

FAMILY NEWS AT TRINITY.....



IN THE NEWS

Judi Brooks was pictured in an article in the News Press about a group of women who are making curtains for women who are victims of domestic violence.

Samantha Onnen was pictured in an article in the News Press about the graduating seniors who are members of Tick-Tockers, the young women's group of the National Charity League. Samantha completed over 400 hours of community service during her four years as a member of Tick-Tockers.

WE MOURN WITH

Anita Peca and Elva Jorgensen and families on the death of Anita's brother Paul on April 21 in Florida.

We keep in our prayers: William Yacoub, Esther Lantz, Ernie Ranum, Roy Fuentes, David Trichler, Jeanne Wilson (mother of Phil Wilson), Karen Wilson, Paul Griffith, Larry Hammett, Rudy Geyling, Jean Appel, Laurie Owens (sister-in-law of Mike and Lorna Owens), Howard Faul (step-father of Mike Owens), Hal Oquist, Roland Burkhart (father of Sheryl Kelly), Mary Lou Johnson (mother of Cynthia Johnson), Kris Welk (daughter of Nancy & Bill Kelly), Stella Mitchell (former member and secretary of Trinity).

The next Care Ministry meeting will be Tuesday, June 9 at 4:00 PM in the church library. The topic for discussion will be *Eight Ways Congregations Can Respond with Care After a Disaster*. There will also be a guest speaker and an Italian supper after the meeting. All are invited but please sign up at the Welcome Center so we know how much food to prepare.

SERVING IN WORSHIP IN JUNE

ALTAR GUILD: Shirley Landru, Edythe Smith and Lois Rye

READERS

8:00 AM

10:30AM

First Sunday Lillian Ball
Second Sunday Tom Brooks
Third Sunday Bill Redding
Fourth Sunday Tom Brooks

Marshall Sittig
Joan Petersen
Marshall Sittig
Alan Gregersen

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

First Sunday Kim Bish
Second Sunday Kim Bish
Third Sunday Kim Bish
Fourth Sunday Kim Bish

Barbara Griffith, Nancy Sittig
Cindie Trieger
Rob Anderson, Nancy Sittig
Mary Gregersen

GUEST TABLE

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

First Sunday
Second Sunday
Third Sunday
Fourth Sunday Kathy Raschka

Marty Appel
Ron & Dale Oftebro
Ruthe Anderson
Nan Burns & Greg Dahlen

TRANSITION HOUSE NEWS



Trinity served a dinner of lasagna, salad, rolls and cupcakes to 65 guests on Monday, May 18. We also prepared sandwiches and provided cookies, chips and water for lunches the next day. Thanks go out to **June Brusse, Nan Burns, Jane Maddalon, Tine Reginatto, Elaine Hovind, Lisa Sobczak, Ila Vranish, Martin Halseth, Beulah Bradley and Cindie Trieger** for donations of food, time and money.

The next dinner is Monday, June 15. We always welcome anyone who is interested in providing food or serving to please sign up at the Welcome Center. Call Nancy Sittig for more information at 966-4499.

THANKS TO ALL!

Dorothy Burkhart, meal coordinator

TIME & TALENT UPDATE

A BIG THANK-YOU to all who have completed and returned the Time & Talent brochure for 2009-2010! To date, 50 of the 200 brochures distributed have been returned. If yours is one of the 150 still out, we encourage you to return it, either in the offering plate or in the basket at the Welcome Center on the patio. We hope to begin the process of sorting the responses soon. Can't find your brochure? More are available at the Welcome Center! God's generosity in Christ Jesus is indescribable! Let's thank God with our time and talents and participate actively in the life and mission of our church!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Santa Barbara will be held at 9:00 AM on Sunday, June 7, 2009. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary after the 8:00 AM service and before the 10:30 service. All confirmed members of the congregation are eligible to vote on the agenda items which will include the budget for 2009-2010 and Council and Endowment Committee vacancies.

Of special interest on the agenda will be a motion to call Karen Wilson as an Associate in Ministry for Christian Education. Many of you are aware that Karen completed a two year program at Luther Seminary in Minnesota to prepare her for this program. Recent Synod guidelines now allow for a call to be extended to a lay person holding another full time job with the stipulation that the call must be for a minimum of ten hours per week. Karen has been serving in the capacity as Director of Christian Education at ten hours per week. The call has no financial implications for the congregation but will be the fulfillment of Karen's dreams.

The members of the Council have been privileged to represent you. We look forward to your attendance at the Annual Meeting.

In Christ's Name – Joanne Nelson, President

HOLY LAND BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JUNE 8

Pastor Truls and Pastor Russ Gordon are offering a series of studies in preparation for next November's Holy Land Tour. Our first study is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 8 at Christ Lutheran, Goleta. We'll divide the studies geographically and focus on biblical references to events that happened in various regions. We'll look at the Jezreel Valley, Lower Galilee and the Sea of Galilee, the Upper and Lower Jordan Valley, the Judean Wilderness, and Jerusalem. If you are planning or thinking about going on the tour, you are encouraged to participate in these summer studies. If you're not planning to join the tour but would like to join the study, you are certainly welcome to do so.

HOLY LAND TOUR NEXT NOVEMBER— DISCOUNT THROUGH JUNE

We have received word from *Educational Opportunities Tours* of a \$100 discount for all who register before the end of June for next November's trip to the Holy Land. (Those who have already signed up will automatically receive the \$100 reduction.) Consider inviting a friend and taking advantage of the discount together! Departure date is November 3! For more information and a trip brochure, speak with Pastor Truls.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Brittany Bailey is graduating from San Marcos High. While there she participated in soccer where she was captain and received the coach's award. Brittany was also involved in marching band and drum line, was the front ensemble section leader and was selected the most outstanding front ensemble member. Brittany was in the orchestra for the musical *Damn Yankees*, a member of the National Honor Society and received awards for academic excellence and a community service award for amassing nearly **900** hours of community service during her four years of high school. Brittany also attended Youth Group here at Trinity, accompanied the group on the mission Trip to Tijuana and will be going to New Orleans in July. Brittany will be attending UCSB in the fall and plans to major in biology. Brittany is the daughter of Barbara Bailey and Mike Bailey.

Mason Field is graduating from Santa Barbara High where he was a member of the golf team. He won the outstanding performance award the last two years and was Channel League Most Valuable Player. He was also a member of the National Honor Society for all four years in high school. He will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a golf scholarship, (playing on the golf team) and is planning on a major in Graphic communications. Mason is the son of Jim and Dee Field.

Samantha Onnen is graduating from Dos Pueblos High School where she was President of the Usherette Club and a member of the Youth for Direct Relief Club. She is a lifetime member of the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Foundation. She also won the President's Academic Excellence Award and a Community Service Excellence Award. Outside of school, Samantha is a member of the National Charity League. She plans to attend San Diego State University in the fall and is planning a major in Communications. Samantha is the daughter of Kelly and Eric Onnen.

Amy Trieger is graduating from San Marcos High. At San Marcos, Amy was involved with color guard, winter guard (she was captain in her senior year), and concert band. She was also in the orchestra for *The Wiz*, *Damn Yankees* and *Man of La Mancha*. Amy was selected *Elks Club Student of the Month* for the month of March. She received an award for Academic Excellence and a Community Service award for over 300 hours of community service. Outside of school, Amy participates in many of our youth group activities, including the youth gathering in San Antonio and the upcoming trip to New Orleans, several youth gatherings at Cal Lutheran University and the mission trip to Tijuana. She also works part time in the dining room at Samarkand. Amy plans to attend Cal Lutheran University in the fall and major in Marketing & Communications. Amy is the daughter of Cindie Trieger

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

Kelly Courtney graduated from Westmont College with a BA in Music (Vocal emphasis). At Westmont she was involved in college choir, New Sounds (a vocal jazz ensemble) and Project 10:25 which is a small group bible study. Kelly plans on continuing her job as the Youth Director at Christ Lutheran, teaching voice and piano lessons, and working as the Staff in Training program Director through Lutheran retreats, Camps, and Conferences. She will be traveling to the Holy Land with Christ and Trinity Lutheran churches and is excited to see what God has planned for the next chapter in her life. Kelly is the daughter of Rami & Cindy Courtney.

Marsha Krebs is graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in Animal Science and a minor in Wine & Viticulture and Equine Science. While attending Cal Poly, Marsha was in the Volleyball Club, Chi Omega Fraternity and the Agriculture Ambassadors. She plans to go to grad school and study the "effect of events on wine tourism's developing the economy." Marsha is the daughter of Sharron and Marty Krebs.

Daniel Weeks is graduating with honors from UC Berkeley with a BA in Political Economy of Industrial Societies. He wrote a senior honor's thesis on Chile's experience with private participation in waste water treatment. Daniel's immediate plans are to work with a Bat Area nonprofit called *One Million Lights*, which is working to provide lighting for rural communities and schools in developing regions by installing solar powered LED lights. Daniel is the son of Jean & Stephan Weeks.

The Halo Chronicles

We have been busy the last three months at Little Angels. The Ladybug Class (2-3 year olds) in March learned about Sea Life and even took fish prints from a real Halibut. In April was Easter (New Life) and Spring/Growth. This is when they plant green beans in cups and watch them grow. The teachers also hid many candy filled eggs for an exciting Easter Egg Hunt! In May, they are studying Insects and Arachnids with many insect friends visiting the classroom. They also made beautiful Mother's Day gifts their mothers can treasure for many years to come.

The Bumblebee Class (3-4 year olds) studied Insects and Birds in March. The teachers borrowed many interesting and beautiful specimens from the Natural History Museum Lending Program to add to their classroom. They also "cooked" bird nests out of Chinese Noodles and melted chocolate. In April they too talked about Easter (New Life) and Spring/Planting. They added beautiful plants to their garden as well as to a wonderful planting table donated by the Town and Country Women's Club of Santa Barbara. May's theme is Transportation and Community Helpers with different vehicles visiting as well as parents talking about their careers.

The Butterfly Class (4-5 year olds) also enjoyed exciting Easter activities prior to the break as well as Teddy Bear and Rainforest themes in March. They had a magical "Teddy Bear Parade" where they made floats that were viewed by both the Ladybug and Bumblebee classes as well as the church office. After that their classroom was transformed into a rainforest as they learned about the four different layers of the rainforest and the animals that live in it. When they returned from break in April they learned about new life and also planted in a beautiful planting table they too received from the Women's Club. May brought much preparation for a special Mother's Day luncheon that was held for the Butterfly moms, the memories of which will be treasured always.

The entire school enjoyed the annual Spring Carnival, which took place on Saturday, April 25th. The Carnival included games, a raffle, silent auction, pony rides, and a touch tank.

We are busy preparing for our annual Spring Sing, which will take place May 29th at 6:30 in your beautiful church. All are invited!

Mary Lopez

Dear Trinity Lutheran family,

Thank you for your overwhelming support in our time of need with Harry. Your prayers, presence, gifts and service have made all the difference in his, and our, recovery. The benefit luncheon at the church was wonderful. The funds raised from that event alone allowed us not only to pay medical bills, but also to ease the burden of a diminished income and continued expenses. Because Harry is unable to walk long distances, we were able to purchase a double stroller for him and Elsa. We were struck at the hospital by the impossible situation most parents are out in when something like this happens, but your love and support helped pull us through.

Harry continues to make great strides in his therapies and recovery. After his discharge he could walk briefly, but still needed a wheelchair, and his fine motor skills were seriously diminished. Now with more physical and occupational therapy and his return to daycare, he has increased mobility, is playing and enjoying himself. He truly is a miraculous boy.

We are so blessed to have such an amazing church family. We thank you all, and will see you at church. We are still updating the blog for those who wish to follow his progress at harrykreitzer.blogspot.com

Love,
Sarah & Nathan Kreitzer



Membership Musings

As summer temperatures rise, we change our daily activities. Similarly, the plans of the Membership Ministry also call for change.

