



Tri-angles

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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

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
(Eph 4:1-3)

Things Neal Taught Me

As many of you know, Neal, my older son, turned 18 this summer and I have been reflecting on just how we went from diapers to senior year in high school so quickly. They always say that time flies but I never imagined it would fly so fast. The other thing that no one told me was how God would use my kids to teach me so much along the way. So this month I will share some of the things Neal has taught me.

1. Depending on the circumstances, the people around you are going to think that you are either God-sent or Satan's spawn and everything in between, so make sure that you know who you are. Neal is rarely ruffled by people's opinions of him: good or bad. When he is a superstar, he smiles in humility and shrugs it off. When he is a disaster, he smiles in humility and shrugs it off. God has told us that we are called by Him and there will be good days and bad days along the way and not to get too hung up on any one day. Just live every day in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.
2. Regardless of how quickly anyone wants you to be somewhere or do something, take the time to enjoy the little miracles all around you. Just try to hurry Neal. Go ahead. Try. The Red Army could be marching down Main Street and if there were a Praying Mantis hatching out at the same time Neal would be watching the bug and ignoring the drama in the street.
3. A killer attitude will get you to the top. But who wants to be at the top all by himself? And besides, what's so great about the top anyway? Neal was always the kid who was more concerned about the other kid than he was himself. Strange, but football coaches don't really want the linemen stopping to help people up before sacking the quarterback. The world will push you to succeed at any cost but Neal has defined success as maintaining the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace. A relationship to him is of supreme importance and the woman he marries will experience loyalty like she has never known.

All we really have in life is time. Too often we spend our time trying to push forward and make everything better. Sometimes we even have righteous motives like wanting the church to grow or wanting our kids to succeed. Many times our motives are centered in less righteous goals like possessing something or someone or proving something to someone. Neal would ask if that is the way you really want to spend a commodity as precious as time. There are people to get to know! There are caterpillars hatching out of cocoons! There are a thousand amazing gifts already placed in your life every day! Wouldn't you rather spend your time opening all of God's gifts instead of always pursuing something different?

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So rather than waste our time complaining about and worrying about what is not; or use up our time pursuing that which God has not given us and so may not be ours; why don't we use our time wisely, rejoicing in all that God has already given, and look for ways to glorify him and bring joy to each other with what we already have been given? You may not get to the top of the heap – but Neal would wonder, “Who wants to be on a heap anyway?”

In His Service, 

Music Announcements

Music Kickoff Party for Choir and (NEW!) Bells

Enjoy a delicious potluck meal and try out some Christmas and Easter music! Join us in the Trinity Center on Thursday, September 1, at 7 pm. Bring a dish to pass—drinks will be provided. At 8 pm we'll move to the music room to sing and play music for choir and bells. You don't have to join an ensemble to participate—just come have a fun evening! For more information, telephone Mary Stahlke (708) 771-7842 or (708) 341-5437.

Rehearsals Begin Soon for Choir and Bells

Regular rehearsals for Bells of Praise and Jubilate Choir begin on Thursday, September 9. The bell ensemble meets in the church balcony at 7 pm, and the choir rehearses at 8 pm in the music room. The ability to read music is not required to join either ensemble. This year, the choir will be learning the “Hallelujah Chorus” and performing Song of Shadows on Good Friday. This fall, the handbell group will perform music on “bell trees”, in addition to the more traditional music they usually play. For more information on either ensemble, telephone Mary Stahlke (708) 771-7842 or (708) 341-5437.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LORD'S BANQUET

Board for Evangelism Newsletter: September 2011

A young man who had served in the Navy passed along this story. During his training, he was invited to a formal banquet. He and his buddies arrived at the banquet hall, nervous and unsure, they followed others into the line for menu choice and seating assignments. He heard the other sailors order their meals: "Prime Rib," "Roast Chicken," and "Possum(?)". He thought about it for a minute - he was in Tennessee, the deep south, and all the sailors in front of him with their heavy southern accents seemed to be ordering the Possum (would the Navy do me wrong?). So when his turn came he boldly stepped up and said, "I'll have the possum!" You could have heard a pin drop, it seemed to him as if the whole world had heard his order. He quickly looked down at the menu on the table and saw his mistake. It was Pasta, not Possum! To his untrained ear "Pasta" said with a southern drawl, sounded like "Possum." He entered the banquet hall red faced and embarrassed.

