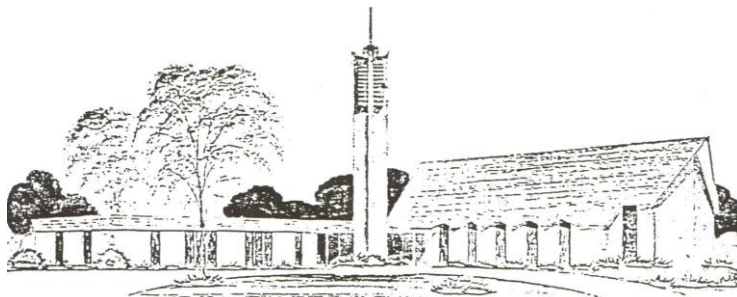




June 2007



Impressions

May and memories go together. All of us have a few bad memories. It's always possible to dwell on the bad, and if we do, it poisons our lives. We worship God in order to create memories that lift us up. This is how Paul puts it in the New Testament:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your good sense be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,

whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever

is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

(Philippians 4:4-8)

In May we commended our high school graduates, honored mothers and daughters with a banquet, rejoiced in the baptism of upside-down Morgan Flasch, delighted in our 8th grade confirmands. Contrary to popular belief, we have not seen the last of them.

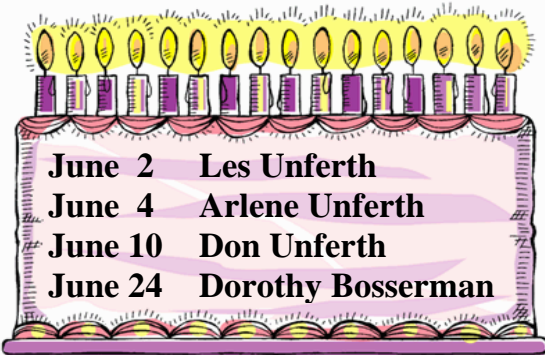
I look forward to seeing you in worship this summer. If you are going away for the weekend, join us on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. for a 45 minute service. You'll be glad you did.

May God bless you in every way.

~ Pastor John Hobbins

TRINITY NEWS

80+ BIRTHDAY CLUB Happy Birthday to the following who celebrate June birthdays:



50TH + WEDDING



ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to John & Elaine Muentner as they celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 11th, Marlin & Lois Towne as they celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 18th, and Ray & Ardis Wellso who celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on June 30th.



Prayer concerns beginning the month of June:

Jean Lindgren, Ray Wellso, Rob & Shelly Schaefer and Corbin, Darlene Westphal, Ryan Schwartz, Julie Bialk, Howard Hayes, Bradley Beck, Charles Huebner (son of Elna Look), Miriam and Cathy Lewis (relatives of Jeanne Hinz), Madelyne Rens, Tony Sabel, Tom Morgan, Mabel Ziegler, Kristina Stuart (sister-in-law of Pastor John), Jennifer

Baudry (friend of Will & Diana Jewson),
Loa Bosserman (Dorothy Bosserman's

daughter-in-law), Ned Thompson (relative of Gene & Marge Junger), Jodi Meisenheimer, Chris (Buerger) Sitter, and our members and friends in nursing homes.

Big Thank You!

We would like to thank our church family for all the cards, gifts and well wishes at our 50th anniversary party. It is all of you that made the day such a wonderful memory for us. May God Bless You All.

~ Francis & Annette Michels

Thank You! I returned home from Froedtert Hospital on April 24th after 30 days. This included four surgeries, three blood transfusions, nine visits to the hyperbaric chamber, and countless intravenous. I need to thank the members who prayed for me, sent get well cards, and whoever donated blood. You have blessed me with your concern.

Sincerely,
Eunice Guell

Trinity Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, gifts and phone calls as I went through total hip surgery. I am back to work at Menards, which is great, and I am good for many miles of pain-free walking. Thanks again and May God Bless All of You.

~ Jane Klein

Thanks So Much! It was a beautiful sight to see our twelve 8th grade confirmands sitting at the "guest of honor table" (like the disciples) during the Potluck supper we had in their honor on May 4th. A fun time was

had by all the kids, parents, siblings, mentors and friends - it was a wonderful and memorable time. A very special thank you goes out to the following people who helped make the **8th Grade Confirmation Potluck and Lock-In** such a success:

- 1) Jeff Stuebs and Roger Kittelson – my overnight partners, chaperones, cleaners, and grocery shoppers
- 2) Bob and Janet Hesprich – for the fry pans Friday night and for coming back to help with breakfast
- 3) Diana Jewson – for chaperoning and helping decorate, etc.
- 4) Steve Luedtke – for chaperoning and clean-up
- 5) Vicki Renderman – for helping get the potluck set up and room ready
- 6) Penny Beck – for chaperoning at night
- 7) Julie Waas – for helping with breakfast
- 8) Patti Cobb – for helping make pancakes and getting breakfast ready
- 9) Paula Green – for helping with breakfast (you are the best pancake mixer!)
- 10) Pastor John – for all of your grocery runs, blessings, and midnight visit
- 11) All the 8th Graders – for decorating the Fellowship Hall so beautifully for the potluck

We did it as a team and I truly thank you!!!

