



# *The Messenger*

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## **Pastor's Corner**

It may not feel like it outside, (at least on the day I wrote this article) but here we are in May already, to recognize the second round of Trinity contributors. If you'll remember, last month in our first edition of the Messenger, we looked at four Trinity women who have been blessing us with their talents. This month, we'll be looking at a different set of individuals. It will be a little harder for me to describe the work of these workers, because, mostly, I don't see it. I only know of it. These workers do precious, unsung work, week in and week out. They help build the very spiritual foundation of our church, even though most of us adults never see it. Where does this construction occur? Down in the trenches at the Trinity Family Center, every Sunday morning till summertime. Of course, we're talking about the Sunday School. And the unsung heroes? Of course, our Sunday School teachers. These workers take time out of their (hopefully) relaxing weekends, to prepare lessons for our youngest people.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "**Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.**" Whether it be Daniel and the Lion's Den, Noah and the Ark, or Joseph being sold into slavery, our teachers use familiar, and not so familiar Scripture accounts to train our children in the way they should go. These tireless servants who package God's saving truth for young minds to receive are as follows: Carol Glaeser, Jessica Jungbluth, and Donna Nagel, Pre-K/Kindergarten; Connie Mangin and Kaitlin Bushman, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Tammy Glaeser, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade; and Mark Knutson, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mark Knutson has been a special gift to us, with his faithfulness and dedication. Besides being a Sunday School teacher, he's Sunday School Superintendent, and Director of our adult choir. By the way, the choir always seeks new members, so consider joining. Don't worry about your voice. It's not American Idol. There are no critics, only fellow amateurs like me. (Free plug from Pastor)

Our female Sunday School teachers have also been a blessing to us beyond the Sunday School arena. The voters at the last Voters Meeting gave us the approval to reform a Fellowship Committee. The Board of Spiritual Affairs will call members to serve on this committee as soon as possible. Up to this point, though, the work that such a committee would do has been left up for grabs. Thankfully, among other groups, our Sunday School teachers have stepped in to keep things going. They hosted a Lenten supper, organized the Easter Breakfast (especially Tammy Glaeser), conducted Vacation Bible School, and so on. Connie Mangin has also contributed by making baptismal cloths and small baptismal banners.

Thank the Lord for our energetic Sunday School teachers. Pray for them. Look for new opportunities to work with them in Christian service. And of course, thank the Lord for the victory of Christ's cross, the eternal reason we can all work together as redeemed saints!

*Pastor Gregory Pope*

## President's Summary of April Voter's Meeting

On April 26<sup>th</sup> the voters approved numerous items.



The Board for Spiritual Affairs recommended to the voters to start a Mission Partner project at the beginning of the next fiscal year. The Mission Partner is a synod program where congregations can pick a mission and contribute directly to that mission. This project for Trinity will be over and above our regular commitment to synod. The voters approved the project for one year beginning July 1, 2005 with the Board for Spiritual Affairs picking the mission.

The council had three recommendations for the voters.

Council recommended organizing a Fellowship committee. This committee will put together a schedule of fellowship events such as a church picnic, which the congregation can look forward to. This committee will answer to the Board for Spiritual Affairs. This was passed by the voters.

Council recommended organizing a Worship committee at the Pastor's request. This committee will help pastor make the worship service variable and enjoyable for all. This was also passed by the voters.

Council recommended to the voters to set up a high-speed Internet service for the congregation. Now that we have a good office secretary, there is a need for this. This will allow board chairmen and other organizations to e-mail articles or notes for the bulletin or newsletter direct to Anna and make it easier to incorporate them into those communication forms. It will also allow the congregation to download synod items or items such as praise songs faster than ordering through the mail. The pastor will have his own e-mail address as will the church office. This service has unlimited time and we can have up to 10 e-mail addresses. This will also allow unchurched or those checking on churches to contact us without fear of having a pastor on their doorstep the next day. They will be able to learn about the WELS and Trinity and our beliefs through casual contact with the pastor. The voters passed this recommendation. The next meeting will be in July and will be our annual meeting at which time we will set our next year's budget and have more information on the congregational plan for the 2005-06 year.

Please plan to attend. *President John Smith*

## *"Shoreline Circuit" Spring Rally Report by: Mabel Liermann*

Morning devotions began with "Siyahamra" (native language) sung by 25 lower grade children of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran School. During the services the "Lord's Supper" was instituted to all. The services theme was 1.) Grow in the Word and 2.) Go in the Word.