God, our Father, has invited us to a heavenly banquet, but there is a world of difference between earthly banquets such as the one the young sailor attended and God's. Only select people are invited to earthly banquets but God has invited every human being. He desires no one to be excluded. There will be no need to be nervous, unsure or embarrassed at God's banquet, everything will be perfect. The stain of sin has been washed away in the blood of Jesus Christ. He lived a perfect life and died a painful death, suffering for our sins. It is only through faith in Him that we will realize this wonderful invitation.

Jesus reminds us, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Once again we each have been given our seating assignment through faith in Jesus, we have the wonderful opportunity to help others find their way to Jesus, so they too can sit at the eternal banquet in heaven. Have you helped anyone lately? Please start the new school year by coming to church faithfully, get involved in a Bible study and remember to bring your family and a friend. Please take your place at the Lord's banquet table!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 1-Arthur Hoeflinger 2-Michelle Jaent 3-Nancy King, Emiley Kleinfall 6-Arlene Frindt, Becky Magnuson, Tom Saunders, Steven Wolf 7-Jason Lotter, Maria Prangen, Dawn Reinke 8-Laura Bach, Jacob Boettger-Mudd, Megan Ellsworth, Kaitlyn Kunde, Jennie Ludwig, Rose Tessler, Scott Wojtas 9-Juan Lopez 10-Felecia DeJong, Jacqueline Felz, Carol Knudsen, Amanda Wolf 12-Kurt Linstead, Jeannette Michael 14-Joe Galfano, Susan Stolzman 15-Ron Edwards 16- Joyce Price 17-Joanne Kmen, Vivian O'Donnell, Dale Ohman, Matt Thompson 18-Jason Rothenburger 19-Rhonda Klonowski, Jessica Koors, LaVera Levin, Randy McCallister, Jane Seeger, Tammy Swane, Jeffrey Van Ewyk 20-Bob Behenna, Dawn Dapkus, Caroline Marchewka 21-Maddie Blankensop, Nathan Kelly 22-Amanda Brown, John Nordine 24-Zak Devermann, William Furlong, Eric Rundgren, Brian Taylor 25-Kyle Anderson, Donna Donchenko, Jennifer Ellsworth, Anthony Finch, Kevin Stolzman 26-Wendy Bell, George Brockie, Kristen Cervenka, Carol Ritt, Stacy Warpool 27-Karen Baker, Hannah Gawat, Shelby Kampert 28-Robert Alessi, Judy Wardo, Diana Watkins 29-Katie Boudro, Bert Dale, Lynne Johnson, Karol Mullally, Jillian Ohman, Ed Schulz 30-Michael Zeman

ANNIVERSARIES: 4-Dave & Donna Heuser 5-Bob Jr. & Patti Behenna, Kristi & Kenneth Macholl 6-Deb & Tom Banks, Mark & Melinda Finch 7-Tim & Gina Heaney, Nancy & Stephen Rex 16-Craig & Debra Musa 17-Chuck & Sonia Buhman, Marcia & Carm Pansera 18-Cherie & Jim Belknap, Robert & Tracy Siessenbuettel 19-Mike & Lynda Dickmann 21-Josh & Erin Bruschuk 22-Liz & Joe Suriano 24-Denis & Traci Maher, 26-Martin & Roxanne Tyree 30-George & Carrie Brockie, Bob & Diane Devermann

Lutheran Service Book (LSB)

Part VIII: Hymns 925 - 986

The hymns found at the end of *Lutheran Service Book* are unique in the hymnal's repertoire:

Biblical Canticles (LSB 925-941)

According to the glossary in LSB (p. xxiv), a canticle is a "sung liturgical text, usually drawn from the Bible." The canticles in LSB are taken from the Old Testament (925-931), the New Testament (932-938), and the Te Deum (939-941), which is a 4th-century hymn.