~ Darlene Westphal

Thanks to everyone for your wonderful donations and to all the great guys who helped in the kitchen for the

Mother/Daughter Banquet:

Marlin Towne
Lee Oestreich
Henry and Jan Guell
Giovanni Hobbins
Doug Kindschuh
Joel and Chad Menzer
John Muentner, Sr.
Steve and Chris Luedtke

Thanks also goes out to Marlin for setting up and taking down the tables, to Karyn for the beautiful prayer and poem, the Trinity Jazz Band and Jason and Priscilla Ehlert, Pastor John for all his help, Debbie in the office, Marty Walker, Rev. Susan Bresser, Eva Bresser, and to all the gals who helped with the banquet:

Tammy Steers
Debbie Bintzler and her mom
Judy Schraufnagel
Cheryl Meyer for her desserts

And lastly, a special thanks to all of the corporate and personal donors:

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Country Hearth Inn & Suites
Shelly Schaefer
Hometown Towing & Service
Judy Schraufnagel
Eunice Guell
Jackie Scharfenberg
Rob's Riverwood Salon & Spa
Dan's Village Bowl

and to everyone who attended!

~ Betty Menzer



WE ARE
ENTERING
THE

MONTH OF JUNE WITH A
\$9,000.00 SHORTFALL IN OUR
2007 BUDGET. TO CARRY ON
THE WORK OF THIS CHURCH
WE NEED EVERYONE'S
FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

FINANCE CHAIRMAN
LARRY SCHRAUFNAGEL



*Thursday Night Worship
Service*

We are thrilled to announce the return of the midweek service beginning Thursday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor John will be leading each service designed to minister to those who either are unable to come to Sunday services due to work schedules, vacation plans or are in need or want of another opportunity to fellowship and worship together. The first Thursday of the month will also be an opportunity to share in the Communion sacrament.

We invite anyone who wishes to help in the planning of this service to call Karyn Michels at (920) 979-3956 or the church office at (920) 269-4411. Your musical talents and ideas are greatly appreciated. Your participation helps ensure the success of this service and helps our congregation grow. Don't be shy!

Vacation Bible School Needs You!

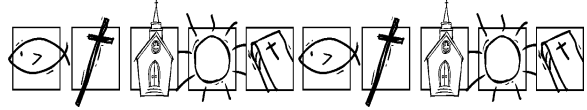
As we "Lift Off" for this year's Vacation Bible School, we are looking for a few wonderful volunteers willing to make this year's program great. Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 25-29 from 12:15 to 4:30 p.m. We need adults and older youth to help in the following areas:

- Lunch/Snack Prep
- Worship
- Crafts
- Games
- Storytime
- Music
- Assembly Time
- Prop Making
- Set Up/Clean Up



If you are interested in lending a hand,

please contact Jackie Scharfenberg at (920) 269-7399.



Educators Needed for 2007/2008

There will be a turnover in staff in the Sunday School for the coming year. Because of this, we will need people willing to step forward to teach for several Sunday School classes. We are looking for teachers for K4/K5, 3rd/4th grades, and 5th/6th grades. A curriculum is provided and any support you may need.

Interested people should contact Jackie Scharfenberg at (920) 269-7399 or Pastor John.



Mark your calendars! We're going to **Camp Lake Lucerne** for worship and fellowship on **Sunday, July 22nd**. Trinity will hold its regular 8:00 a.m. worship service here, but instead of the usual 9:30 a.m. worship service, the congregation is invited to **worship at 10:30 a.m. at Camp Lucerne** with an opportunity to fellowship on the picnic grounds afterwards. Reservations can also be made to eat in the cafeteria there if you wish ~ adults' meals are \$6.50 and children under 12 pay \$3.50. Please contact Karyn Michels to make reservations for cafeteria meals at 979-3956 before July 8th.



*Stewardship
Team About to
Form*

Trinity church is a gift exchange that keeps on giving, touching the lives of many in ways beyond count. The dynamic of the Holy Spirit creates a multiplier effect in our midst, such that one good thing leads to another.

Many of us have only a hazy idea about how financial giving greases the wheels of the programs and ministries we share. The Stewardship Team will aim to understand the impact your financial giving has in the Trinity scheme of things, and report back to you about that. An informed giver is a happy giver. If you would like to serve on the Stewardship team, let Pastor John or Karyn Michels know.

***Welcoming Our Newest Members ~
Our 2007 Confirmation Class***



*Front row, left to right: Ashley Uibel, Sydney Kittelson, Kelsey Cobb, Jonathon Luedtke, Joseph Luedtke, Jimmy Jewson, and Zachery Stuebs
Back row, left to right: Pastor John Hobbins, Kevin Gudex, Colton Renderman, Alex Green, Taylor Waas, Zachary Schmid, and Darlene Westphal*

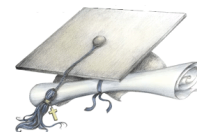


With Summer Right Around the Corner, the Red Cross Urges Donors to Help Build the Blood Supply

While summer officially starts on June 21st, the American Red Cross needs donors NOW to help build the blood supply to adequate levels. The month of May marks the beginning of family vacations, with many regular donors traveling and unable to give blood. The Red Cross asks all healthy, eligible blood donors to show their American spirit this June by giving those in need another chance at life!

Your next opportunity to help save a life is at the Lomira Blood Drive on Monday, June 11th from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. For an appointment, call the Red Cross at 1-800 GIVE LIFE (448-3543). Walk-ins welcome too!

Start a new tradition this summer and give the gift of life. One donation could save up to three lives. The hour it takes to give could mean a lifetime to somebody else. Please give blood!



Congratulations Graduates!

*Trinity's 2007
Lomira High School Graduates*

*Dell Beck
Jacob Dahlinger
Courtney Duley
Mitch Emmer
Kristen Jochmensen
Michael Luedtke*



*Kelly Michels
Trinity
Handbell
News*

Well I wish I could say that our jaunt over to Onalaska was uneventful but with this group that would be hard to do. One thing to know about Onalaska is that there are only two roads that go completely through the town. All others end somewhere.

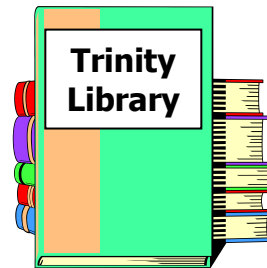
We started off with a BBQ at Pastor Scott's. After some catching up with Scott and the kids, who are doing well, we headed over to the church to set up and practice. When we finished we asked for directions back to the hotel. This should have been pretty easy to do but the signage there leaves something to be desired. We could see the hotel but somehow we ended up on the highway to Minnesota! After many attempts we finally found an exit to turn around and were able to get back to our hotel. Our performances on Sunday were well received and we all made it home. We traveled across the pond to London and never got lost but little Onalaska did us in. Ah, the joys of traveling!

This has been a busy year. Here is a recap of what was all done: in September we released our UK Handbell Tour CD; in October we held our 4th Annual Handbell Workshop; in December we performed for the Soroptimist's' Christmas party, played at the Mall, and the Quartet performed for a funeral for a Sister at the Campbellsport Convent; in February we participated in the

Handbell Festival; and in April we finished off with our trip to Onalaska. Quite a full year!

I hope to see everyone in the Fall. Have a wonderful summer.

Diana Jewson
Trinity Bells Director



*What's New in the
Church Library?*

~ Lorraine Zastrow

Book Title: Fifty-two Simple Ways to
Make A Difference

Author: Paul Simon

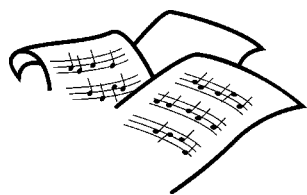
Do you have something good to offer to society during your lifetime now, but feel it won't make a difference because you consider its only a "little thing" or somebody else probably has "something bigger and better" than yours? Well, think again! Change occurs only when people of good will act "little by little." Anyone can make the world a better place, so everyone should contribute.

Author, Paul Simon states that good government is not something we should leave to the experts. Each one of us should feel responsible. He also says that when people work together to do charitable acts, it is that kind of work that God is calling us to do.

In his book presented for publication just weeks before his unexpected death, Paul Simon issues a simple but profound invitation to public service and servant-like living. One of the discouragements of public life day after day is to see people who have potential to contribute much to building a better society – but they don't do it because they misunderstand that change is

rarely achieved in one single action ... but little by little. Paul witnessed first hand his caring and compassion for those in need and worked tirelessly to create a better world for all inhabitants. Let us continue the good work he has started. Is God calling you for a small act? Listen to His voice and He'll help you through.

Visit the library for other interesting books that have been given by church members. There are also magazines full of good Christian education, be it children or adult. Remember, a little reading sharpens and broadens the mind.



Gwen's Pen

(The fourth in a short series on my parents' parenting)

Patience

"Give it to me! I want it now! It's mine," I screamed. (Of course it wasn't.) We had just opened a package that arrived by ship from America. The Women's Missionary Society of a church in Minnesota had sent us (the missionary family they sponsored) a large package.

That always created great excitement. A package from America was better than discovering a watermelon bobbing in the rain barrel, better than climbing a tree that my little brother couldn't, better than outrunning the older girls next door. There might be unimportant items in the package like canned food, Vicks VapoRub, and underwear; but there could, and usually would, be something great like a box of graham crackers, a new cap, or even a top or, as was in this particular package, a rubber ball.

This was no ordinary ball, at least not to us.

It was blue, orange, green, red, and yellow. Nor was it a little tennis ball. It was big ... big enough for bouncing and catching and dodging. Even before I could snatch it out of the box, Mother laid her hand gently on my arm, brought her face close to mine, and said softly, "Gwennie, you've lost your patience. Go to the bottom of the stairs and yell as loudly as you can for patience. Keep calling until you find it."

Grudgingly I went to the hallway and at the foot of the stairs, looked up to the top and yelled as loudly as I could, "PATIENCE!" took another expanding breath and yelled again, "PATIENCE". I had been through this exercise enough times to know that I dared not return to the family until I had, indeed, found Patience.

It wasn't until I was a mother myself that I realized how insightful Mom had been. Not only did she get me out of the "I demand" situation without physical force, but she had also recognized my need to explode and channeled it into harmless, and exhausting, hollering.

Eventually I learned to vent my impatience without prompting by heading for the foot of the stairs when things didn't go my way.

That's my story, but I'm compelled to add a footnote regarding the fate of that precious ball. The three of us kids ran almost immediately out through our gate to the wide sidewalk where we tossed it, bounced it, and maybe even played a little dodge ball. Tiring momentarily, we dashed into the house for a drink of cool water.

"Where's the ball?" Mother asked immediately.

"Outside," we answered in chorus.

"Outside where? Outside the gate?"

"Just out on the sidewalk. We're going right back."

"You better get right back out there and

bring it in.” she said. “It might disappear.”
We rushed back out almost pushing each other through the gate and looked right and left, up and down. No ball. Such an unusual toy would have been temptation indeed. It was probably sold for a pretty penny.



June Birthdays

- 2** *Les Unferth*
- 3** *Allyn Guay*
Jerry Klein
Andrew Oechsner
- 4** *Melissa Oechsner*
Cole Strassman
Arlene Unferth
Joshua Wroblewski
- 5** *Victoria Bloch*
Jeff Schultz
- 7** *Caitlyn Strassman*
- 9** *Dustin Fester*
Roland Haass
Marlin Towne
- 10** *Kathy Lavarda*
Michael Luedtke
Brenda Michels
Lee Oestreich
Don Unferth
- 11** *Nancy Andrews*
Brian Meyer
Duwayne Wolf
- 12** *Faye Beck*
Nicole Lehner
Margaret Muehlius
- 13** *Joey Donald*
Anna Hobbins
- 14** *Bruce Bintzler*
- 15** *Sumruay Tepmungskorn*
Jeff Unferth
Carol Will
- 16** *Cassie Beck*
Izak Johnson

- 17** *Ken Jagow*
- 18** *Dan Dewhurst*
Amanda Ditter
Larry Seyfert
- 19** *Giovanni Hobbins*
Jessica Marschie
Bill Rosenkranz
- 21** *Barbara Rowland*
- 22** *Kalen Luedtke*
- 24** *Dorothy Bosserman*
Devin Kruz
- 25** *Pam Birschbach*
Drew Zimmer
- 26** *Wayde Beck*
Syd Henke
- 28** *Sydney Scharschmidt*
- 29** *Aaliyah Kaelin*

June Anniversaries

- 1** *John & Pam Donald*
- 5** *Bruce & Debbie Bintzler*
Ward & Jeanne Hinz
- 6** *Chuck & Darlene Westphal*
- 7** *Glenn & Jackie Eichstedt*
- 8** *Doug & Chris Kuen*
- 10** *Jeff & Dawn Faber*
- 11** *John & Elaine Muentner*
- 13** *Steve & Sandy Faber*
- 14** *Ralph & Sharon Germain*
- 16** *Andrew & Melissa Oechsner*
- 17** *Chuck & Mary Rhein*
- 18** *Marlin & Lois Towne*
- 20** *Pat & Kim Emmer*
- 24** *Aaron & Brigitte Handevitd*
Jon & Becky Thill
- 27** *Robert & Julie Scharschmidt*
Will & Diana Jewson
- 28** *Joshua & Jessica Marschie*
- 29** *John Hobbins & Paola Benecchi*
- 30** *Ray & Ardis Wellso*

