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A Time of Renewal

Renewal comes in many forms; resting, reading, exercise; just doing something different can also renew a person. This summer I took part in the National Youth Gathering "Hands ON" in London, Ontario. After two years of planning, the event was now here and the members of the planning committee were hustling and bustling around trying to get all those last minute items completed before the 950 youth arrived. We had 3 days prior to the gathering to complete all our work and I remember thinking, I should sleep now because I know once the gathering starts I won't get any sleep. But sleep did not come. Instead, anticipation and excitement was churning away and I finally gave into the fact that I should just rest and enjoy the feeling.



The gathering was an experience that no one who attended will forget. The music, drama, special outings, workshops and late night spots offered everyone a chance to do something they enjoyed. At the beginning and end of each day we celebrated worship together. Ahhhh, a chance to slow down, take some deep breaths and thank God for his work amongst his people.

The guest speaker Rev'd Canon William Cliff, rector of The Collegiate Chapel of St. John the Evangelist at Huron University College and parish priest for Huron University College and the Anglican Community at the University of Western Ontario was terrific.

His opening words were "I want scripture to come alive for you," and he gave the youth 3 points to remember 1. The

Gospel is always astonishing: if it's not, you aren't reading it properly. 2. The Gospel is never fair because the Gospel is about grace and 3. God always acts first.

Six sessions described: Hands Up - raise the roof and praise God, Hands Out - How we can help transform lives, Hands In - What are we willing to risk to serve God?, Hands that Hurt/Hands that Heal - Our hands hurt and heal, they are the instruments which both make and unmake the kingdom in our midst. Hands Together - When hands come together so do hearts and we can make a difference in our communities, and Hands Down - Hands need to be down into the soil of our society, ready to serve, teach, heal, and meet those who need Jesus most. The best news is that God is the potter and he will make all things happen. (Paraphrased from the Hands On Gathering Book.)

Tired, yes. Relaxing, no. Renewed, oh yes my spirit was renewed as I worked and watched youth take up the call to do God's work. Whenever we are called to walk with God and work in His Kingdom he will refresh us, he will renew us and provide all that we need because each one of us is "Enough" to get his work done. Ask the youth what they learned about Enough!

The youth who attended the gathering will be leading our Partners in Faith service September 26th at 11:00 AM. They will provide you with a "sense" of what a gathering is like. Come and experience for yourself renewal in the form of a gathering.

-- Karen Triomphe --

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Bishops Message - September 2010

New beginnings! That's what the arrival of September always means. Students and teachers return to school and their studies. We busily enroll our children in those much-needed extra-curricular activities, even as we calculate how on earth we will manage their transport from point A to point B from day to day. The pace quickens as the busy-ness grows. Those who are employed note that their work-places ratchet it up a few notches; the lazy, crazy days of summer give way to business as usual. The churches, for their part, roll out the regular stuff: Sunday School, Adult Forum, Confirmation, Bible studies. Striving to be relevant, the churches may offer some more adventurous fare: a mission trip, a church growth seminar, a marriage enrichment weekend, perhaps a series on conflict management. The fullness of a congregation's monthly calendar seems to be the measure of a vibrant and healthy parish. Ironically, it sometimes seems that we do our planning as if Christian folks have nothing else to do and nowhere else to be but at the church.

What is the business of the church? What value is being added to our parishioners' lives? A few days ago, I had a visit with a pastor who was outlining the fall programs about to begin in her congregation when she wondered out loud if we were doing our congregants any favors. Another meeting, another night out ... it sometimes seems that parishioners are there to serve the church's needs, rather than

the other way around. As we spoke about it, we agreed that there's something wrong with this picture.

The people we serve don't really need more activities and more ways to fill their day-timers. What they really need is help in making sense of their lives. Who, and where, is Jesus for our parishioners from day to day? Are we helping people connect the dots – to see and serve Jesus in the places and amongst the people that fill their days? Are we having serious chats with folks about the ways that faith informs our living, our moving and having our being? How do faith and life intersect? You can learn a lot if you listen in on those coffee fellowship conversations after the service. Generally, people will not be talking about the sermon – or even the choir anthem. They will be talking about their life-issues, the stuff of their real lives that has them anxious, fearful, hopeful, glad. Maybe what is needed in our congregations is less formal programming and more of those quiet, intimate conversations about how things are really going. Maybe the grace of God and the love of Christ would better wash over the faith-community if we – as church - attended to this. That would be a new beginning!

