you into important, thoughtful, prayerful conversation about what all of this means for our life in mission together. What is absolutely important for me is that we have this conversation together.

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA Presiding Bishop

Women ^{of the} ELCA

WELCA met June 16. Michelle Mong read a piece entitled, "A Selfish Giant" from a book published by Guideposts.

Christian Service Committee reported that they served 68 people including church women for the George Finley funeral dinner.

Thank you cards were read from Three Score and Ten and from Todd and Lisa (Smith) Jackson.

LOMO requested a monetary donation but it was the consensus of those present that we not give anything this year since we gave to LORAC for their daycamp.

A discussion was held in regards to GRIP and Shelley will take the information to Council for their input.

It was reported that we served 163 at the Alumni Banquet. Our profit at this time is \$1,082.06 but we've not received a bill from the cook yet. We had a LOT of helping hands show up to assist.

Shelley reported that as of the end of May we have \$3,532.87 in our checking account and our cd matures in August.

We have \$67.18 to spend on those serving in the military. It was decided that we would only do something for those overseas. Shelley will check on the cost to ship a package and items that are allowed. June will get an updated list of names and addresses of those serving overseas.

At council's request, Shelley asked if WELCA would pay a quarterly trash bill of \$36.15. It was decided that we would not do so. It is to be published that anyone having a function at the church is responsible for taking care of the trash themselves.

It was decided by those present that we would reimburse GRIP \$30 for three of the Bibles that were purchased.

WELCA was asked if we would purchase a CD player with a few CDs for Yvonne as suggested by Pastor Rhea. Michelle and Phyllis will work on this.

The meeting closed with the Missionary Benediction. Anna Austen served refreshments to the six women present.

In the Mail



Thanks so much for your thoughts and prayers, cards and visits at the time of my surgery. It's a blessing to have good friends like you who care.

Love,
Jan Russell

The Power of Prayer

Thank you to Dan Bicker for submitting this interesting news tidbit originally written by Eva Yarman of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

When construction began on a bar in a small town, the local church started a campaign of prayers and petitions to stop it. One week before the bar was to open, lightning struck the building and burned it to the ground.

The bar owner sued the church saying that its prayers were responsible for the loss of his building. The church, through its lawyer, denied any responsibility.

When the case got to its first court hearing, the judge looked over the paperwork and said, "I don't know how I'm going to decide this. We have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer and a church that doesn't!"



"Oops!"

Due to a secretarial error, minutes from the June 8 council meeting are not available for publication this month.

2009 Trinity Church Council
Vice Pres., Sue Smith (youth)
Susan Brown - Parish Ed.
Shirley Dillon - Service
Chuck Pierce - Archives

President, Phil Bicker (property)
Sec., Cindy Slarb (endowment)
Brent Canfield - Property
Jeff McFarlin - Finance
Shelley Moorhead - WELCA



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OR, are you tired of eating alone?

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Thursday, September 17th
(and every 3rd Thursday of the month)
5-7 p.m.

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