As previously announced, the MIDWEEK WALKERS will close out the “walking” season on June 9. That day will mark our 26th walk, with coffee in 26 different venues. We’ve had a great time walking, chatting, sipping our coffee and sharing our pastries. We’ve become a tight group of good friends, and we’ll be back in September. Why not plan to join us?

This time of year many of us look to our gardens as a new outlet. There’s nothing quite as good as a homegrown tomato, or the look of a well-tilled garden plot filled with a variety of vegetables. Remember that we have a good spot at Trinity for your overabundance of fruits or vegetables. It’s called the Gardeners’ Round Table.

The Gardeners’ Round Table (maybe we’ll change the name to the Gardeners’ Exchange, because the round table is simply too small) is a place where gardeners can share their bounty with other members of the congregation. Of course, everything on the table is free for you to take. But, if you’d like to drop a coin or two in the small box, we’ll send your donation to Grace Lutheran to support its Food Pantry.

Upcoming projects of the Membership Ministry Team include a new Visitors’ Brochure, due for completion in July. Another interesting project, in the planning stages, is the formation of small groups of Trinity members in dinner groups. More on that as the summer progresses.

As you can see, the Membership Ministry Team is quite busy. We’d be more than pleased if you were to join our little group. Call Dennis Lewis, at 569-8846, if you’d be interested.

Dennis Lewis

SJDAG Journal

Guadalupe is a dusty, wind-swept farm-worker town west of Santa Maria. It is bounded on the west by ocean dunes, on the north by a wide riverbed. It's not a place that most of us would want to spend much time visiting.

On the last Saturday in April, the Social Justice Discussion and Action Group traveled to Guadalupe, with trunk loads of jackets, sweaters and blankets to be given to the residents of this little town. We met Dennis Appel, an ex-seminarian who operates the Catholic Worker Hospitality House in Guadalupe, with the able assistance of his wife. Together, they supply clothing, food, shelter, medical assistance and counseling to the largely Spanish-speaking community that lives in Guadalupe and works in the nearby fields. During lunch at a small Mexican restaurant, we learned that the Catholic Worker delivers more than 100 large bags of groceries to its clients each week. We were assured that our contributions of clothing would be gratefully received.

Here's good news! SALT has made a commitment to support the Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our congregation at Trinity, as well as the congregation at Christ Lutheran, has also made a commitment of support. As was mentioned earlier, the "Pantry" has a number of needs: a truck to pick up food supplies from the Food Bank; a slate of volunteers to oversee the Saturday morning program; and funding which will lighten the burden that presently falls on the Grace Lutheran congregation. The dust has not yet settled on the Food Pantry question, but we'll keep you posted for more details.

Dennis Lewis

Edelweiss Choir of Santa Barbara
Julia Neufeld, Music Director - Beverly Staples, Pianist

"A Spring Concert"

German folk and art songs as well as music from the Operetta and American Musical stage.

Sunday, June 7, 2009
3:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church

Suggested donation is \$10.00

Thank you to everyone who joined the Faith Walkers Team or sponsored a participant for the Arthritis Walk on May 16. We were a visible group in red t-shirts, putting faith into action as we walked to support programs and services in Santa Barbara. Eighty percent of funds raised will help support camperships for local children ages 7-17 to attend camps for kids with arthritis, as well as water and land based exercise programs for adults, self-help classes and educational forums. Twenty percent will go toward research and fellowship training grants at sites such as UCLA, USC and Children's Hospital, Los Angeles. Your generosity raised \$2600 including an \$800 matching grant from Thrivent Financial.

Karen Anderson

June Notes in Youth and Family Ministries

Whew! I'm still riding the wave of good times we had yesterday for Pentecost, wherein we witnessed Sydney Davis and Brendon Nylen affirm their baptisms through the culmination of confirmation, AND we were able to honor and recognize our high school and college graduates.

I also want to take this time to thank so many of you for helping us raise funds for our New Orleans trip in July to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Your generosity has eased the financial burden for us so greatly, and I honestly cannot think of a better investment for the Church than in its youth; maybe that's why I do what I do!

Our youth will also be more mobile during these summer months, and we'd love to come visit! If you are interested in hosting a pool party or a Bible study at your house (or even both!) please let me know so we can get you on the calendar.

In the meantime, take a moment today, this week, or this summer to enjoy God's peace. He has a lot to say when we're listening.

Shalom,

Rich Lashua
Youth and Family Ministries Director

Phyllis Lenker, a Trinity member, is looking for a host family for her daughter-in-law's nephew from Germany. Simen wants to attend Dos Pueblos or Santa Barbara High to be close to his aunt and uncle. His father would love for him to be able to live with a family who has a teen attending either one of these schools. Simen will be a Jr. or Sr., speaks English, is a musician and avid soccer player among other sports. He is a bright kid with a great sense of humor. If you can help out, or know of a family who can, please contact Phyllis Lenker at phyllisl@villagesite.com.

Notes from the SALT Shaker

The Spirit of Pentecost is ALIVE! The combined service of SALT (Serving as Lutherans Together) last Sunday was a living testimony to the work of the Holy Spirit among us. We witnessed God's message being brought to us in many different tongues, we affirmed God's work in the rite of confirmation and the proclamation of faith. The magnificent music of the combined choirs and the preaching of the Word inspired and uplifted us. A time of fellowship followed, both on the patio, congratulating the confirmands and their families and in gathering for a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity. Thanks to the many hands that made this event possible.

Looking forward, the congregations are invited to join in the Wednesday evening family picnics sponsored by Grace this summer. Look for details in your bulletins and newsletters. Also, be sure to keep the SALT Food Pantry at Grace in your hearts and minds by donating food, dollars and your time, as you are able.

The planned dates for the Wednesday Evening Family Picnics are:

- June 17, 5:30 at Stow Park; hosted by Blanche Sprague
- July 15, 5:30 at Tucker's Grove; hosted by Ned & Janet Nelson
- August 19, 5:30 at Tucker's Grove; hosted by Jim & Rita Benz.

The picnics are potluck. You bring your own entree to barbeque (they will have the barbeque going), your own beverages, place settings and utensils, and a dish to share.

FROM OUR PASTOR

The fires came far too close for comfort last month. A local news anchor called it well: “Everyone in this community is affected. Either you *are* an evacuee or you are *housing* evacuees.”

We were saddened to hear of people’s injuries and loss of property. We were relieved that the devastation wasn’t even worse—that firefighters stopped the raging flames from vaulting Foothill Road. We were “reminded what’s important in life,” according to one evacuee, quickly ushering kids into her car. After the ordeal, back in our homes, we felt drained after the week of anxiety.

To whatever extent the fires impacted you last month, I hope that this month affords you time for healing. I’m glad that summer is upon us. Our bodies and minds tend to find more time for refreshment this season, as the pace of work and learning slows.

I’m looking forward to relaxing and spending time with my parents and in-laws later this month—and to homemade rhubarb pie, working in the yard, ample time for conversation, and a couple of Sundays in the pew with family.

I know I am blessed. I’m blessed to have food to eat, a comfortable place to sleep, and good health. I’m blessed to have loving friends and family. I’m blessed to have work to do and I’m blessed to be able to take a break from it. I’m blessed to have close ties to Church and God’s promise of grace in my life. I know there are many people in the world who are not as privileged as I am.

As I experience some changes of pace and scenery this summer, Jesus’ words and example speak to me in different contexts and the Holy Spirit calls me to have compassion for the poor, the outcast, the sick, those who suffer, and those who mourn. In the summer, as much as ever, the Holy Spirit calls me to follow Jesus and to share God’s love.

This summer, perhaps God is calling you and me to bring help and comfort to a neighbor who lost a home in last month’s fires. Perhaps you know of people who need the help of a group of us. Please tell me about the needs you are seeing in the aftermath of the fires.

Jesus said, “*From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.*” (Luke 12:48b)

When we remember what Jesus said and did it dawns on us that, as followers of Jesus, our lives are rich in meaning and responsibility. Moreover, when we share God’s love with others, we tend to appreciate our own blessings even more.

Enjoy your blessings this summer! Take care to share your blessings in this beautiful season!

