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THE LION HAS ROARED— WHO WILL NOT FEAR? THE LORD GOD HAS SPOKEN — WHO CAN BUT PROPHECY? (AMOS 3:8)

The Lion's Roar

Mark 10:13-16

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

"The Point of Sunday School"

When I was a kid, I hated Sunday School. We never went to church or Sunday School much until I was in 4th grade and that is a story unto itself – how God turned my parents' hearts to him. Then in 4th grade, we went to a church that was many miles from our home so I never knew any of the other kids because we didn't go to school together and there was no attempt to help us build relationships with each other at the church. Beyond that, the teachers would yell at us and berate us if we had not memorized the assigned material or if we didn't know the words to the Sunday School pledge. Then, in 6th grade, we moved again and went to a tiny little mission church where there was no Sunday School and no attempt to do anything with the handful of kids that were there. In 9th grade, we moved again and started going to a church on the other side of town where there were no kids with whom I went to school. I hated Sunday School, VBS, Bible Class and youth group. Call it what you like but I was always in a room with a bunch of kids that I didn't know learning about God from a teacher who was just trying to get through the material without anyone getting injured or having an emotional breakdown.

Every Saturday, my mother and I would have a similar dialogue.

Me: What is the point of Sunday School? I hate going!

Mom: You need to learn about God.

Me: I already know about God!

Mom: You need to learn more.

Me: Jesus loves me. I'm saved. What more do I need to know?

By High School, Mom gave up and handed me off to Pastor. Pastor met with me, determined my needs and invited me to teach 3rd grade Sunday School. Then he introduced me to the man in the classroom next door who taught High School Bible Study (which I had thus far managed to argue my way out of). Pastor said Jim would be my "go-to-guy" if I needed anything while teaching. Every Sunday as I was setting up my classroom, Jim would come by and chat. He would talk about the lesson for the day then switch to how the football team at my high school was doing and eventually he learned some things about me. He would ask me about my involvement in Journalism and the Junior Classics League and Junior Achievement. I taught Sunday School all four years of High School, starting with the 3rd graders and finishing with 5th graders always mysteriously next door to Jim (Pastor was a crafty one). Pastor accomplished the point of Sunday School.

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See Sunday School is not about mastering a certain amount of religious material. If that were the point, just give me the material and test me on it after I have had a chance to study. I don't need to make popsicle stick tabernacles to understand that Jesus loves me. Sunday School is about building relationships with each other as Christians. Sunday School is about growing in your relationship to God by immersing yourself in God's Word. By inviting me to teach, Pastor immersed me in the Word more than I ever would have been in class. By setting me up beside Jim (the High School Bible Study teacher), he created a relationship that lasts to this day and Jim even talked me into attending a few High School youth events and I got to know some of the other high school kids.

Therefore, the message is to those who teach; remember that the classroom is just the vehicle for the relationship which is prime. For parents; remember that the point of Sunday School is to build relationships with other Christian adults and other Christian kids thus supporting your child's faith. I think if we understand that Sunday School is a loving, supportive place where we seek to build relationships, very few kids will ever hate Sunday School. But if you still do, come see me and we will find a way to fix it.

In His Service, *Pastor Rogers*

Trinity Christian Nursery School News For October 2011

~About TCNS: TCNS is an early childhood program. Our classes include twos, threes, and fours. The children at TCNS learn about God's love. They have weekly chapel, which provides them opportunities to sing, pray, acolyte, interact with Pastor and Mary, and learn the meanings of the stain glass windows. In class, the children learn skills to give them a head start in preparing them for Kindergarten and life. We provide the children with hands on learning activities to teach them religion, math, reading, and writing.

~Open House Coffee: We will be hosting a coffee hour once our transition is complete. We would like to welcome you in and say thank you! We have passed all our inspections and could not have done it with out the Church's support and belief in us. We would like to say thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and their talents! I am truly grateful for all of you. Thank you for making this dream a reality!

~Open House: Come in on October 26th from 5:30-6:30 and visit our new classrooms. You can see our preschool in our brand new location! You will also get a chance to meet the staff and me.

~We all sing! Our students will be joining the Cherub Choir at the 10:30 service on October 16th. Come and support the families and see all the children sing.

~Service opportunities: This month we will be making our final move up stairs. We are looking for volunteers to spend part of one day to make our final move up. The date will be announced this month. If you would like to help out, please contact Heather Grant at 630-833-1080.

God's Blessing to all! Heather Grant, TCNS Director

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Rev. Robert A. Rogers

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Living For Christ: In light of God's Reformation Blessings

Board for Evangelism Newsletter: October 2011

On October 31st every year the Lutheran Church commemorates the anniversary of the Reformation, which began in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church. The 95 theses were written by Martin Luther and they addressed several problems in the church that he wanted to discuss with the other priests and professors at Wittenberg. Through the Reformation, Luther ended up leaving the Catholic Church and began what became known as the Lutheran Church.

In the Lutheran Church, we also celebrate the freedom to worship and live led by the Word of God, a freedom that we consider as our Reformation blessing. This blessing affords us the opportunity to enjoy the forgiveness of sins, live at peace with God the Father and the promise of eternal salvation. To be sure, the work of Martin Luther and the Reformation is important to the Lutheran Church and we thank God for the blessings of his work.

However, it is not Luther or the Reformation that we worship. It is God! He called us out of the darkness of sin into the wonderful light of salvation through the life, death and resurrection of His only beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus lived a sin free life and when the time was right he exchanged His sinless life for the sins of the world. He took them to the cross where He died to make full satisfaction for their guilt. While He walked on earth, He taught many lessons that have been recorded in the Bible. In one of those lessons He said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32) Jesus makes us free.

What a blessing! It is God's desire that all of us come to the knowledge of this freedom while we live here on earth so that we will spend eternity with Him in heaven. Hold on to Jesus. He sets you free. Please join us in church each Sunday and take advantage of the Bible classes and Sunday School classes that are offered. There can be no better way to learn and understand how Jesus makes each of us free.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 1-Robert Finch 3-Tom Jones, Sr., Traci Maher 4-James Hoeflinger 6-Sue Grant 7-Noah Brockie, Lynn Freese, Megan Janopoulos, Joanne Ruble 9-Dawn Boettger-Mudd, Samantha Devermann 10-Tim Marchewka 11-Hailey Lucas, Bob Rundgren, Alisa Snyder, Julia Suriano 14-Jessica Elliott, Jacob Felz, Joyce Gatz, Stephanie Gilliland, Robin Ohman, Andrea Ritt 15- Diane Lussow, Katie McGrath, Karen Ross 16-Merle Barta, Sara Biladeau, Jeff Kaiser 17-Marna Rundgren, Carol Speers 18-Avery Corral, George Donchenko, LeRoy Reinke 19-Diane Rodenbostel, Noah Scofield 20-Chase Sanderson 21-Harley DeJong, Frank Felz, Ethel Hoffrage 22-Ryan Zeman 23-Deb Barry, Susannah Erber 24-Art Jones, Rachel Korman 25-Brian Guillemette, Laura Guillemette, Jeff Jaras, Jerry Juzwiak, Ashley Klonowski, Robert Siessenbuettel, Sean Tyree 27-Jonathan Ritt 28- Dave Bruschuk, Daniel Musa, John Zientara 29-Bob Devermann, Daniel Knudsen 30-Susan Bukowski, Russell Dyer 31-Michael Meissner

ANNIVERSARIES: 1-John & Wendy Dorn, Shelby & Bruce Kampert 2-David & Katie McGrath, Sandi & Mark Wolski 3-Scott & Evelyn Gunderson, Erica & Jesse Mora, Matthew & Katie Boudro 4-Matthew & Kathryn Weiner 9-Jessica & Frank Segreto 10-Jake & Jessica Koors 11-Gary & Carol Knudson 17-John & Joyce Price 18-Michael & Denise Meissner 22-Tom & Kathy Jones 23-Dale & Robin Ohman 25-Karen & Jeff Magnuson 31-Martin & LaVera Levin

Using Your Hymnal

The new format of Trinity's bulletin provides the pericopes (mostly Bible passages) that are assigned to that particular day. On the back of the bulletin, the titles of hymns, the sermon, and music selections are visible at a glance. The liturgy (order of service), however, is available in the hymnal and therefore not reproduced every week in the bulletin.

To ease the "mechanics" of following the liturgy, here are a few suggestions:

Use your bulletin as a book marker. Find the beginning of the liturgy (in the heading of the bulletin) and place your bulletin on that page. As you work through the service, always leave your bulletin on the page of the liturgy that has just been completed. Then after a hymn, or the sermon, you can easily resume following the liturgy.

Read the rubrics. The red text (rubrics) in the hymnal instructs you how to follow the liturgy. Options are given with the word "OR" or by two columns of text.

Mark two of the hymns. The hymn of the day and the closing hymn can be marked in advance with the ribbons provided with each hymnal. During communion, there is more time to find the hymns, and therefore marking them in advance is not as necessary.

Note the hymn board. In the sanctuary, the hymn numbers are listed on the hymn board to the left of the pulpit. Be aware, however, that extra instructions may be given in the bulletin. For example, the choir may sing one of the stanzas, or a verse might be designated for men or women.

Follow the numbers. Previous hymnals contained two numbering systems, one for the liturgy and another for the hymns. The current hymnal uses one numbering system, beginning with the psalms (1-150), followed by liturgies and other resources (151-330), then hymns (331-966), and finally acknowledgements and indexes (990-1022). The missing numbers (967-989) are extra hymns available only in the organist's edition of the hymnal. When these extra hymns are used in worship, the words must be printed in the bulletin.

See the inside covers. The Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, and Nicene Creed are all given on the inside back cover of the hymnal. On the inside front cover are found prayers that are relevant to different activities in the worship service.

Memorials

In Honor of Jeannette Michael 95th

given by: Donald Carbon, Jr.
Scott & Ashley Eiermann
Lois Golz
Amelia Jaent
Jo Linenmeyer
Jim & Denise Smelter
Doris Swailes

In Honor of Emma Jones Baptism

given by: Dave & Jamie Jones

In Loving Memory of Margaret & Howard Bardwick

given by: Al & Dianne Immenga

In Loving Memory of Elmer & Evelyn Busse

given by: Gordon Busse

In Loving Memory of Bert Denner

given by: Janice Bartnoski
Luella Forrest

In Loving Memory of Dee Jones

given by: Tom Jones
Bill & Sandy Lambert

In Loving Memory of Betsy Kaiser

given by: Jim & Denise Smelter

In Loving Memory of Ruth Nevills

given by: Dorcas Guild
Jim & Denise Smelter

In Loving Memory of Bobbie Taylor

given by: Dorcas Guild

***A VERY SPECIAL THANK
YOU TO...***

John Graham, for moving the piano
ramp to the music room closets.

The Deadline is ...

*The 17th of October for the November
Tri-angles Newsletter. Please send any
information or articles to Jenn
Ellsworth at 134 E. Jackson in Villa
Park, 60181, drop in the Church mail
box marked Newsletter or e-mail me
at jennart64@comcast.net.*

Dorcas Guild

We invite any women of Trinity to enjoy fellowship and service projects at one of our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be Oct 4, 2011 and our guest speaker will be Executive Director, Paul Chedda from Community Housing Advocacy and Development, CHAD. Join us at 7:00 in the Trinity Center.

On Nov 1, 2011, Naper Settlement will present a program, Preserving Your Family Heirlooms. Protecting your family's treasures helps preserve the cultural heritage of our nation. Preventive care will prolong the life of cherished family possessives by slowing down the natural deterioration process. Join us at 7:00 pm in the Trinity Center.

From the Parish Nurse...

"The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." Jeremiah 31:29 NIV

We all want to prevent heart disease. The usual recommendations for prevention of cardiovascular disease are to lose weight if overweight, eat a healthy variety of foods, exercise regularly, and don't smoke. There is one more that may surprise you. Research shows a correlation between gum disease and heart disease because infection can travel from the mouth to the heart muscle. Who would have thought that brushing your teeth and flossing regularly might help prevent heart disease?

Some people are genetically more prone to gum disease, but everyone can be vigilant in keeping their mouths healthy. Healthy gums are pink, firm and elastic. Conditions of the mouth that may be related to heart disease include:

- **Gingivitis:** bacteria builds up around gaps between gums and teeth and causes mild symptoms of redness, swelling and sometimes bleeding.
- **Periodontitis:** advanced gum disease where infection goes deeper. Toxins from bacteria are released that cause pockets to form between teeth and gums. Eventually this can cause damage to the bone that supports teeth. Gums recede from the teeth and bleeding is common.
- **Cavities, abscesses, missing teeth:** mouth problems that can lead to inflammation and possible heart disease.

Some medications can cause dry mouth that can lead to gum disease. Illnesses like diabetes or arthritis can also affect the immune system causing gum problems. These need to be discussed with the doctor and dentist to find a solution.

Prevention is the key. Brush your teeth twice a day and floss at least once a day. Brushing should be in a circular motion. Back and forth brushing can actually cause damage to the gums. Flossing also needs to be done properly to be effective. At your next visit check with the hygienist or dentist to be sure that your technique is correct. Visits for cleaning and checkups should be at least every six months. Anyone with existing gum problems will need more frequent cleanings. Caring for your teeth and gums takes little time when you consider the benefit it may give your heart.

(Source: MedlinePlus, www.nlm.nih.gov)

Debbie Johnson-Long, RN, Parish Nurse

July 2011 Financial Comparison

	2011	2010	Diff.
Income			
Basket	4,934	3,812	+1,122
Unified Envelope	180,867	185,060	-4,193
Special Envelopes	12,892	14,073	-1,181
Debt Retirement	28,968	28,351	+617
Budget Income	227,661	231,296	-3,635
Non-Budget Income	3,178	3,550	-372
Income	230,839	234,846	-4,007
Expenses			
Budgeted Expenses	245,890	251,385	-5,495
Non-budgeted Expenses	1,223	1,033	+190
Total Expenses	247,113	252,418	-5,305
General Operating Fund	-4,456	-18,021	-13,565

Our income is down \$4,007 from last year and about \$9,000 from 2009. Our expenses are down \$5,305 from last year, but up from 2009.

General Operating Fund is in the red \$4,456, although better than last year, but almost \$5,000 worse than last month. We have spent \$465 per week more than we took in.

Should you have any questions on this financial comparison, please contact me, Warren Sheridan, Treasurer.

Adopt-a-Student Financial Report – 2011

Income	3,409
Pending Payment	-430
Sent to St. Louis	-2,979
Fund Balance	\$0.00

New Computer/Phone System Fund (\$29,000 approved by 11/07 Voter's Meeting) (\$2,500 approved by 11/08 Voter's Meeting)

Expenses-Computer	
Dell Marketing L. P.	9,639.04
CDW	9,689.67
Chris Saunders - Software	525.95
M.R. Keith & Associates	6,392.57
Testa Audio Video	405.00
Expenses-Phone	
Phone	4,964.00
Total Expenses	31,616.23
Income	
Donation by Members	1,000.00
Net Amount Spent	29,597.46
Beginning Balance	\$31,500.00
Total Expenses	30,616.23
Fund Balance (2/28/09)	\$883.77



“Celebrating God with Music & Art”

Lessons & Ensembles:

Last year at this time we were just getting started... now we are getting ready for our 2nd year of celebrating God with music and art!!! New lessons, classes, and performances will be posted on our website and registration pack. Registration will be available on the TMC website (www.tmcnow.com). You don't play drums or guitar, but still need affordable music lessons??? Send TMC an email if you would like lessons on an instrument we don't currently offer lessons on and we will find an instructor for you.

How is this all possible?

TMC is the collective effort of the entire Trinity Lutheran Church. Without the great support of the church, volunteers, staff, and participants we would not be able to start a 2nd year. Thank you all for making this possible.

Erik Grant
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October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed	3 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL	4 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 7:00 – Dorcas 8:00 – AA, Darts	5 10:00 – Bible Class 4:00 – Confirmation/TMC 5:00-Chimes 5:30 – Camp Chaos 6:15-ESL 6:30 – Big House	6 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 9:30 - Quilters 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – TOC, Bells, Council 8:00 - Choir	7	8 4:30 – Worship
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16 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed	17 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL 7:00 - Thrivent	18 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 7:00- Lay Ministry Mtg 8:00 – AA, Darts	19 10:00 – Bible Class Seniors 4:00 – Confirmation/TMC 5:00-Chimes 5:30 – Camp Chaos 6:15-ESL 6:30 – Big House	20 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – TOC, Bells 8:00 - Choir	21 High School Retreat	22 4:30 – Worship High School Retreat
23 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed High School Retreat	24 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL	25 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 8:00 – AA, Darts	26 10:00 – Bible Class 4:00 – Confirmation/TMC 5:00-Chimes 5:30 – Camp Chaos 6:15-ESL 6:30 – Big House	27 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 5:30 - TCNS Open House 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – TOC, Bells 8:00 - Choir	28	29 4:30 – Worship
30 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed Reformation	31 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL					