

TRINITY TIDINGS

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

CHANGES

There is a series of old jokes that go "How many - lawyers or blondes or marines or what have you - does it take to change a light bulb?" I am sure you have all heard some of those jokes and groaned at the punch lines. One of those jokes goes "How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?" Answer: "CHANGE????!!!" We are in a season of changes - from winter to spring to summer. We like these changes. The Church Year is changing also - soon we will go from the post-Easter season to the season of Pentecost.

There are lots of other changes that are and have occurred recently: Our President campaigned on a platform of change; the economy has changed drastically; kids are changing from school days to vacation days; some from Trinity to a high school in the fall; we have been experimenting with worship service time changes; as we age our bodies experience changes (and the older we get the less we like some of those changes).

It has been said that nobody likes change except for a baby with messy diapers. We do like things to stay the way they are - comfortable and familiar. One of my

favorite old hymns "Abide With Me" has these words in its 3rd verse: "Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me." In the Old Testament God declares, "I the Lord do not change." Mal. 3:6. In the New Testament James writes, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly light, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17. It is comforting to know that we have a God who is immutable. Whose love for us is constant even when we falter in our consistency of faith.

Almost a year ago there was a big change here at Trinity. A beloved, long term pastor retired and you got two new guys to try to take his place. Now another change is on the horizon - on June 21st you will vote to extend a call to some one to be your next pastor. God alone knows who that will be and if he will accept your call to him to come over to Trinity to serve as your pastor. Whoever you are led to call will be challenged to make a great change in his life and the life of his family. May our unchanging God guide you and him in the changes that lie ahead.

Pastor Parshall

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE
8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 12:00 NOON
5:00 P.M., Spanish Worship Service

- 7 - Holy Trinity Sunday
- 14 - The Church Growing Season
- 21 - Call Sunday – One Service at 10:30
- 28 - Jesus shows Compassion by casting out a demon.
LWML Convention Sunday

~ **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE May** ~

5/3	8:00 – 42	10:30 – 81	12:00 - 10	5:00 - 40
5/10	8:00 – 42	10:30 – 94	12:00 - 18	5:00 -72
5/17	(One Service)	10:30 – 102 (Consecrated Stewards)		5:00 – 42
5/24	8:00 – 42	10:30 – 66	12:00 -	5:00 - 42

OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer Out

Jon Cleveland, Rochelle and Ebony to Trinity Lutheran Church and Child Care Center, Gardnerville, NV
 Jon’s new address is: 1131 Country Club Dr., Minden, NV 89423

Where are we in the Call Process?

The Trinity Pastoral Call Committee met and prayerfully considered all 16 names submitted to us by Trinity Congregation and the Northwest District. After reviewing the information received about the nominated Pastors, the Call Committee decided to select 8 Pastors for phone interviews. These Pastors then received information packets about Trinity Church and School to review before the phone interviews.

Darren Anderson	Trinity	Portland, OR
Tim Cartwright	Grace	Ashland, OR (He has since withdrawn his name)
Shawn Hazel	Trinity	Wahiawa, HI
John Herfurth	Trinity	Indianapolis, IN
Glenn Lucas	Concordia	Irvine, CA (He has since withdrawn his name)
Jeff Meyer	Christ Memorial	Madison, WI
Anthony Schultz	Prince of Peace	Battle Ground, WA
William Shimkus	Our Redeemer	Honolulu, HI

Please continue to pray for our Call Committee as we proceed with the phone interviews as well as to pray for our Congregation and School as we all seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and anticipate the arrival of a new Pastor and Shepherd to lead us.

In His Name, Judy Lorenz, for the Call Committee

Auction Recap: Thank you, thank you... to all Trinity members who helped to make the 2009 Dinner and Auction such a happy success! We’ve raised nearly \$32,000 so far (watch this space for updates) including special pledges for a document camera and projector for every Gr. 1-8 classroom. Many volunteers made the event look special and run smoothly; we were blessed with graduate Donilee McGinnis (Miss Oregon 2006) as emcee and the very talented and humorous Jill Marie Wiles as our Auctioneer. It was wonderful to see so many of you bring friends and family to share in the fun and support the excellent work of our school and our teachers. I can’t wait for next year! **-Ruth R.**

♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥

- ♥ Many thanks to Arlyce Riedl for tending the Scripture Garden during the month of April. Thanks also to our Girl Scout troop 1895 who took care of the garden in May. Great job!
- ♥ Thanks to Gene and Joyce Twiss, and extended family, for assembling the butterflies, putting them up and taking them down.
- ♥ Thanks to Ken and Georgina (Sharadin) Sievers for retrieving mattresses, bedding and additional items from Concordia dormitories. All items were happily received by Latino people attending Trinity's Spanish service.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please join us for VBS 2009 as we go on a **Friendship Trek!** The Trek is happening August 10-14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon for children ages 3 years through completed 5th grade! Please sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Room. I am looking for adults and youth in 6-12th grade. If you feel that you will not be able to participate, please help by donating funds for snacks and other costs. Please watch the bulletin for other ways you can help make this a successful event. Registration forms are available on the counter next to the mail boxes. Please return all forms to box #40. Please contact Brenda Eads at 503-285-6448 or email eadses96@yahoo.com with any questions or comments.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

My friends and interested parties. We had a great lock-in on May 16-17, there were many youth and all had fun! Not too much sleep, but plenty of fun. I have broken down the attendance so you can see where the youth came from, it is interesting.

TYM (Trinity Youth Ministry) Church members	10
JYM (Junior Youth Ministry) Church Members	12
School JYM (these go to another church or are unchurched)	17
Former Trinity School Youth	2
Guests	3

For a Grand Total of 44 to come for part or all of the event!!

Wayne Trosino, BPEM Chair

NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION EVENT

It's time to celebrate! Mark your calendar! This year's Neighborhood Celebration Event is August 15th, 4 – 7pm. This is our chance, like last year, to show our concern for our neighbors. We have the opportunity to serve the diverse culture of northeast Portland. You can be a part of welcoming 2000 guests to Trinity by providing free food, games, school supplies, crafts and a fun event. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated. Please call the church office with any question.

DORCAS - LWML NEWS

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall before and after services, for the LWML Convention, held in Portland for the first time since 1953! Fabulous speakers, singing, worship, and humor—you don't want to miss it! (and so many of your friends will be there!) June 25-28. Call Ruth at 503-750-7071 for questions, info, and assistance.

How do I say "Good Bye"?

I've delayed writing this as long as I possibly can - that's one more reason why the June issue of Tidings may reach you a bit late! The memories of the past 26 years working with all of you - church and school families alike, have been flooding my emotions like crazy!

In one of my Christmas letters one year when I was telling about my "job" and a typo happened - I told about my JOY but after seeing that I had typed JOY instead of JOB, I decided to leave it because truly, my work here at Trinity has been my JOY and I thank God for the blessings of knowing you and working with you these years.

I have been so happy to work with the people of Trinity - to support your ministry of Christian education and have on many occasions told this story to others much like Don Sharadin had told it to me. Those forward looking men when they decided to be a Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod and in sentence two - said we will have a Christian day school! WOW! For all these years that has been the mission of Trinity Lutheran Church and School and I am so blessed to have been a part of it!

I was "trained" by working the first year or more with Eleanor Schaefer. What a wonderful Christian model she was for me and those who knew her! The school principals I've worked with -- Paul Bethke, Dick Weniger, Dolores Sharadin and Jim Riedl have all been great! The pastors - Pastor Gross, Pastor Ruthenbeck and Pastor Hoelter, and now more recently Pastor Darren and Pastor Parshall, have also been a JOY. But my REAL JOY has been the children! Oh, how delightful to see those smiling happy faces on the first day of school but then to see the faces on the last day of school!!

One of my unwritten jobs (JOYS!) has been to welcome future school children - by holding and loving a baby when a parent comes in! Then to give stickers to that child when he gets bigger (I bribe the little kids --- "I'll give you stickers, you have to give me a hug!") Oh, don't get me started - I just might cry!

So, what will the next chapter be in my life? God knows - I do not, but I'm confident that He will help me find plenty of volunteer work and other ways that I can serve him. I'm looking forward to sleeping in until 6:00 instead of 5:00 a.m. Then going to work out for a longer time than just 30 minutes, then eat a leisurely breakfast, read the paper, drink my coffee then start my day! What ever I do I'll be happy and looking for ways to continue my service to the Lord.

Thank you, my dear friends. My JOY will be continuing - just in another place, but you will ALL have a special place in my heart!

God's peace to you all!
Gladys

Happy Birthday

June Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday, please call the office so we can get it right!

Ruth Stephens	2	Vicki Brandt	12	Mary Hartley	25
Mason Brandt	3	Dwaine Brandt	15	Chris Curry	26
Jessica Mannion	3	Leslie Schumacher	15	Larry Gross	26
Jessica Brainard	5	Isabella Matthews	17	Sara Hearing	26
Kristine Hartley	5	David Krueger	18	Suzanne Frank	27
Charles Kunert	5	Katie Lorenz	18	Tristan Grunow	27
Jouline Trotic	5	Colleen Ishiyama	21	Deanna Hall	27
Anna EkJuarez	7	Isabell Standley	21	Richard Kuhnau	27
Barbie Argelia Pat Ma	6	Jennifer Warneke	22	Marilyn Miles	27
Rory Fryer	10	John Gilson	23	Keith Nyman	27
Kim Matkevich	10	Audrey Hearing	23	John Biddlecome	29
Jasmine Wagner	10	Suzette Dooley	25	Aimee Diaz	30
Christopher Warneke	11	Christopher Ebeling	25		

Trinity School Birthdays (*Staff Birthdays in Italics*)

Mason Brandt	3	Chavelle Boyd	9	Talia Sampson	23
Roylonte Bunn	5	Janae Boyd	9	J2 Howard	25
Marlyse Turner	5	Uwem Etuk	9	Sara Hearing	26
Anna EkJuarez	7	Jasmine Wagner	10	Shawn Johnson	28
Joshua Adesida	8	Maria Canche-Chavez	18	Aimee Diaz	30

Trinity Lutheran School News “THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH”

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE DAY CARE PROCESS

The initial application for obtaining a day care license was put in the mail! This is a bold and exciting step for Trinity Lutheran Church & School. Please pray for the process and the work that will be involved in getting this piece of early childhood ministry going at Trinity!

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SPELLING CONTEST

Yesterday Gib Brown in grade 5 and Analese Steverson-Pugh from grade 7 represented Trinity in the Multnomah County Spelling Contest. Both of them did a fine job of showing those present what great students Trinity has. Analese finished fourth in the competition! Thanks, Gib and Analese, for a job well done!

A SPECIAL LETTER TO OUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

May 20, 2009

I want to thank you, Celebration Choir, for your participation in the service on Sun., May 17 at Grace Lutheran in Vancouver, but most of all to thank you for the witness you were of your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Every question was answered from the heart and you KNOW who is your Savior and what He has done for you!

As one of your teachers, I get to see everyday, your smiling faces, and your interaction with other children and teachers, but I have never felt as proud of you as I did on Sunday. I do not get to be in a religion class with you every day as your other teachers are, so I do not get to hear the kind of answers you gave on Sunday. I was sooooo proud of you and you really touched my heart. I just want to thank you for that.

Parents of these wonderful children, thank you for sharing the special gift that God gave you with us at Trinity. You are definitely doing something right at home! And thank you for taking the time to let them share their wonderful voices with others at a church different from your home congregation. What a message they had for the members of Grace Lutheran Church! God knows each of us by name and everything God does is truly a miracle. We are part of His miracle! I feel like each child there on Sunday was one little voice from God telling others what Jesus has done for us! God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to live among us, to die on the cross for our sins, and to rise again to prepare a place for us in Heaven. Your children voiced it loud and clear!

Thank you for the privilege of being one of their teachers.
Sincerely, Karin Grunow

Auction!

What a great auction we had last month. The location, atmosphere, food, and fun were perfect. Much money was raised. Most importantly, the stars that were out that night were all the people in attendance and their wonderful support of the school. Preliminary numbers show that we grossed over \$32,000 which included the successful special appeal to put document cameras and projectors in each classroom. Much thanks to all who put hours of time and effort into our auction. Special thanks to our co-directors Lynette Lazenby and Ruth Register.

Teacher Wish Lists

Thank you to everyone that participated in the "Catch a Falling Star - Grant a Teacher's Wish" program at the auction. If you were not able to attend the auction, or just never made it over to the Teacher Wish List table there is still time to make a donation so that we can grant the wishes of our teachers. Below is a list of the items that the teachers plan to purchase with the money that is raised through this program:

Preschool - Playground Equipment
Pre-Kindergarten - Playground Equipment
Kindergarten - Math Enrichment Supplies
1st Grade - Reading Enrichment Supplies
2nd/3rd Grade - Dictionaries & Reference Books

4th/5th Grade - Books and Reference Materials
6th/7th Grade - Science Equipment
7th/8th Grade - Novels, Thesauruses & Dictionaries
Band - Bass Drum & Snare Drum

Recognition of Mrs. Green's Years of Service

All school families are invited to come to the celebration for Gladys Green as she retires after 26 years of service to Trinity Lutheran Church and School. She will be recognized at the 10:30 am. service on June 14th. The service will be followed by a reception in the gym to allow people to express their personal appreciation for her service. A card basket will also be available for written thoughts and expressions. Please consider attending that service and giving her a very special retirement departure.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, PORTLAND, OREGON THIRD QUARTER 2008-2009 HONOR ROLL

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL * 4.00 GPA ROYAL BLUE HONOR ROLL - 3.50 to 3.99 GPA

Grade 5

Maya Belnavis
Gib Brown
Maggie Curry
Mason Downs
Mylan Garnett
Christopher Oden-Orr
Taylor Sells
Regina Warila

Grade 6

Naod Aynalem *
Khara Boyd
Azaria Coakley
Katie Darke *
Rachel Gray
Ian Lortz *
Matthew Martin
Isabella Matthews
DaNaya Mayes-
Barnes *
Amanda Smith
Tiana Steverson-Pugh

Grade 7

Israel David
Aimee Diaz
Jillian Sheek
Analese Steverson-
Pugh *
Jasmine Wagner
Emmalee Weaver
Bailey Whitehurst
Valerie Wille

Grade 8

Kassi Carter-Howard
Denisse Cruz-
Rodriguez
Tabria Etuk
Jamarieé Johnson-
Brannon
Olivia Martin
Emily Trosino *

ROYAL WHITE HONOR ROLL – 3.25 to 3.49

Rose Burton
Yajaira Gongora

LaNaya Smith

Elizabeth Evans
Tobias Kelly
Sam Niedner

Skylar Doktor

HONORABLE MENTION 3.00 to 3.24

Olivia Carter-Howard
Isaiah Frison
Izryl Johnson

Chris EkJuarez
Madeline King-Nelson
Neil Persen

Vincent Battilega
Joe Brinton
Maria Canche-Chavaez
Justice Gbada
Dajvona Johnson

Michael Lazenby
Natasha Smith

AND FROM OUR ALUMNI

Andre Martin (TLS '08), a freshman at Portland Lutheran is part of their 4X100 relay which took first in districts qualifying them to go to State. He also qualified by time in the 100 meter and 200 meter to go to State. **Lindsay LeBrun (TLS '08)** also a freshman at Portland Lutheran, took first in

the 100 meter and first in the 200 meter at districts, qualifying her to run at State.

Lindsay's big sister, **Amy LeBrun (TLS '04)**, is one of the runners on the 4X100 relay team at Pacific Lutheran University. They took first at their Conference Meet and their time qualifies them to run at Nationals Marietta, Ohio. Amy's a senior.