



Pastor's Message

Steve laid in an ICU hospital bed, His recovery after major open-heart surgery was extremely slow. One might even say his recovery was non-existent for his condition was still very critical even seven days after surgery due to numerous complications. Now, Steve was filled with a great deal of fear as he thought about the possibility of dying. This was due to the fact that he was not sure that if he died, he would go to heaven. Oh, he believed Jesus died on the cross to win the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But he wasn't sure if that was enough to get him to heaven. He also felt that he had to be obedient to God to get to heaven. However, had he been obedient enough? He just didn't know! The result was great fear.

Many Christians have and continue to be afraid of dying. This is because, like Steve, they are not sure if they would go to heaven. Have you ever felt this way? There are times I have. The reason for this uncertainty is because so many hold onto the idea that they have to be good enough to get to heaven. They believe that Jesus died on the cross to win salvation. Yet, they also believe that they have to meet a certain threshold of obedience to God. However, because they know they are sinners, they are uncertain as to whether or not they reach that threshold. Why, they are not even sure what the threshold is. The result is uncertainty that leads to fear!

On October 31, the Lutheran Church will once again celebrate the Reformation. (We will celebrate it here at Trinity on Sunday, October 25th). And we should celebrate the Reformation! Why, we should thank God for the Reformation! This is because the core of the Reformation dealt with the question of what the Bible says as to how one gets to heaven. At the time of the Reformation, the belief was that one had to earn his or her way to heaven by doing good works. However, as Luther studied the Scriptures, especially Romans 3, the Holy Spirit opened his heart to the truth. No one could earn heaven through obedience to God. God is perfect. Thus, to earn heaven, we must be perfectly obedient to God. The problem is "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). However, God, out of love for mankind, provided the way to heaven. He sacrificed His one and only son Jesus Christ on the cross. By Jesus' death, He paid the punishment of mankind's sins. Thus, as any individual believes in Jesus as his or her Savior, God forgives that person's sins. They are completely washed away by the blood of Christ. The end result is that the forgiven individual is perfect in the sight of God and therefore will live with God forever in heaven. As Paul wrote: 'for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.' (Romans 3:23-24).

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Special points of interest:

- 2nd Monday
Elders Mtg 7pm
- 3rd Monday
Cong. or Council Mtg. 7pm
- 1st Tuesday (APR-DEC)
Ladies Aid 7 PM
- 2nd Tuesday
Prop. Mtg 6pm
- 3rd Tuesday
Men's Club 6pm
- Adult Bible Study
Sunday 9:00am
Tuesday 9:30am
Saturday 9:30am
- Saturday Worship 7:30pm
- Sunday Worship 10:30am

Friends, we can be sure that when we die we will go to heaven. This is because we are saved by grace through faith. As you believe in Jesus as your Savior, you will go to heaven. There are no ifs, ands, or buts. So, if ever you begin to wonder if you are going to go to heaven when you die and, thereby find yourself afraid, remember what the Bible teaches. You are saved by faith in Jesus as your Savior, period.

Thank God for the Reformation! Do come and celebrate it on Sunday, October 25th for through God's Word, you, by the work of the Holy Spirit, will be assured that you will go to heaven. The result will be peace and hope.

Pastor Bob



from the DCO

September has come and gone, and what a festive month it was! Many thanks to everyone who helped make the 150th Anniversary Celebration a very exciting time. October looks to be a very busy and exciting time as well. October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and Sunday, October 11th has been designated as Pastor Appreciation Sunday. I have enclosed a list of 10 ways in which to show our very Faithful Shepherd, Pastor Bob how much he means to this congregation. The list is not totally inclusive and perhaps you can think of other ways to express your gratitude and "feed our Shepherd".

Another Shepherd is returning for a visit this month. Sheba will be here for the month of October and hopefully have the opportunity to share her ministry with other congregations in our area. Please pray for safe travel and that she will be able to receive more support. Construction has begun on the land and they are waiting to get enough money to buy a transformer for electric. Sheba hopes to support 1000 children on this land. What a vision! There are still "crayon banks" available. No contribution is too great or too small.

And finally, as you know counseling has been part of my ministry. I would like to ask you to pray for husbands and wives, children and teenagers who struggle with heart wrenching problems in their lives. I have enclosed a prayer as a suggestion, but I encourage you to pray from your heart and add other petitions.

Heavenly Father,

So many lives are filled with pain, anger, and despair. You know who they are and I place them into your loving hands for comfort, support, and guidance. Heal their hearts and reassure them of your love and forgiveness through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Thank you
In Service to Him,
Betty Wood, DCO.

Ladies Aid

We were pleased to have 16 ladies with us for our Sept. meeting.

Devotions were done by Eleanor talking about the joy of life through the joy of the Lord as our refuge. Eleanor also read a little history of our church leaders such as the Gallmann, Vossler, Braunsweiger combinations.

Our Christmas balls have been ordered and will be on sale soon. Also, if anyone needs chances on the quilt, any Ladies Aid member or Dot Cornish has them. Tickets are also available in the church office.

We had a report on the upcoming craft show from Shelly. Also, all the ladies were asked to bring in any pierced earrings we are no longer wearing for Sheba's kids. Sheba uses them as rewards.

Reminders by Marge Vossler to get reservations in for the 150th Anniversary Dinner.

Eleanor Cott provided delicious fruit & dip enjoyed after closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,
Sally Dannheim, Sec'y.

USED PIERCED EARRINGS NEEDED! If you have pierced earrings (in good repair) that you no longer wear or want, please consider donating them to Sheba's children at the orphanage. Ladies Aid will be collecting them to give to Sheba when she visits in early October. If you have any you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church office. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS are now available for sale in the church office. Stop by and take a look!



Dorcas Guild — 45th Year



WOW! 45 years for Dorcas! President, Betty Havens is the only original member of Dorcas and still working!

On Sept. 14th seven ladies met for work after the wonderful 150th Anniversary celebration of our church's Anniversary on Sept. 13th.

How pleased we were to have Betty Kitzmann visit us and tell of her church's quilting projects. Our "thanks" to Jeannie Black for material donated, Virginia Scott for her generous check and Janet Vargo for purchasing quilt linings and material for a quilt back. "Thank you everyone!"

The ladies sorted & clipped coupons and one large red and white quilt with a navy back was tied.

"Thanks to Shirley Neu" for creating the unusual "Circling Sparrow" design—an arrangement of circling bird track in red & white. Very pretty.

Next meeting—Monday, Sept. 28th—October Meetings—Oct. 12 & Oct. 26—all meetings 9:30am.

Please join us to tie a knot!



TRINITY CHRISTIAN DAYCARE

A Day with the Toddler Turtles

Although Miss Tammy and Miss Nina call their two and three year olds the "Toddler Turtles," they are certain not turtles. We tend think of turtles as slow moving; ours are lively, always on the go. They do, however, tuck in their heads and nap in the afternoons.

Our little ones are Ellianna, Chloe, Alivia, Jace, Christopher, Brooklyn, Jenna, Quincy, Grayson, Madison, Aiden, and Aila. Arrival varies, but usually all are present by 9:00 am. Imagine the toddler room – the toys are scattered, the blocks are towering, the children are busy going down the slide, pretend breakfast is being served in the breakfast nook,... Bathroom time is frequent. Toilet training is ongoing. Diapers are changed. Hands are washed, and then it's time to walk down the hallway to breakfast. All line up hanging onto the lead rope. The parade down the hallway is slow and rather stumbling, but all manage to get to the Fellowship Hall and seated. The morning prayer is said, followed by the teachers serving Gail's yummy food. It may be cereal or pancakes. Juice or fruit and milk complete the meal. Faces and hand are once again cleaned. And it's back to the toddler room for activities.

With fall happening, the morning is devoted to leaves and changing seasons. A story may be read; songs may be sung. This past week the songs were "Leaves are Falling" and "Ten Little Leaves." Musical instruments added more fun to the songs. On the trip outdoors the children collected leaves which once back inside they used for leaf painting. All then enjoyed the game "Simon Says." Clean-up time before lunch is done to a taped song "Clean-Up, Clean-Up." The children help get out their cots and blankets for their afternoon naps. More pottyng and diapering are done. And it's time for lunch. Lunch might be a chicken casserole, or hot dog, or turkey salad sandwiches; perhaps peas or broccoli or cauliflower; peaches or pears or apple sauce.

Nap time is really naps! All seem to sleep very well. Snacks are served around 2:30; which might be yogurt with fruit or graham crackers and milk.

Throughout the day other needed skills and values are taught and reinforced in those "teachable moments." Sharing and being a friend and helper are currently being stressed. The children are working on name recognition and counting as well as fine and gross motor coordination.

Pick-up time ranges from about 3:30 to about 5pm for the toddlers. For some it's a long day, but certainly a busy, productive, and nourishing day.

A Special Thank You to Church Members
Lou and Bernice DiStrola – Dave and Jackie Sweet – Dave and Jane Pinney
for donations of assorted materials and supplies
to the daycare.
Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

October Birthdays

- 1 Albert Vossler
- 2 Tim Taylor
- 3 Jackie Sweet
- 6 Justin Cornelius, Kay McCulloch, Chris Wiedemann
- 8 Gwyn Shear
- 9 Dan Flurschutz
- 11 Berwyn Hauser
- 16 Tyler Bennet
- 17 Anne Ball, Tracy Schmitt
- 18 Bernadette Schmitt
- 19 Rachel Fahs, Linda Gridley
- 20 Taylor Mae Hurd
- 22 Brenda Kruger
- 23 Arlene Leave, Jane Pinney
- 26 James Dunne
- 28 Nancy Link

& Anniversaries

- 2 Ben & Judy Cornelius
- 10 Barry & Shelly Dunne,
Brett & Chris Gallmann
- 12 Mike & Kay McCulloch
- 13 Alpheus & Senta Streeter



Senior Citizens'

**Senior Citizens will meet at noon on Thursday, Oct. 1 in the Dorcas Room.
The committee will be June Helmer, Edna Lehman and Dorothy Herke.
All Senior Citizens are invited to attend for food and fellowship.**



Men's Club—August Meeting

The annual Chicken Barbecue was held on Aug. 15th at the church pavilion. The Ladies Aid and wives of the members were our guests. A delicious feast was enjoyed by all. We had 44 people attend, what a great turnout. A special thanks to all who prepared the food. Also thanks to the Ladies Aid for bringing the desserts, what a treat, and great variety.

Next months meeting will be held at the Church fellowship hall on September 15th at 6:00 pm.

Paul Vossler, Secretary

Trinity Lutheran Church Men's Club

September 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 pm by President David Sweet. Paint for the pavilion was purchased. Pastor Morris made a motion to pay Richard Kling for the paint. Kato Aldrich seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was carried. A committee was selected to prepare dinner for the October meeting. Lou DiStrola, