

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for the Day

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SATURDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE 5:30 p.m. Page 285
SERMON HYMN: 797

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HYMNS: 8:00 a.m. 583; 797; 636; 727; 804 st. 1-3,6
 10:30 a.m. 583; 797; 804 st. 1-3,6

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY: Isaiah 35:4-7a P. 595
 Psalm 146 P. 525
 James 2:1-10, 14-18 P. 1011
 Mark 7:24-37 P. 843

THE PRAYERS

Using our work and gifts in God's service. Alberta Hines. Bill and Jan Firth, 44th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
Mon:		Labor Day Holiday
Tues:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	PTL Planning Meeting - School
	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	Vision Team Meeting - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Women With Mission - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:00 noon</u>	Ladies Aid - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	Service - Church
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Adult Choir Practice - Church
Thur:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	Communion Service - School
Sun:	Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 12/13, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Morning Worship
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	Holy Communion

GROWING IN WORSHIP BULLETINS for children are available at the usher's stand.

LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST on WLUJ, 89.7 every Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>143</u>	<u>131</u> , <u>155</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>439</u>
Adult Bible Classes: <u>53</u>			Sunday School: <u>14</u>	
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$13,035.20</u>

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to God's glory by Bill and Jan Firth in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Today in Sunday School we studied the account "David Becomes King." Just as David reigned over Israel, so the God-man, Jesus, our David, reigns over the kingdom of grace, of which we are citizens. *Consider asking, "How was King David different from King Saul? How does Jesus serve as our King?"*

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	56,704.84	56,704.84
Expenses	<u>93,174.52</u>	<u>93,174.52</u>
Over (Short)	(36,469.68)	(36,469.68)

FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE Fall Event 9/11 Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church ...

The attack on the World Trade Center in 2001 is still fresh in our minds. Rev. Bill Wrede, serving at the time as a chaplain to the deaf, found himself on the scene shortly following the attack. For several months he served as the spiritual support in our stead to the rescue and retrieval crews on scene. Pastor Wrede has a fascinating first hand account of the process and will be with us on September 11 of this year to speak at a dinner at Trinity's Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for this dinner are \$25.00 apiece and support the Foundation for Excellence at Lutheran High School which presents this evening to increase its visibility in the community and encourage more support of its programs. To reserve your tickets, please call Curt Fischer at 546-7373, ext. 120 or Michelle Cox at ext. 113. Seating is limited.

COLLEGE STUDENTS – The Central Illinois District conducts campus ministry at colleges and university within our district. Please encourage your son or daughter to participate in these LCMS missions

MOVING AWAY (school, military training, etc.)? Leave your address behind!

Know that you are a part of our family whatever your address reads. We would like to keep in touch and encourage. Contact any Building Caring Relationships member with your new address or email bcr@trinity-lutheran.com.

ENCOURAGE OUR FAMILY AWAY! If you would like to join us in encouraging those away from their Trinity home and family, please talk to any Building Caring Relationships member or go to bcr@trinity-lutheran.com to let us know. Call Cathy, 487-7846 or Sandy, 793-1072 with questions.

BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

GOD'S GIFTS FOR SERVICE – All of us have many callings in life. We may be spouses, parents, friends, mentors, volunteers. Because of this questions arise: How do I carry out my Christian faith in the work place? Is my work pleasing to God? How do I balance being a Christian with my calling of being a citizen? These and other questions will be discussed according to Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions. Come join us for this timely class for our world of today! Leader: Pastor Radtke

GOD'S GRACE IN ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF THE THESSALONIANS – God's grace will culminate in Christ's second advent, when he will take all believers to be with him in an eternal home above. The return of our Savior is mentioned more times in the New Testament (318) than any other doctrine. This teaching is the major theme of these letters to a church experiencing and facing great persecution. Since Paul's first letter may have raised some questions about this topic at Thessalonica, in his second letter, he explains more fully some of the details about the culmination of God's grace. Although this event should terrify those who reject the gospel, the return of our Lord is a reassuring and joyful hope for believers, no matter what they experience and face in the here and now. As for those Thessalonians who feared they might not be found "blameless" at Jesus' second coming, Paul calms their fears by emphasizing that they are loved by the Lord because God chose them from the beginning of time. That is, their salvation does not depend on their sinlessness, but on God's election. Paul reassures these people (and us all) that they (we) are saved through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit and belief in the truth of God's grace. Leader: Bill Denham

LOOKING AT THE LITURGY: HOW WE WORSHIP – The Christian church has used the liturgy in worship for over 1400 years. Join us as we explore the biblical origins and historic nature of our services. Leader Eric Garvue.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS starts on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the science room, materials are provided. If childcare is needed let Pastor Radtke know so that arrangements may be made.

THE ADULT CHOIR will start rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Rehearsals will run 1 ½ hours. The choir is open to all high school students and adults. Singers of all voice parts are needed. If you are looking for a joyful service opportunity, come join our choir. New members are welcome, if you need further information call Laura Fliege at 753-2308.

COMBINATION CONGREGATION AND VOTERS' MEETING on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There are several resolutions to consider. There will be a power point presentation regarding our Goal setting process. Each member will have an opportunity to give input through Action Plans, developed around our three Major Goals of "Worship, Family Life, and Christian Education", carrying out our mission of Sharing Christ-Meeting Needs. Refreshments will be served by the 8th grade class (fund raiser for their spring trip). **We value your input to this important part of our planning for the next year.**

ANY YOUTH INTERESTED in attending the 2010 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, there will be a mandatory meeting September 13th at 3 p.m. in the Trinity Parish Hall. Parents must accompany their child to the meeting. We need to start getting a head count of those interested in going. Please call Katie Gilman if you have any questions or concerns, 546-6363 ext 157.

This year our school's theme is "There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord" One easy service we can all do is taking care of God's beautiful earth. The Trinity Green Team is again collecting juice pouches, Nabisco cookie wrappers, Frito Lay chip wrappers, zero balance gift cards, rigid plastic caps, glue sticks and bottles, old cell phones, and ink cartridges. New items to our collection program include scotch tape dispensers and empty refill rolls, wine bottle corks, and Aveeno tubes. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact tls.greenteam@gmail.com. These items can be brought to the school for collection. Thanks in advance for your support!

Thanks also to Lutheran High summer camp! With their recycling at summer camp over 1500 pieces of recycling were collected! Way to go campers and staff!

FULL TIME TEACHER NEEDED for the Learning Center. Call 546-4055.

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the Church. This book helps us all to know more about our Church. The who, what, where, when, why, and how of our Church. As last year, the book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and want to find out how to advertise in the book, please call the Church office at 522-8151. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize our Guide Book and Directory advertisers over a non-advertiser. **It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book and Directory.**

WOMEN WITH MISSION will meet Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library (school location). All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. The Bible Study is entitled "Beautiful Feet", taken from the LWML Summer 2009 Quarterly. If there are questions, please contact Cathy Von De Bur (487-7846) or Cindy Ushman (789-6103).

TRINITY LADIES AID will meet Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. The luncheon will be served by the newly elected officers: President Debbie Rodenburg, Vice-President Donna Harshaw, Secretary Joyce Burkhart, Treasurer Dee Boehm, and Assistant Treasurer Paula Boehme. The program will be "**A Quilt Artist Trunk Show**," by Sherie Coppenbarger. Sherie is a regional and national award winner quilt artist from Morton, IL with a passion for exquisite art quality quilts including a blend of tradition and contemporary technique. Truly a fascinating journey of art quilting. Devotions by Mary Olsen. ALL TRINITY LADIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE NEXT YEAR. THE YEARLY DUES ARE \$15.00. If you have any questions regarding the Ladies Aid, please call President Debbie Rodenburg at 787-5796.

THE FALL LWML Springfield Zone Rally will be held on September 17, 2009 at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Berlin, IL. The registration fee of \$10.00 includes lunch. Theme: Psalm 121 – *From Where Does My Help Come*. The ingathering collection is for the Loami Food Pantry: Soups, Chili, Tuna, Jellies, Peanut Butter, Sloppy Joe Mix; Canned Goods (no green beans). Bring to September meeting.

LADIES AID is collecting health kits for Lutheran World Relief. Sending top quality items makes a caring statement to the recipient about the giver. **Please give new items only.** One complete health kit includes the following:

- One **hand towel**, dark color recommended
- One **washcloth**, dark color recommended
- One **bath size bar (4-5 oz.) of soap** in original wrapping
- One **adult-size toothbrush** in original packaging
- One **comb**, wide tooth preferred
- One **metal nail file** or nail clippers with file attached (no cardboard emery boards)
- Six **Band-Aids**, preferably ¾"

NOTE: **Do not** include toothpaste, this will be added at LWR warehouse. Those who wish to assemble a health kit, please put all items for one complete kit in a plastic bag and place in the "LWR" collection boxes located in the church basement and parish hall foyer. Collection dates are Sept. 1st – Oct. 18th. We are accepting completed kits only—please no individual items. Ladies Aid members may bring completed health kits to the Sept. or Oct. meetings. Any questions, please call Melissa Bowers, 546-9156, Kathy Richards, 546-8822, or Sharon Helmann, 793-3749.

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

WE CHALLENGE YOU TO BECOME....ONE OF THE "BIGGEST WEIGHT LOSERS"
!!! JOIN THE WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE!!!

This 12 WEEK program advises proper nutrition, food choices, and encourages exercise. All healthy programs are supported! Each person will receive personalized weekly, one-on-one coaching. The cost is \$39 for 12 weeks (Of which \$10 will be donated to a Children's Charity!), all money will be paid out in cash prizes to the winners. Specific rules will be in place, to keep everyone consistent.

For More Info: email to RenewYourHealthMall@hotmail.com. LaRita Adcock, Wellness Coach, home office (217) 321-1867; cell (270) 210-3762.

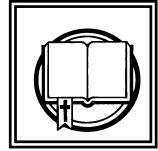
The previous challenge ended with an average weight loss over 19 lbs and 22" per person. Payout was \$640!!! Beginning Sept 9th at the Trinity Lutheran School

LIMITED ROOM!!!!!!!

PREREGISTER FOR THE WLC BY CALLING 217-321-1867 to secure your spot!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30-10:15 a.m.



A Study of Exodus and the Torah – At the center of this study is God’s love for His people despite their sinfulness. Location: Science Room. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

The Epistles for You. Join us as we study, discuss, and learn from the Epistles, beginning with Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Based on the lectionary reading for the upcoming Sunday. Class will meet in the Parish Hall, leader will be Eric Garvue.

High School Bible Class – “What About?” Location: Youth Room. Leader: Katie Gilman
[Child care is available for Adult Bible Classes]

WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES

TUESDAYS:

LADIES MORNING STUDY resumes on September 8 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at the home of Debbie Rodenburg, 400 Tecumseh Trail. For more information call 787-5796..

SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS – Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., class at 10:00 a.m. Studying I Peter. Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Garvue

LADIES AFTERNOON STUDY is on summer recess.

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE AND BREAKFAST is on summer recess and will resume September 2 at 6:30 a.m.

ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER ... We believe that the Lord’s table must be approached with sincere faith and full understanding. We believe that approaching the Lord’s table is a declaration of unity of faith with this congregation. Thus, we ask anyone who has not made that declaration of faith or is not a confirmed member in good standing of a Missouri Synod congregation to please refrain from communing until you can be brought into full doctrinal fellowship with us.

“RENEWED BY THE WORD OF JESUS”

Mark 7:31-37

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

- I. His word speaks to the conditions of our lives.
 - A. He knows who we are.
 - B. He meets our needs.

- II. What Jesus has done for us is a message to be shared.
 - A. His word has great power.
 - B. The message of salvation brings great joy.