+Ronald B. Mayan, Bishop
Synod of Alberta and the Territories,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Thoughts from Across the Lane

by Nowlane Milner

Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin each morning. Lamentations 3:23

I read once that our lives consist of a series of new beginnings; it's our attitude toward them that makes all the difference. God provides us with an opportunity each day for a new beginning. We just have to get up and face the day by giving praise to God and being thankful for each new morning.

September, the harvest month... Summer is over and autumn has arrived. Cynthia Wickman

September is like a two part harmony as we see the last days of summer pass, the light hearted serenity ends and a deeper melody of colors begins to show in the changing of nature. The natural changes of the season have begun as we gather together to lift our spirits in service to God. This is a month of new beginnings as we make new memories that we will cherish for a life time. Come let us celebrate the wonders of His Mighty Love.

So I say to you "Happy New Year! And all the best for this New Year." Wait a minute this is only September,

(right?) "No!" I'm not going crazy and yes you are correct this is only the first week of September, but to me this time of the year has always felt like the beginning of the New Year.

Time to bring out the alarm clock and set it for the time to get up and get ready for school; as our children start out on a new adventure discovering new passion for learning or meeting new friends; seeing new places and developing a new routine. The children of Trinity Church will start with Rally Day September 12th meeting their new classmates and teachers. Once again we'll hear the voices of our incredible choir sing as they lift our hearts. Church Service is back to starting at 9:30am for German and 11:00 am for English. The English and German Bible classes start Thursday mornings and the new confirmation class starts Wednesday evening for our youth as they begin the next step on their spiritual journey. This is also the time of year when God calls us to service regardless of our abilities; it is one of the gifts that is given to each person in our congregation.

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How is God calling you to serve?

- Communication TEAM
- Communication/ Tree
- Community Dinner
- E.L.W.
- English Bible study
- English Choir
- Faith Discussion
- Fellowship
- Financial
- Food Bank
- German Bible study
- German Choir
- Property
- Social Justice
- Sunday School

- Triniteens
- Trinnetten/Mannerkeis
- Visitation
- Worship & Music
- Youth Ministry

My favourite part of September is that I can recommit to volunteering for the food bank and to the community dinner that will start with a Barbeque if the weather cooperates. Being part of the communication team as they work hard on the new design for the Trinity web site. I look forward to writing for "Team". Being part of the Fellowship group of women has helped keep my hands busy by starting work on projects for the Advent Fair and I also get to learn a little German with the weekly devotion. I'm also looking forward to meeting up with members of my communication tree as each group prepares coffee and sweet treats after church each week.

Announcement

William (Bill) Thompson and Nowlane Milner would like to announce our engagement on June 23rd, 2010. No wedding plans have been made. We'll keep you up dated; we're just enjoying our time together.

Podcasts

by Andrea Wilhelm

Why I like them:

Watching movies and reading books are some of my favorite activities. I can relax and learn at the same time. Over the last year, I have discovered another medium, the podcast. A podcast is an audio or video file posted online, that you can either play ("stream") online or that you can download and then play at your convenience. Podcasts require internet access. If you don't have internet access, you could get a friend or relative (child or grandchild?) to download podcasts for you and put them onto an mp3-player.

I listen to podcasts on long drives, when I fold laundry or do dishes, and even in bed, instead of reading. I listen to books, plays, interviews, documentaries, anything that interests me. I find I am taking in a wider variety of topics than if I were just reading. And the audio format brings things more to life than letters on a page, while still leaving room for the imagination.

One great thing about podcasts is that they can come from anywhere in the world. You are not limited to the radio programs or audio books available in Edmonton. For example, I like listening to podcasts from Germany. You could go to Great Britain, or France, the US, Tanzania, India, any country.

Because you choose the podcasts yourself from a variety of sources, you can focus on the topics that interest you. Perhaps you like mysteries. Or programs on religion (I do!). And with podcasts, you are not tied to the schedule of

a radio or TV program. Radio and TV are like eating a pre-set menu – podcasts are like eating from a self-serve buffet. A bit more work perhaps, but to me it's worth the effort.

Oh, and did I mention that most podcasts are free?!

Where to find them:

Radio stations, especially public ones, make many of their shows available as podcasts. For example, the CBC has a dedicated podcast webpage (www.cbc.ca/podcasting), especially "past podcasts". In addition, many of CBC's radio shows have their own website with links to podcasts or even more episodes.

I have also come upon podcasts in blogs, through other podcasts, and through recommendations from friends or from websites I trust.

Finally, you can search for podcasts online: Using your favorite search engine, type in something like "free audio books" or "free radio drama", whatever interests you. I include the word "free" because I'm only interested in free products.