The gathering on Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church was an interesting educational program with 142 in attendance. Pastor & Mrs. John Gierach of St. John's Congregation Ann Arbor, Michigan were the A.M. speakers. Also showed colored native slides. Pastor John is a son of a farming family in Sheboygan County who at present are still members of St. Paul Lutheran, Howards Grove, Wisconsin.

Pastor John's introduction was made by Superintendent Carolfi who said he was a student of perfection and a great wrestler at M.L.H.S. graduating in 1984. The couple were missionaries in Australia and Zambia, Africa. Their work was to educate natives to be lay – pastors, be good farmers, and provide for the children. Mrs. Gierach was busy being the music teacher. Their objectives: "God's goal – Heaven - Eternal Life for all." They were called from home due to lack of synod funds.

The afternoon session was spent with Ted and Sue Zuberbier -WELS Lay Members in Malawi, Africa. Sue, the former Sue Wernecke, had membership with Trinity, Louis Corner-Evangelical Lutheran Church of rural Kiel, Wisconsin. Now their home is on the south side of Cedar Lake – Kiel, Wisconsin. Both were working with the medical clinic of Malawi, Africa. Sue is a nurse. The area is very mountainous. Main help included medical care, aid in food programs, and how to improve farming. Due to diseases, especially Aids, there are many orphans. As many as 21 babies were fed with milk formula for survival.

The population is gentle, non war-like people. They eat mazi (corn) for every meal. Their main cash crop is tobacco. Those living in the "Bush" generally have an alcohol problem. The fathers help very little with the farming or the children's up-bringing. Chickens are their "prize" animals. Usually had them for Christmas dinner. One given as a gift is valued greatly.

There is a lot of mission work yet to be done. There is a lot of witchcraft that is still believed. The Jehovah Witnesses have a huge start. As many as 100 Kingdom Halls are seen in Malawi, Africa. Come join us in

our fall rally, which is an evening gathering. More information on this will be given at a later time.

### Christian Education

May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the last day of Sunday School. The children will also be singing **"Thy Word is a Lamp"** in church that day. Please help your children learn the words to the song. (Thy words were sent home with their Sunday School papers). Thanks!

### Trinity Band

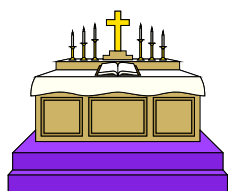


On Easter Sunday, the Trinity Band made its debut during the second Easter service. The six-member ensemble performed a beautiful rendition of "Ode to Joy." The performers included: Brett Glaeser on Snare Drum, Tabitha Matznick on Clarinet, Uriah Matznick on Saxophone, Joe Nagel on Saxophone, Stephanie Nagel on Trumpet, and Samantha Ott on Flute. These performers did a wonderful job--please be sure to encourage their music-making. The Trinity Band is currently welcoming anyone who plays an instrument to join us. Everyone is welcome--all ages! Come have some fun making music and praising our Savior. (If you can think of a good name for the group or would like to join in on all the fun, please contact Jen Coutts or Pastor Pope.)

# Vacation Bible School

We are looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School? The dates are Tuesday, August 2 - Thursday, August 4th. Please contact Mark Knutson at 775-4635 if you are interested.

## Church Group of the Month



Each month we will be highlighting a group in our church. We will explain what each group does, how someone can join, etc. This month we are highlighting the Altar Guild.

The altar guild has been in existence for about 10 years. We currently have 10 members: Janet Matthias (coordinator), Orabelle Fischer, Lois Glaeser, Helen Isaacson, Marilyn Kaufman, Marie Knutson, Donna Nagel, Lorna Matthias, Elizabeth Otto, and Janice Wehausen.

Our sole purpose is to assist the Pastor. A schedule is put out every six months. Two ladies serve a month at a time. Their duties are: setting up for communion & Cleaning up after, changing the paraments and banners for the different seasons, and also keep the communion linens clean and in good repair.

We feel privileged to serve our Lord and Pastor in this way. If you are interested in the Altar Guild please contact Janet Matthias at 758-2565.

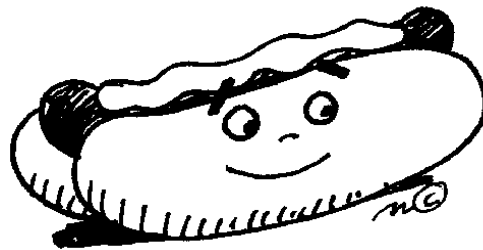
# Church Picnic



**Where:** At church

**When:** May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Starts at Noon!

**Who:** Everyone is invited! Please bring something to pass. More information to come; watch for it in the weekly bulletins! There will be fun for all ages!