Most of the LSB canticles are listed with titles in English and Latin, since they have been known for centuries by their Latin text incipits (first few words). For example, the song of Mary from Luke 1:46-55 (LSB 933-935) is known as the Magnificat, which is the first word of the Latin translation of this Scripture passage.

The New Testament canticles in LSB are written in hymn style, with four-part harmony and multiple stanzas. In these canticles, the text has been altered ("versified") so that each stanza has the same number of syllables. Many of the New Testament canticles are set to familiar hymn tunes (e.g., LSB 936 uses the melody from LSB 503, the Pentecost hymn "O Day Full of Grace"). In contrast, most of the Old Testament canticles employ a musical style often used for the Psalms, with chanting tones and refrains.

Liturgical Music (LSB 942-963)

The liturgical hymns in LSB are given in the order they would appear in the liturgy. For example, settings of the Kyrie (LSB 942-945) precede ones for the Gloria (LSB 946-948), just as the Kyrie ("Lord, have mercy") is sung before the Gloria ("Glory in the highest") in our worship service. The section of LSB with liturgical music ends with settings of the Agnus Dei (LSB 962-963), which is sung toward the end of the service.

Nation and National Songs (LSB 964-966)

This section of LSB contains only three national songs, but the topical index (p. 996) gives two other possibilities that are found elsewhere in the hymnal: "O God of Love, O King of Peace" (LSB 751) and the Navy Hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (LSB 717).

Extra Hymns (LSB 965-986)

The accompaniment edition of LSB, available to the organist, contains twenty hymns and canticles that are not found in the pew edition. Many of these hymns are more popular in style, such as "Thy Word is a Lamp" (LSB 973) and "How Majestic is Your Name" (LSB 978). Others employ melodies less familiar than ones in the pew edition. These twenty extra hymns are electronically available through the computer program Lutheran Service Builder, which aids worship leaders in preparing bulletins. New hymns will be added to Lutheran Service Builder in coming years to expand the repertoire without requiring the publication of an entirely new hymnal.

Memorials

In Loving Memory of Joanne Davison

given by: Bob Behenna

Frank & Marilyn Felz

In Loving Memory of Sophie Glos

given by: Frank & Marilyn Felz

In Loving Memory of Dee Jones

given by: Frank & Marilyn Felz

Stanley Lambert

Anne Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Mehan

Robert & Shirley Wilson

Bob & Judy Wardo

Judy & Warren Sheridan

Jim & Denise Smelter

Tom Jones

In Loving Memory of Pam Russo

given by: Pastor Rogers & Danya

In Loving Memory of Joseph Signa

given by: Joan Signa

In Loving Memory of Bob Taylor

given by: Jim Van Ewyk

In Honor of Jacob Bruschuk

given by: Dave & Judy Bruschuk

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

All soloists who have enhanced Trinity's worship this summer.

Erik Grant, for producing such engaging concerts in the Trinity Center and the gazebo.

The Deadline is ...

The 19th of September for the October 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.

COME ONE, COME ALL!!!! DORCAS GUILD'S ANNUAL SALAD/SUPPER

We have lots of terrific plans for helping Trinity and many charities throughout the community this coming year! We would love to have you be a part of this very fulfilling work.

We invite any women of Trinity to enjoy fellowship and service projects at one of our monthly meetings. Our first meeting of the new season will be on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH @ 6:30PM, BRING AN APPETIZER OR SALAD TO SHARE! DRINKS & DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR HOSTESSES*. All other monthly meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. For more information contact Suzanne Gagliano at 630/678-0457.

Sunday School starts September 11th

Children will start in Sanctuary at 9:15 on the first day to meet teachers and be taken to the classrooms. Kid can be picked up in the Trinity Center at 10:15.

Multi-Church Men's Club

Hope, Messiah, Immanuel, Trinity,

We're beginning another season of Men's Club meetings. We generally meet the third Monday of each month from September through June. The exception is December when we have a joint Ladies Guild Christmas dinner the 2nd Monday.

