

Happy Birthday 

## OCTOBER

01 Trevor Braye	15 Eric Cassidy
03 Pam Burdzilauskas	Gavin Cassidy
Karl Johnson	16 Toni Leigh
04 Caryn Stokes	Penny Pavolka
Andrew Sparks	Tina Mehochko
Laynie Taylor	17 Shane Niemi
05 Megan Elam	Andrew Herpstreith
Selma Henrichsmeyer	Evan Herpstreith
Erin Sabol	21 James Ferrero, Jr.
06 Rachelle McDowell	Steve Lee
Jayne Johnson	22 Matthew Hard
07 Jennie Meiners	Kamie Kates
09 Joel Jones	Darrell Wallace
Eileen Kinkelaar	23 Jim McNeill
10 Denise Calame	Shari Durbin
Coree Keagy	24 Caleb Bauer
Landon Glenn	Eugene Johnson
11 Brent Engelman	Layne Johnson
12 Charles Dammerman	26 Evelyn Pyle
Jackie Johnson	Cooper Law
Robert Kates	Tia Spears
13 Matthew Flowers	27 Karlee Beaty
Lillian Taylor	28 Curtis Braye
Joshua Johnson	29 Bonnie Brownback
14 Emily Cress	
Arlene Jones	

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Oct. 3	Robert and Jamie Carlock (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Oct. 10	Kent and Kelly Lovelace (19 <sup>th</sup> )
Oct. 11	Scott and Lisa Henrichsmeyer (25 <sup>th</sup> ) Ralph & Margaret Ann Peifer (53 <sup>rd</sup> )
Oct. 12	Steve and Kay Lee (26 <sup>th</sup> )
Oct. 21	Mitchell and Lynne Wise (22 <sup>nd</sup> ) Brian and Ericka Cress (11 <sup>th</sup> )
Oct. 23	Andy and Shari Durbin (35 <sup>th</sup> )
Oct. 24	Jim and Mary Jo Funk (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Oct. 25	Brad and Jody Janssen (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Oct. 26	Terry and Linda Hinton (26 <sup>th</sup> )
Oct. 29	Rick and Iva Jones (33 <sup>rd</sup> )

## OCTOBER - 2011 † “Does It Still Matter?” †

*“We’ve always done it that way!”*

A battle cry used to defend the ‘old’ way of doing things. Yet said in a different tone of voice, a way to say, “do we really have to do it that way, can’t we try something different, something new?” We Missouri Synod Lutherans know the phrase well. A comfort to many, a burr in your saddle for others.

The end of this month, I will have been here 13 years. It has been a respectable stretch of time (and most enjoyable from my side!), longer than some, yet shorter than others. It is inevitable, perhaps even necessary, that some will think or say on this and that of my service, my ministry, here – *“We’ve always done it that way!”*, with both meanings being expressed.

I welcome the question! It can be used to move us to think, really think, about the most important things at Trinity, indeed, of all of life. Yet even more, that question -- or statement -- depending on how you mean it, is really the clothing for a much more profound question:

*“Does it still matter?”*

In other words, what Trinity is really all about and how it is expressed in what we do and how we do it; what we truly believe and hold dear in our heart of hearts and how we live it and show it --

*“Does it still matter?”*

For example, October 31, is traditionally Reformation Day. Does the Reformation still matter? Do we really need to gather with our fellow Lutherans and celebrate and remember?

If one looks at the Reformation as being all about Luther, at first glance, the answer is no. Yet, the Reformation wasn’t so much about Luther as it was about righteousness and certainty. How could we be right with God? How can anyone be certain of eternal life? Those were the questions the Reformation wanted answered. This is what makes the Reformation matter! How can I be right with God so that I can be absolutely certain I’ll end up in heaven?

Depending on how long you’ve been around and what experiences you have had, you might agree with Martin Luther who once said: “The world is like a drunken peasant. If you lift him into the saddle on one side, he will fall off the other side. One can’t help him, no matter how one tries.”

Over the years we have seen one government administration after another tackle poverty, drugs, illiteracy, and on and on. No matter how much money is poured in against these challenging conditions, it always seems they are still here. We are forced to admit we are pretty much helpless against the real challenges, the real problems of life.

We Christians know that real changes in the human condition, and at Trinity, cannot be made by good intentions or by abundant spending. Real changes only come when we, seeing our sad condition, by God’s grace, turn to the Lord for all we need. With Jesus, hearts and people, even institutions, can be changed. *May we ask ourselves: “Does it (He) still matter?”*

**Pastor Bert**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

### LWML SUNDAY

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MTG.

Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### CHOIR NOTES

A new Choir Season has begun.

Trinity Senior Choir has practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

The Choir is preparing music for Sunday Divine Services and the Reformation Festival at St. Paul's, Nokomis (Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm). If you would like to sing in the choir for this Reformation Festival, please come to practice on Wednesday evenings.

More singers – High School Youth and Adults are always welcome to join in singing hymns and anthems of praise to our Gracious and Loving Lord.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Trinity has Meals On Wheels

October 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> and

October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Calls to set up the schedule will be made the week before.

### BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTION

ENVELOPES are included in the mailer once a quarter. If you need an envelope on the off months - there are extras in the Church Office!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

"FATHER WELCOMES ALL HIS CHILDREN" was the theme for our Sunday School Rally Day.

Thanks to the 27 Sunday School children, and youth and 7 Sunday School Staff for singing for the Christian Education Festival.

Third Graders received Bibles as a gift from the congregation.

As we look forward to this new year in our Sunday School, we encourage all members of Trinity to join us on Sunday mornings from 8:45–9: 45 a.m. for the study of God's Word.

In October our *GROWING IN CHRIST* Sunday School lessons will be:

*"Joseph Feeds Egypt"*

*"Joseph Forgives"*

*"The Birth Of Moses"*

*"Moses and the Burning Bush"* and

*"Moses and the Plagues"*.

**OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Sunday School Food Pantry Collection.** You are

encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item which will be given the Concordia Seminary Food Bank in St. Louis.

All members of Trinity are welcome to bring food for this Food Pantry Collection.

The items may be placed in the Narthex.

PARENTS . . . YOU ARE THE IMPORTANT PERSON in helping your children and teens to be faithful to the Savior. They need your encouragement, your help, your love and your guidance.

*PLEASE: LET THE CHILDREN COME AND YOU COME, TOO!*

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**MONTHLY MAILER** information for the November, 2011 Mailer should be turned in by October 21<sup>st</sup>!! Thank you!  
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### TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CLUB

TFC met Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> helping host the congregational potluck supper with Trinity's LWML. A delicious meal was served and Bingo was enjoyed by all.

**The next TFC meeting will be held Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. with a Weiner Roast to start the evening. All are invited to come and enjoy fellowship and fun – so mark your calendars and come and join us! Coming Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – the Annual Pancake/Sausage Breakfast.**

### COFFEE CAFÉ AT NR&HCC

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** Our church is scheduled to serve cookies and drinks for the Coffee Café at the Nokomis Rehab & Health Care Center on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

**There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex** for helping to serve and/or providing cookies.

### 2011 REFORMATION FESTIVAL

You are invited to a celebration of the Lutheran Reformation at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Nokomis on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**  
*(Choir practice at 2:00 p.m.)*

The speaker will be Pastor Tom Baker, Speaker on KFUE on Law/Gospel. Rev. Baker works at the Concordia Mission Society. Refreshments follow the Service.

### ALTAR GUILD

**CAN YOU HELP!?!** The Altar Guild is looking for new members. Please consider giving of your time and talents for this ministry at Trinity. The Altar Guild helps prepare the Altar and Sanctuary for our Divine Services. Contact the church office for more information.

### CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO WIND SYMPHONY TO PERFORM IN MASCOUTAH OCTOBER 22, 2011 7:00 p.m.

The Wind Symphony of Concordia University, Chicago, under the direction of Dr. Richard Fischer, will perform a concert at the new High School Auditorium in Mascoutah IL on Saturday, October 22, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The High School Auditorium is located at 1313 West Main Street, Mascoutah, IL 62258.

The Wind Symphony is a 60-70 piece band made up of woodwinds, brass, and percussion members from across the country (including from Southern Illinois!) They bring an excellent level of musicianship to all the music they play, including band standards and newer works.

The concert is open for all ages, and admission is free, an offering will be taken at intermission.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information call Pastor Kirk Clayton at Zion Lutheran Church, Mascoutah, IL at 618-566-7345.

### LWML FALL RALLY

The Midstate Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League will hold their Fall Rally **Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro. Opening Devotions will be at 5:30 p.m.** by Pastor Thomas Moyer.

Our speaker will be Eunice Weber on her trip to Africa. The ingathering will be monetary for the mission in Africa. A potluck dinner will follow. All members and their families are invited. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish. Desserts, drinks and table service will be provided.