*Games!*

*Food!*

*Fun!*

## Announcements

### Ascension Service

There will be an Ascension Day service held at 7:00 P.M. on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Bible Study

We have started a study of Song of Songs. Come join us in exploring this beautiful and intriguing book of the Bible. This is our last Bible class series before summer break, so come while you still can! ☺

### Confirmation



May 8<sup>th</sup> will be examination for our confirmation students. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the Confirmation Ceremony. We would like to congratulate our confirmation students: Stephanie Nagel, Kayla Mancheski, and Tim Petersen. May you continue to learn and grow in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Adult Confirmands



We would like to congratulate the adult confirmands who will be received into membership on their confirmation day May 1, 2005 (Michelle Propson, May 7, 2005): Bob, Gail, and Jesse Lietzau, Toby Ratsch, Michelle Propson, and Marilee Slater. Please welcome our newest members.

## Spring Clean up!



Saturday May 7th at 10 A.M. (weather permitting) we will be having our spring-clean up to clean up the church grounds. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. The more helping hands the faster the work goes! Please bring your rakes, etc. We will also be spring-cleaning the inside of the church also!

## Camp Phillip

Would you like an experience for your child or family that could well be the highlight of the summer? Camp Phillip in Wautoma, Wisconsin, has summer programs for WELS youth from grades k-12. Programs include low and high ropes course, disc golf, swimming, boating, canoeing, crafts, creation encounters, outdoor sports, evening games, campfires, constellation hikes and Bible studies. More than 900 children have already signed up, but there's room for more! Camp Phillip also has programs for families throughout the year with lodging available in campsites or cabins. Call (920) 787-3202 or e-mail: [campphillip@vbe.com](mailto:campphillip@vbe.com) to check for availability or to request a brochure.

## Ladies Aid

All Trinity ladies are invited to a "May Party" on May 4, 2005. It's at 1:30 P.M. at St. John- St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cleveland, WI. Contact Mabel Liermann at 758-2789 if you are interested.

## Dennis Bleick's Retirement

We will be celebrating Dennis Bleick's retirement for 38 years of service at St. John's Lutheran School located at 3607 45<sup>th</sup> Street in Two Rivers, and 40 years in the ministry. There will be a special church service at St. John's School on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. to which you are invited. Please join us for a light lunch following the service in the commons of the school. Sincerely, St. John's Called Worker Care Committee.



Church Attendance for April

Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>: 32  
Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 112  
Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>: 47  
Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>: 129  
Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>: 47  
Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>: 101  
Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>: 25  
Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>: 143

Sunday School Attendance

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 16  
April 10<sup>th</sup>: 36  
April 17<sup>th</sup>: 23  
April 24<sup>th</sup>: \_ 21

**Congratulations!!!**

Perfect Sunday School Attendance for April

Pre-k & Kindergarten

Benjamin Kiesow  
Joshua Kiesow  
Amanda Knutson

Grades 1 & 2

Heidi Knutson  
Lauren Petersen  
Rachel Nagel

Grades 3 & 4

Desirae Kiesow  
Kalie Knutson

Grades 5-8

Tim Mathis  
Tabitha Matznick  
Uriah Matznick  
Joe Nagel

## Baptisms



Jordan Sierra, daughter of Sean & Kara Sieracki, was baptized into God's kingdom of grace on April 17, 2005.

Matthew Steven & Kaitlyn Mae, children of Steve & Kim Fischer, were baptized into God's kingdom of grace on April 24, 2005.

## New Members



We would like to welcome our new members of our church. Bob, Gail, and Jesse Lietzow, Michelle Propson, Toby Ratsch and Marilee Slater.



## Congratulations to our members graduating in the Class of 2005!

Heather Arnold  
Alison Fischer  
Jessica Johnson  
Andy Krey

## From the Secretary

The church secretary, Anna Knutson, is available from 8-11 A.M. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Bulletin deadline is Friday morning. May 25th will be June's Newsletter deadline for any articles you wish to have submitted. She can be reached by E-mail.

[icecreamfit@yahoo.com](mailto:icecreamfit@yahoo.com). Messages can also be left in her mailbox in the back of church or there is also an envelope on the wall downstairs by the computer for messages.





## Prayer Requests



### ***Please pray for the following:***

- For our Confirmation students, that they may continue to grow in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- For people in our Military both here and abroad, and for their family members.
- For our high school graduates, that they may follow the path that Christ has laid out for them.



Happy Mother's day May 8<sup>th</sup> to all the mothers in our congregation! The Lord instructs you to bring your children up according to His word. This is one of the most important roles you have as mothers. May God truly bless you on this special day.

" Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." **Proverbs 22:6**



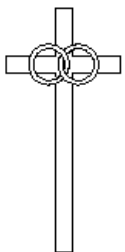
## May Birthdays

### **A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...**

5/02 Jessica Jungbluth  
5/02 Mabel Liermann  
5/03 Rachel Nagel  
5/04 Lorna Matthias  
5/04 Dan Prater  
5/06 Jim Liermann  
5/11 Lindsay Pritzl  
5/11 Lori Schleis  
5/12 Larry Fischer  
5/15 Ivy Johnson

5/18 Mona Hansen  
5/19 Elwood Free  
5/20 Marion Moldenhauer  
5/21 Michael Kaufmann  
5/24 Al Gulseth  
5/24 Jessica Johnson  
5/26 Tim Petersen  
5/26 Elaine Prater  
5/27 Tabitha Matznick  
5/27 Sheri Schreiber

\*If you have a May birthday and it is not listed or your birthday is listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update the information. Thanks!



## Happy Anniversary To...

5/1 Todd & Tammy Glaeser  
5/13 Shelby & Ivy Johnson  
5/20 Larry & Karen Teesch  
5/27 Warren & Pam Lutze  
5/28 Gary & Denise Preston

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## *Usher Schedule*

May 1<sup>st</sup> John Smith, Mark Knutson, Dean Luebke, Keith Petersen

Ascension service

May 5<sup>th</sup> Harold Bratz, Mark Kiesow, Andy Kiesow, Fritz Wehausen

May 7<sup>th</sup> Len Arnold, Steve Pleuss

May 8<sup>th</sup> Warren Lutze, Dan Knutson, Juel Knutson, Wayne Otto

May 14<sup>th</sup> James Glaeser, Chris Mangin

May 15<sup>th</sup> John Smith, Brian Glaeser, Gary Vetter, Mike Enders

May 21<sup>st</sup> Harold Bratz, Jim Liermann

May 22<sup>nd</sup> David Schultz, Earl Glaeser, Mark Knutson, James Ott

May 28<sup>th</sup> Warren Lutze, Al Bonfigt

May 29<sup>th</sup> Eli Kenneke, Keith Petersen, Derrick Krey, Andy Krey

## *Greeter Schedule*

May 1<sup>st</sup> Shelby, Ivy, and Jessica Johnson

May 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Pre-k and Kindergarten

May 15<sup>th</sup> Ross and Ruth Zimmerman Family

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Denise and Lance Preston

May 20<sup>th</sup> Wayne and Elizabeth Otto Family

## *Altar Guild Schedule*

May: Lorna Matthias & Marilyn Kaufmann

June: Janet Matthias & Janice Wehausen



## Kids Corner

### Bible Quiz

1. This man was so afraid of the anger of his twin brother that he offered him 220 goats, 220 sheep, 30 milk camels and their colts, 40 cows, 10 bulls, 20 female donkeys and 10 foals to appease him?
  - a. Joseph
  - b. Jacob
  - c. Nahor
  - d. Judah
2. Who were the sisters of Lazarus, the man raised from the dead?
  - a. Lydia & Maggie
  - b. Mary & Martha
  - c. Priscilla & Aquilla
  - d. Lois & Tabitha
3. Which son of Adam replaced Abel as righteous heir after Abel was murdered by his brother Cain?
  - a. Seth
  - b. Mahalalel
  - c. Enosh
  - d. Methuselah
4. Who was sister of Laban and the wife of Isaac?
  - a. Rachel
  - b. Sarah
  - c. Rebekah
  - d. Leah
5. Which two men introduced their wives as their sisters because they feared they would be murdered to get their wives?
  - a. Abram (Abraham) & Isaac
  - b. Methuselah & Laban
  - c. Judah & Hiram
  - d. Joseph & Benjamin

## Word Search

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(UP / DOWN/ DIAGANAL / BACKWARDS)

1. Elijah
2. Chosen
3. Savior
4. Mercy
5. Servant
6. Egypt
7. Faith
8. Temples
9. King
10. Weary
11. Denial
12. Song
13. Wrath
14. Altar
15. Pray
16. Law