How to:

Streaming podcasts online: You need to be online. In your web browser, single-click on the desired podcast, and it will play using software that is already on your computer. If you have a mobile device (cell phone, iPod) that has internet capabilities, you can also stream podcasts there. In addition to audio podcasts, many TV programs can be streamed free of charge.

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Downloading podcasts: In your web browser, go to the desired podcast. Usually, downloading comes up as an option when you right-click on the podcast. Store it in the desired location on your computer. If you want to transfer the downloaded podcast to your mp3-player or mobile device, follow the same procedure as when you transfer other audio or video.

Playing downloaded podcasts: (No internet needed.) They can be played on the computer or on an mp3-player, provided you have the required software. On your computer, simply double-click the podcast you want to listen to. Often iTunes is the default application for this, but I use Quicktime (on my Mac) to play podcasts. I believe Windows has a "Media Player". mp3-players have built-in software to play podcasts. iPod is the most popular mp3-player, but I have a different one that I find easier to use (and that does not require iTunes).

My favorite podcasts:

"Tapestry" on CBC. This show is about religion and spirituality. Some episodes that I liked include: an interview with Franciscan priest Richard Rohr, an interview with psychologist and feminist Mary Pipher, a program on "Soul in the city"—where God is in the hectic, dirty city & the role of churches.

"Between the Covers" on CBC. Books read aloud (usually abridged). I have listened to *The Book of Negroes*, to this year's Canada Reads winner *Nikolski*, and to the memoir *Prisoner of Tehran* (these last two are still posted).

"DNTD Highlights" on CBC. Although not a religious show, it explores many very spiritual topics. For example, there are episodes on forgiveness, on sacrifice, on listening. Each contains interesting true

stories, usually told by regular people. Other topics seem more trivial at first, but once you start listening you realize they do reveal a lot about us humans. For example, the episode "Unleashing the creative power of your phone" asks questions like, "How does being a voice behind the receiver influence how you behave?", "Does the anonymity of the phone give you the freedom to explore new facets of your personality?"

"The Irrelevant Show" on CBC. A smart and funky comedy show recorded live in Edmonton. It will be aired and also made available as podcast this fall. Go to CBC for more info.

"Radio Tatort": In German. A one-hour mystery drama, posted once a month. (<http://radiotatort.ard.de/>)

Also in German: "Hörspiel und Medienkunst" von Bayern 2 (<http://www.br-online.de/bayern2/hoerspiel-und-medienkunst/pool-hoerspiel-download-ID1277728723588.xml>). For example, I liked the dramatization of Ernst Toller's *Eine Jugend in Deutschland*: <http://www.br-online.de/bayern2/hoerspiel-und-medienkunst/pool-ernst-toller-eine-jugend-in-deutschland-ID1262706255859.xml>

Another source of audiobook podcasts is LibriVox (<http://librivox.org/>). On this nonprofit site, volunteers read literature which is in the public domain. Some volunteers are better readers than others, so it's a good idea to listen in on a book before you download the whole thing. I checked out Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* and *The Bible—King James Version* and quite liked them. Most of the literature on LibriVox is in English, but I have seen other languages as well.

Questions? You can talk to me or email me (wilhelm@uvic.ca) ... or talk to a teenager you know!

Called into Worship

Come, praise the Lord - Psalm 134:1-2

Upcoming Special Worship Opportunities

Thanksgiving: October 10th at 9:30 German and 11:00 English

(In order to decorate our thanksgiving-table, please bring some vegetables, fruits or flowers to church on Saturday 9th at 10:00 a.m. Thank you!)

Partners in Faith Service – our intergenerational worship services:

Sunday 26th of September, 11:00 a.m.: "Hands on" - the Gathering Experience

Sunday 24th of October, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 31st of October: Confirmation, at the 11:00 AM English Service

Sunday 28th of November, Advent 1, 10:00 a.m.: Combined Service

with German, English - and Kid's choir, Choir of the Antioch Church; Advent Fair; Lunch; Coffee and cake (Kaffee und Kuchen)

All are welcome!

Called into Learning

As I learn your righteous rulings, I will praise you with a pure heart. - Psalm 119: 7, 15, 130

Sunday Christian School

Your Sunday Christian School Ministry Team ("SCS") is busy planning for another exciting year of learning and living in God's love with the theme of... "Let the little children come to Me..." (Luke 18: 15-17).

We invite the German and English congregations to attend our Rally Day Picnic on September 12th at 12:15 p.m., after the English Service. Hot dogs and juice will be provided (free will offering), as well as a jumpy tent and games for the kids. Kindly bring a dessert or salad to share, and a blanket or lawn chairs. Everyone is welcomed, and Sunday School registration will also be taking place.

September 19th is our first scheduled Sunday School class day, and we ask that the children remain in the sanctuary for KidsTalk then go to the Luther Centre to meet their teacher and head off to their classrooms until 12:15 p.m. September 26th is our Partners in Faith Family Service and there will be no scheduled Sunday School classes. As the Sunday School program and special events are being firmed up, parents of Sunday School children will be notified by email and notices posted on our Sunday School information board and classroom.

We are anticipating approximately 50 children to participate in our SCS program, and have 3 assigned classes of Preschool/Kindergarten (9 children), Grades 1 to 3 (23 children), and Grades 4 to 6 (20 children). We have six committed teachers (2 for each class level); however, we are still in need of 2-3 individuals who would like to partner or shadow teach this term. A great way to find out if this would be something you would be interested in doing is to volunteer to assist the teachers with craft preparations, assisting the children with making the crafts, co-leading fun game activities, or planning of special events and outreach initiatives. We have a great team of teachers who have one to eight years of experience, and we welcome and encourage you to experience the joys of teaching and learning about God's love and word with His children... your children. If you are interested or have any inquiries, please feel free to contact Connie Samycia at (780) 430-6993 or email her at csamycia@telusplanet.net. Thank you for answering His calling.

God's blessings,

SCS Ministry Team

*Barbara Ritter, Kathy Colwell, Maria Mayan,
Karen Martyn, Jean Kant, and Connie Samycia*

Confirmation-Information 2010-2011

Youth Ministry and Faith Development for 7th and 8th Graders

Trinity Lutheran Church's confirmation program will start up again on **September 15, 6 pm** with a **Confirmation Information Session** for all young people between ages 12-16 who have not been previously confirmed. Our 3rd year confirmands who are to be confirmed this fall will meet the same evening, but at 6:30 pm. Each confirmand must have at least one parent present for registration and planning purposes. Also, please bring your Alberta health number and a check for the registration fee.



What are you going to do or learn in Confirmation?

We hope to confirm in confirmation what you were told in your baptism: that you are a child of God, a saint and a sinner, loved and forgiven, called to follow Jesus as a servant of love; that you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

At your confirmation you will be asked:

"Is it your intention to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear his Word and share in his supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?"

We will help you understand what these things mean by looking at the Bible, Martin Luther's Small Catechism, the history of the church and present day Christian discipleship. We hope to prepare you to answer the above question with a confident: "Yes, and I ask God to help and guide me!"

In addition to our Wednesday nights you will be involved in Sunday worship, not as a spectator but a participant. You

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Called into Learning



This summer 9 youth plus 2 leaders participated in the Canadian Lutheran and Anglican youth (CLAY) gathering in London, ON. The participants were Katelynn Trainor, Julianne Watson, Lenea Becker, Ella Wilhelm, Hillary Schindel, Aidan McBride, Andrew Lotz, Austin Hildebrandt and Nathan Hay with leaders Ian Watson and Keira Schindel.

We all survived the youth gathering in London. It was five days of fun and faith with approximately 900 youth from across Canada. We had many high energy large group gatherings, filled with tons of songs, hilarious acting, and helpful speeches by our keynote speaker Father Bill Cliff. Father Bill helped teach us that the Gospel is amazing, full of grace, and that God always acts first. We had fun on excursions such as bowling, indoor rock climbing and Pioneer Village near London. Many youth participated in dances and other late night activities. But it wasn't all fun and games. There were mid-night and early morning services and many different forums to choose from. There was also time for people to get away and talk. We all got back tired on Sunday night, as our parents I'm sure can tell you. I had a great time and am looking forward to the next gathering in 2012.

by Nathan Hay



Trinity's contingent - waiting in the Ottawa airport - Aug 2010

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will learn about the liturgy and why we do what we do in worship. You will from time to time be asked to participate in leadership by reading from scripture, lighting the candles or greeting people at the door. You will also complete 10 sermon reviews.

Our confirmation program also includes two overnight events. One is held at Trinity, the other at Mulhurst Lutheran Camp at Pigeon Lake. The first one will be held in November, the second one in the Spring. Each overnight event will focus on a particular topic and includes games, music, food and fun.

WHAT'S THE PARENTS' ROLE IN CONFIRMATION?

Obviously, parents are the "first teachers" in all things, including the faith. Our youth need you to:

- Teach and lead by your example at home and here at Trinity Lutheran Church,
- Bring them to our Wednesday night meetings,
- Come and worship with them on Sundays and holidays,
- Encourage and support them in our ministry together,
- Have son/daughter present in the sanctuary 10 minutes prior to worship on days when they're assigned to help in worship leadership.

Called into Learning



Bible Studies

Thursday is Bible Study Day! Each Thursday we have a Bible Study in English at 10:30 and one in German from Noon till 1:00 PM. These Bible Studies follow the lectionary so that people have a chance to study the Bible passages that will be discussed on Sunday morning in depth. You can be a beginner or have spent some time in the Bible and still enjoy these studies. They are lead by the Pastoral staff. Come for a lively discussion and a cup of coffee and see what the Word of God says to you.

Called into Giving

Happy is the person, who is generous - Psalm 112: 5 & 9

Financial Update

At our Church Council meeting at the end of August Paul Ellison, our treasurer shared a tracking and forecasting tool he has developed to track and project our revenues and expenses. His analysis indicates that our giving to current this year is 12% below the level of support last year at this time. This represents a drop in revenue that we've never experienced before and raises a major concern for our financial position for this year.

The current fund is what we use to cover our regular operating expenses. While our overall giving is down by only 6%, funds received for special appeals cannot be used to cover our regular operating expenses. If this year's giving follows a similar pattern to previous years we will end this year with a shortfall of around \$50,000 resulting in an accumulated deficit of over \$100,000. We need your help to close the gap.

We have kept our operating expenses as low as possible this year and will continue to do so but we know we cannot balance our budget without an increase in giving to our current fund. Our treasurer, Paul will be working with our Finance committee over the next few weeks to develop a strategy to address this challenge and to provide you more information on the challenge and the options available to us to close the gap.

We will keep you posted as this work progresses. Please keep our church and our church leaders in your prayers as we work through this difficult time.

Thank you.

Frank Thede

Sharing@Thanksgiving

Trinity has been serving as a food bank depot for the neighborhood for many years. Every Tuesday evening we hand out between 30 and 50 food hampers to needy people in our community. The hampers are prepared for us by the Edmonton Food Bank. The Food Bank collects food from grocers and food producers in the Edmonton area but also relies heavily on donations of money and food to meet the demand.

We also maintain a pantry of food items in our kitchen which our staff uses to serve those that come to us in special need.

This Thanksgiving we want to share the good gifts God has given us. During the offering on the Sunday before Thanksgiving we will have a reverse offering - the ushers will hand around the offering plates and everyone is welcome to take from the plate however much they wish. The plate will be full of slips of paper listing items badly needed by our food pantry and by the food bank. We are asking everyone to purchase these items during the week and bring them to the Thanksgiving service. During communion everyone will be asked to bring forward their purchases and we will build our "pile of thankfulness" - a visible sign of the goodness we have received from God and a great gift to those less fortunate than ourselves.

If you are unable to join us for worship on October 3, please feel free to purchase whatever food donation you wish - canned meats and fish, dried pasta and canned vegetables and soups are always in demand, as are prepared foods like stews or pastas in in easy open containers. If you are unable to join us for worship on Thanksgiving Sunday, Oct 10, please drop off your food donation at the church the week before.



Called into Giving

Giving More Than Enough

Have you ever thought about how much is enough. What about thinking of More than Enough? This is the theme from the national church stewardship program this year. I remember at the last synod youth gathering we discussed small, being a small group, accomplishing small tasks, and giving small amounts like the penny. We then collected pennies and were amazed at how much we received. We learned that when we think about God's work together small things have a lot more meaning and every small amount given can become a very large amount towards His work.

Giving more than enough does not mean "Am I giving

Enough" it means when we look at what needs to be done in God's kingdom, when we see the needs of our community we need to be able to give generously without thought to is this enough? Giving has a unique way of giving back. We hear this over and over again, but do we really believe it.

God will always provide and he will provide abundantly, perhaps that is why when we give abundantly we receive so much in return.

Giving More than Enough: food for thought.

-- Karen Triomphe --

Called into Service

What can I offer to the Lord for all his goodness to me? I am your servant, Lord. - Psalm 116

Community Tree



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Leaf Project this past year.

The Leaf Groups gives everyone a place to belong. If you are not part of a designated leaf group please see Karen Triomphe to be assigned to a group.

It was a pleasure to see the group participation this past year and to see how people were getting to know each other.

Schedule for the Leaf Groups for 2010/2011

September 2010	Royal Leaf (Purple & Gold)
October 2010	Light Green Leaf
November 2010	Orange Leaf
December 2010	Red Leaf
January 2011	Beize Leaf
February 2011	Yellow Leaf
March 2011	Dark Green
April 2011	Royal Leaf
May 2011	Light Green
June 2011	Orange Leaf

Thanks to our Summer Musicians

On behalf of the congregation we say thank you to the following people & groups for beautifying our summer services by sharing their special musical talents.

- June - Choir, Handbell Choir
- June 20 - Faye Breda, Brian Francis, Edna Jabs, Anna, Frank & Rosanne Thede
- July 4 - Julya Zalkovich
- July 11- Emi und Siri Gusdal
- July 18 - Nadia White und Sarah Wishloff
- July 25 - Darlene Schubert & family
- August 1- Christina und Marcus Kant
- August 8 - Blockflötengruppe
- August 15 - Agnes Melax
- August 22 - Markus Wilhelm
- August 29 - Andrea Berendt

A special thank you to Cherie Larson, our organist, who makes all the arrangements necessary to make this special music happen. This includes all the extra rehearsals, all of the work inviting people to help and all the coordination to bring this special music to our German and English services every Sunday during summer.

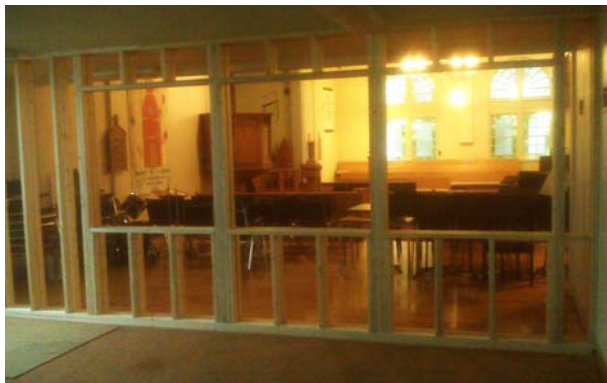
Called into Action

Teach me, Lord, what you want me to do and I will obey you faithfully - Psalm 86:11

Children's Chapel

The wall is up and the Children's Chapel is becoming a reality. As of August 31 we have almost \$3800 in the special appeal and have begun construction. Our funding should comfortably allow us to finish the wall and install the glass; we may even have enough to install new carpeting.

We are looking for an additional \$6,000 to furnish the chapel and have it completely ready for our young families to use. If you wish to donate to this appeal, please just mark your donation "Children's Chapel Appeal" and include it with you offering or drop it off at the office.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Call for participation (or: We want you!)

Do you remember last year's Christmas pageant? On a Sunday in Advent, during the 11am service, we were treated to the story of Christ's birth through drama and music. Remember Dieter G.'s Sinatra-like performance as the janitor? Siri G. as duck? Gina F. as a cowgirl? Elaine W. as the doll? It was superb.

Well, we are doing it again, and we are asking you to participate! In this year's pageant, there are speaking parts, musical parts (solo voice or instrument or choir), as well as many extras. If you are interested in the performing arts, we would love to have you. All ages are needed – this is not only for children, it is intergenerational. Please join us:

To participate or inquire,

please contact: Karen Triomphe
(433-1604 or tltrionphe@uniserve.com)

Date of Pageant:

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, 11am service

Pastoral Care SOUL WALK A challenge to all Trinity Members



Many of you will remember the Soul Walk from last year as Trinity had 10 members participate. Karen Triomphe and Manfred Jurgeleit offer a challenge to everyone to see if we can get more than 10 to register this year. This walk is to support the Good Samaritan Society as they offer spiritual care for residents, clients and staff. Join in a day of fun, fitness and philanthropy! You can sign up to walk, run, bike or wheel, or you can pledge one of Trinity's members in the walk. Please let Karen know if you would like to register for this event.

The Northern Conference

The Northern Conference convention will be held at St. John's Barrhead Oct 1 and 2nd. The theme for this conference is *Baggage Handling: Healing the Hurts that Have Been* (Matt 18).

The guest speaker is Robert Taylor renowned for restorative justice/mediation

Pastor Ingrid, Pastor Markus, Karen Triomphe and John Meyer will attend as delegates but if you would like to attend the conference as a visitor the fee is \$30. Please let Karen know before Sept 18th if you would like to register.

Called into Action

A Pastoral Letter To the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

"The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it" - Ps. 24:1

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In the creation stories of the book of Genesis, humankind is tasked by God the creator to be stewards of the good earth. We have not always lived up to that holy commission. Quite the opposite, we have often plundered nature of its resources without significant thought given to sustainability or the needs of future generations. Thankfully, as a society the page has been turned, and we are thinking in ecological terms about long-term potentials and outcomes. I am writing to you about water. Specifically, I want to speak about water allocation in the province of Alberta. The province has initiated a review of its water allocation system and at some future point it will seek the input of the public on this important issue.

Why do Alberta's Lutheran Christians need to be thinking about water? In the first place, there is a lesser water supply than there used to be in our province. In the second place, industrial water use will only continue to rise. In the third place, our province's population is the fastest growing in Canada. This is complicated by the fact that 80 percent of the people live where 20 percent of the provincial water supply is found (central and southern Alberta), and 20 percent of the people live where 80 percent of the water supply is found (northern Alberta). In the fourth place, we need to ponder - from a faith perspective - if water is a commodity to be bought, sold and traded, or if a water supply and access to it - which is essential to all living things - is a basic right. In the fifth place, what ought the priorities be for water distribution and usage, and at what point does our demand for water volume overwhelm the river basins, lakes and groundwater supplies to the extent that the ecosystems sustain irretrievable damage? If indeed "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it", then stewardship of water becomes a significant faith-question... therefore, our question as Christians.

The government of Alberta is providing its citizens with the opportunity to reform the water allocation system. It is vital to address the growing challenges of water supply and demand and the relevant impacts to people, industry and the environment. The current water allocation system (first-in-time first-in-right) was put into place in the early 20th century and it succeeded in helping to settle Alberta. What this means is that the longer you have held a water lease from the province, the higher your priority to water access and usage. By contrast, the shorter you have held a water lease; the lower your priority to access and use. In time of drought or shortage, your water may be cut off in

order to service the FITFIR lease-holders. That allocation system worked in the 1900's, but it is not the best system for the 21st century. Overall demand for water for petroleum sector uses will more than double by as early as 2015. Research shows the province gives spotty attention to the protection of ecosystem flows in Alberta's rivers. Current Alberta legislation does not recognize or give preference to a human right to water. There is a growing concern that the water rights trading market will increase the use of our water. New strategies are needed to provide a solid foundation for an updated water allocation system. Who receives water, and for what purpose?

Some Lutherans in Alberta do not have to give much thought to water beyond turning on the faucet, the shower and the washing machine. Many Lutherans in Alberta, living and gaining their living from the rural parts of the province, have much more thinking to do about water. Farmers and ranchers routinely have water concerns. Many of them are dependent on groundwater for their own domestic water needs, as well as for their livestock and field irrigation.

At our recent Synod Convention, two resolutions were passed concerning water issues in Alberta. In response to these resolutions, I want to urge congregations and individuals of the Synod to provide input into the public consultation process of determining water allocation in Alberta, so that families, ecosystems and future generations are assured access to clean water.

To that end, I invite individuals and congregations to learn about these issues. I recommend as a good starting point that you visit www.water-matters.org or www.ecojustice.ca where you can access an information paper called "Share the Water: Building a Secure Water Future for Alberta". Then please communicate with your MLA through a personal visit, a letter, and/or an e-mail to express your concern about these important issues which will have an impact on all who live in this province. Caring about water in Alberta is another way to fulfill the prophet Micah's call to do "what the Lord requires of us - to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Your servant in Christ,

+Ronald B. Mayan

Bishop Synod of Alberta and the Territories

The Commemoration of John the Baptist

24 June, 2010

Our Church Family

How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together like brothers and sisters - Psalm 133:1

Our Youth Group will be having an

End Of Summer Event

on

Saturday, Sept. 18, 5-8pm

Place- St. Paul's Ellerslie

Corner of Ellerslie Rd. and 50th Street,
Edmonton



Campfire -
Games - Food
- Music -
Worship



Rating: 14+

Join the youth of Holy Spirit,
St. Paul's, Trinity
and other congregations
in the first gathering of the new season!

Rally Sunday

We hope you have had a restful summer and are ready for things to begin again at Trinity. The Sunday School would like to invite you to a picnic following the 11:00 worship service in the park across the street. Hot dogs will be provided (free will offering) and we are asking everyone to bring a dessert or salad to share. Please also bring a blanket or lawn chairs. There will be a "Jumpy Thing" for the children as well as other games and music. If the weather is bad we will have the picnic inside of Luther Center. Everyone is invited!

Oktoberfest

Remember Oktoberfest last year! We will be having our 2nd annual Oktoberfest this fall. Enjoy German Food, a live Band and dancing. Bring your children and your friends and CELEBRATE!

Oktoberfest will also be a Fund raiser for the Deficit - we will have a silent auction in the atrium and invite everyone to bring new or slightly used items as a donation.

Please watch the bulletin for further information

Trinity and The Fringe

This year Trinity hosted IL DUO as one of the Fringe events. Two men, Ron Lang, Clint Hagel and their pianist Gail Olmstead provided a musical comedy in the style of Smothers Brothers. They were silly and talented and their music was wonderful to listen to. IL DUO had the audience participate while they sang popera, classical, Broadway, folk and jazz. I have never heard such a classical version of Mary Had a Little Lamb before.....

Members of Trinity provided a concession offering fair trade coffee and tea and delicious German cake made by our Trinettes and Empress Bakery. With Trinity's commission from the admission price together with the concession revenues we raised around \$1000. We had over 30 families who assisted with the concession. They had a lot of fun talking to the many who came to see the show (or who came expressly for the German cake) and to show Trinity Hospitality. I can't wait until next year!

Did You Know?

Trinity Lutheran Church was established in the City of Strathcona in 1902.

In 1902 Strathcona had 23 telephones. Apparently the Fire hall and Police station did not have phones.

The 1902 Strathcona town council passed a by-law prohibiting the construction of wood buildings on Whyte Avenue between 103 Street and 104 Street. The by-law was written by the town solicitor A.C. Rutherford.

In 1910; Strathcona council was operating a sizable power plant located right beside the river downstream from today's Waterdale Bridge.

These information tidbits come from a book I received for my birthday this year. I thought I would share with you a couple of little know facts. "Old Strathcona Before the Great Depression" By Tom Monto

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The Wider Community

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people - Psalm 149:4

Mulhurst Lutheran Camp Update

A warm hello to all from Your Place in the Son, **Mulhurst Lutheran Church Camp**. The summer program is now completed, and we want to send a big shout out to all the great youth from Trinity that participated in the summer program this year: Lenea Becker (SIT), Julianne Watson (Healthcare), Katelynn Trainor (Assistant Cook), and Austin Hildebrandt (SIT).

The warm days of summer are slipping away, but isn't it good to know that our camp at Mulhurst is open all year! Here are just some highlights to look forward to in the coming months:

Thursday September 9: Fall day for all seniors. The day begins at 10 am, activities include a bible study with Rev Scott Brown from St Matthew's – Thorsby, fellowship, singing, bocce ball, and a warm lunch. Cost is a freewill offering.

Saturday, September 25: Fall Cleanup day. Join in the cleanup from 10 – 4pm. Many hands make the work lighter. Lunch and coffee breaks are provided.

Confirmation retreats: Oct 22-24 and Nov 5-7. Check with Pastor Markus about dates for Trinity confirmands.

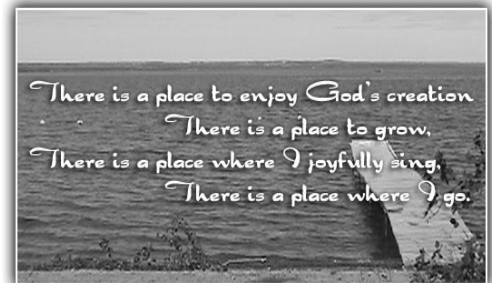
Fall youth retreat: October 29-31. this would be a great weekend to get together with youth that attended the CLAY gathering in London this summer, talk about what is coming up for the next gathering and get your friends and new kids involved.

Women's Retreat: Nov 12-14. Mark this weekend on your calendar and there will be more details on this to come.

Check out all these events and more information on our website www.mulhurstlutherancamp.ca or call the camp at 780 389-2174.

Don't forget that you can call and book your special occasion or family function at the camp.

Trinity's Mulhurst camp representatives are Monica Donadt-Milne, Megan Broomhall and Darlene Schindel. We are always looking for new ideas and people who want to use their passion and gifts in service at Mulhurst.



Looking Ahead

Rally Sunday:

Sunday - September 12 - 11:00 AM

- Choirs sing in church for first time this fall
- Sunday School Registration
- Picnic in the Park (across the street)

Thanksgiving: October 10th

9:30 German and 11:00 English

- In order to decorate our thanksgiving-table, please bring some vegetables, fruits or flowers to church on Saturday 9th at 10:00 a.m. Thank you!
- Bring a bag of groceries for the Food Bank to the service to share the many gifts God has given us with those in need

Partners in Faith Service

our intergenerational worship services:

Sunday 26th of September, 11:00 a.m.: "Hands on"

Sunday 24th of October, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 28th of November, Advent 1, 10:00 a.m.: Combined Service

with German, English - and Kid's choir, Choir of the Antioch Church; Advent Fair; Lunch; Coffee and cake (Kaffee und Kuchen)

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