

Do you remember what you were doing on July 20, 1969? Pastor's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday party (!), I mean, the day astronaut Neil Armstrong took man's first step on the moon. What about January 28, 1986? The day Challenger exploded after takeoff, killing all 7 crew members aboard. And April 19, 1995? Remember why that day sadly remains in the recent history of our country? It was the day of the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City by Timothy McVeigh.

You probably know what's coming next: where were you and what were you doing when you first heard the news that terrorists had hijacked two passenger jets and crashed them into the Twin Towers, killing more than 2,700 people? Then, within moments, another jet crashed into the Pentagon, killing 125 more. Finally, the day United Airlines Flight 93 and the brave passengers and crew that prevented those terrorists from doing even more damage, killing all 64 people aboard.

Nearly 3000 men, women, and children murdered in the name of extremists who called themselves religious.

Soon after, our nation went to war, in Afghanistan first, later in Iraq, then back to Afghanistan without leaving Iraq. Saddam is gone, Osama is now dead, and now we find ourselves 10 years later.

May I suggest that this Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 is not so much about our country, our once-designated heroes, our elusive enemies, and most certainly not about the current political scene.

*This time is all about our timeless, great, and grace-filled God!*

Yes, the world is filled with sinful people; there will be war and bloodshed; terrorists and hurt and grief and untold pain. But, my dear friends in Christ, the one true God has never lost control of the world He created, judged and redeemed through His Son, Jesus Christ! And you need never, ever think, even for a second, that He has left you or forsaken you. If you ever do feel that way, then take another, closer look at the cross and the open tomb!

There is the power of God's love! Don't *look down* on your circumstances, but *look up*, to the cross! There is where Christ died for the sins of all humanity! How awesome is the power of God's love for all!

God's perfect love for us "casts out fear" (1 John 4:18)! God's perfect love casts out fear – fear of more terrorist attacks, fear of flying, fear of known and unknown enemies, fear of nuclear buildups and twisted dictators. AND God's love casts out fear of our own mortality, of sickness and disease, and even fear of a righteous and eternal judgment of God.

We live in forgiveness! We live in grace! We live in love! And "whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him." (1 John 4:16)

The power of God's love sustains us, strengthens us, supports us, as surely as it did throughout the weeks and months following 9/11 and forever!

The peace of the Lord be with you!

*Pastor Bert*

SEPTEMBER 2011

## † The Power of God's Love †

Happy Birthday 

17 Tony Hard

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 02 Jenny Allen     | Susan Johnson        |
| 03 Lisa Leigh      | Jerod Wexstten       |
| Jason Wolverton    | Dale Broers          |
| 05 Ralph Peifer    | 18 Cade Tester       |
| 08 Jessica Cervi   | 19 Karlee Herzog     |
| 09 David Cress     | Brittany Fortkamp    |
| 10 Josephine       | Travis Broers        |
| Burdzilauskas      | 20 Dolan Harrison    |
| Sydnee             | 21 Abbey Lee         |
| Burdzilauskas      | 22 Emma Rose Hill    |
| Barb Ruffing       | 23 Steven Walker     |
| 11 Leon Brummet    | 24 Shane Herzog      |
| Tiffany Westphal   | Floyd Storm, Jr.     |
| 12 Todd Leigh      | Cindy Meiners        |
| Michael Sparks     | 26 Emelia Ferrero    |
| Kayla Hampton      | Drew Johnson         |
| 13 Brandon Johnson | Darci Harrison       |
| 14 Anthony         |                      |
| Richardson         |                      |
| 15 Brandon Cox     | 27 Benjamin Johnson  |
| Braden McNeill     | Teresa Paul          |
|                    | 29 Donald Goodwin    |
|                    | 30 Lindsey McMillian |

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

- Sept. 1 Randy and Nancy Richardson (32<sup>nd</sup>)  
 Sept. 2 Keith and Brenda Clark (5<sup>th</sup>)  
 Sept. 4 Mel and Vel Cordani (63<sup>rd</sup>)  
 Sept. 6 Floyd Jr. and Cheryl Storm (36<sup>th</sup>)  
 Sept. 8 Leon and Jo Brummet (21<sup>st</sup>)  
 Sept. 10 Carroll and Janice Franzen (44<sup>th</sup>)  
 Sept. 15 Tom and Vickie Detmers (38<sup>th</sup>)  
 Sept. 21 Shad and Shellie Hill (9<sup>th</sup>)  
 Sept. 23 Dan and Anna Adkins (33<sup>rd</sup>)  
 Sept. 25 Tom and Mary Sparks (40<sup>th</sup>)  
 Sept. 30 Michael & Amanda Thompson (5<sup>th</sup>)

*Please let the church office (563-2718) know if there are any additions or corrections to the Birthdays and Anniversaries! Thank you!*

**MONTHLY MAILER** information for the October should be turned in by Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>!!



### ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### TFC WIENER ROAST

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.

### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MTG.

Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### ADOPT-A-COLLEGE-STUDENT!!

**Members of Trinity** - You can show your love in Christ for our college students by adopting one! Sign up for a student and then keep in touch with them throughout the school year. How? By sending cards, notes, or treats on Holidays, Birthdays, etc. - or anytime! - just to let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers.

If you are interested, **adoption sign-ups will begin Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>!!** For questions or for more information call Sandy Johnson, 563-7363. Thank you!



### CHOIR

### SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 P.M.

We invite High School Youth and Adults to sing.

As we begin a new Choir Season we look forward to singing praises to our loving Lord.

**We invite more singers to join us in our musical endeavors.**

*“Praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and praise is beautiful.”* Psalm 147: 1

**NEW ADDITION BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

### WIENER ROAST

#### Trinity Fellowship Club

**All couples and singles** of all ages are invited to the TFC Annual Wiener Roast!  
**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.**  
**Church Parking Lot**

Bring your own hot dogs, buns and a covered dish. Don't forget lawn chairs and roasting sticks! TFC will furnish drinks and tableware. Enjoy an evening of food, fellowship and fun!!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! ☺**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

September is Christian Education Month.

✠**September 4<sup>th</sup>** we will begin a New Sunday School Year.

Pupils will change classes that day.

✠**September 11<sup>th</sup>** is Sunday School Rally Day.

The theme is *FATHER WELCOMES ALL HIS CHILDREN.*

The Sunday School will sing for the 10:00 a.m. Divine Service. The song will be practiced in Sunday School.

✠During the Rally Day Service the Third Graders will be presented Bibles as a gift from the congregation.

Trinity has classes for Nursery (age 3) through Eighth Grade, a High School Bible Class and an Adult Bible Class.

Sunday School Hour is 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. with an Opening Devotion in church for Nursery through Adult Bible Class.

In September our *JOURNEY WITH JESUS* Sunday School lessons will be:

- “Jacob’s Family”,
- “Esau Forgives Jacob”,
- “Joseph and His Brothers” and
- “Joseph’s Troubles”.

*Christian education is essential for all God’s children. All are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday School and Bible Class.*

### EAST AFRICA DROUGHT RELIEF

The worst drought in 60 years is devastating East Africa. According to United Nations reports, limited rainfall since 2010 has created severe drought and widespread food shortages affecting more than 11 million people in Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti. The famine has already killed more than 29,000 children under 5 in southern Somalia alone, and hundreds of thousands of Somali children are acutely malnourished and at risk of starving to death unless they receive help. To date, LCMS World Relief and Human Care (WR-HC) has provided \$150,000 in grants to Lutheran partners for famine relief in East Africa: \$100,000 to the LCMS partner church in Kenya for food for struggling families in the hardest-hit areas of northern Kenya, and \$50,000 to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), the pan-Lutheran international aid organization based in Baltimore, for serving some of the nearly 400,000 Somali refugees living in overflowing refugee camps in Dadaab, Kenya. Your gift today will help LCMS World Relief and Human Care reach out through LCMS partners to assist people suffering in East Africa.

#### Please Help Today!

**Pray:** Please pray for those who are suffering and have lost loved ones. Please pray that our joint Lutheran drought response efforts touch many lives with God’s hope and mercy.

**Connect:** To learn more, visit [www.lcms.org/worldrelief](http://www.lcms.org/worldrelief) or find us on Facebook®.

**Give:** To make a donation for Lutheran relief efforts —

- **Mail** checks (noting “Africa Drought Relief” in the memo line) to:  
LCMS World Relief and Human Care  
P.O. Box 66861 St. Louis MO 63166-6861
- **Phone** toll-free 888-930-4438
- Go online to <http://givenowlcms.org>

### CONCERT PLANNED AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY IN MEMORY OF ROBERT BERGT

— A special concert is being planned in memory of Rev. Robert Bergt, the late conductor and music director of *Bach at the Sem* concerts and artist-in-residence at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **The concert will take place on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on the Seminary campus.

St. Louis musician and theologian, Robert Bergt, whose work and reputation are known around the world, died Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at the age of 81. He founded the American Kantorei in 1968, the first group of its kind in the United States. The Kantorei is a highly skilled choral and instrumental group that has performed in a variety of settings in St. Louis and beyond. Since 1993, the American Kantorei, under the direction of Robert Bergt, has performed regular concerts in the *Bach at the Sem* series in the chapel at Concordia Seminary in Clayton.

Dr. Dale A. Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary, will provide both an invocation and a message during the concert.

A small reception is being planned directly after the concert on the chapel plaza. For those who cannot attend the concert, it will be broadcast on KFUE (850 AM) & Classic99.com on October 2 at 1:00 p.m. CDT. For more information, please call 314-505-7362.

### MISSION

Join us Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Greenville, IL for the Lutheran Hour Ministries Program *MU-101: Equipping to Share-Everyday Evangelism*. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. From 9 am to 2 pm we’ll learn skills for faith-sharing in our everyday conversations. Lunch served at noon. *Our Redeemer Evangelism Committee*