Our gatherings are always at Redeemer Center, 345 S Kenilworth Ave., Elmhurst. For your reservation call Dick Hass at 630-832-8379 or email Bill Everson, eversonw@ieee.org before September 14.



Men's Club – Monday, September 19, 6:30pm

Our Kick Off meeting this year will feature our own Emmy Woock sharing her experiences of touring and playing organs in many German churches.

“Celebrating God with Music & Art”



TMC Benefit concerts for the Walk-in Ministry

The TMC Benefit concert series for the Walk-in Ministry has come to an end and was a big success. TMC would like to say special thanks to Hearts are Wild, Randy McCallister, and Dave's Not Here band for donating their performance. TMC would also like to thank all the people who came out to enjoy a night of great music, all the “passerbyers” who stopped on the prairie path for a song or two, to the 17 churches and local organizations who work along with the Walk-in Ministry who promoted these concerts and to all the local stores, restaurants, and other businesses who let us hang fliers at their place for these concerts. Thank you all for the great community support.

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.

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July 2011 Financial Comparison

Income	2011	2010	Diff.
Basket	4,513	3,350	+1,163
Unified Envelope	161,104	156,964	+4,140
Special Envelopes	12,740	14,038	-1,298
Debt Retirement	25,998	23,937	+2,041
Budget Income	204,355	198,309	+6,046
Non-Budget Income	2,981	3,360	-379
Income	207,336	201,669	+5,667
<u>Expenses</u>			
Budgeted Expenses	217,439	222,861	-5,422
Non-budgeted Expenses	1,108	918	+190
Total Expenses	218,547	223,779	-5,232
General Operating Fund	607	-22,110	

Our income is up \$5,667 from last year but only because we have an extra weekend this year vs. last year. We continue to be down \$10,000 from 2009. Our expenses are down \$5,232 from last year.

General Operating Fund is in the black \$607. An improvement of \$21,503 from last year. We have spent \$361 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	2,979
Pending Payment	-456
Sent to St. Louis	-2,523
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)

<u>Expenses-Computer</u>	
Dell Marketing L. P.	8,790.27
CDW	9,689.67
Chris Saunders - Software	355.95
M.R. Keith & Associates	6,392.57
Testa Audio Video	405.00
<u>Expenses-Phone</u>	
Phone	4,964.00
Total Expenses	30,597.46
<u>Income</u>	
Donation by Members	1,000.00
Net Amount Spent	29,597.46
Beginning Balance	\$31,500.00
Total Expenses	29,597.46
Fund Balance (2/28/09)	\$1,902.54

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Music Kick Off Party - Trinity Center 7 - Council Meeting	2	3 4:30 – Worship
4 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed	5 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 - ESL	6 First Day of Preschool 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 6:30- Dorcas 8:00 – AA, Darts	7 10:00 – Bible Class 4-9:00 TCM Music 6:15- ESL 6:30 – Big House	8 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Bells 8:00 - Choir	9	10 4:30 – Worship 6:00 – English Dist 100 th Anniversary Dinner – Founders Hall
11 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed	12 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL	13 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 8:00 – AA, Darts	14 10:00 – Bible Class 4-9:00 TCM Music 6:15- ESL 6:30 – Big House 7:00- Confirmation Parent Meeting	15 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Bells 8:00 - Choir	16	17 4:30 – Worship
18 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed	19 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL	20 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 7:00-Lay Ministry Mtg 8:00 – AA, Darts	21 10:00 – Bible Class 4-9:00 TCM Music 6:15- ESL 6:30 – Big House	22 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Bells 8:00 - Choir	23	24 Youth Pledge Car Wash 4:30 – Worship
25 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Christian Ed	26 1:00 – Al-Anon 6:00 – Boxing 6:15 – ESL	27 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 – Boxing 8:00 – AA, Darts	28 10:00 – Bible Class 4-9:00 TCM Music 4:00 - Confirmation 6:15- ESL 5:30 Camp Chaos 6:00 - Dinner 6:30 – Big House	29 4:00 – 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 – Boxing, TOPS 7:00 – Bells 8:00 - Choir	30	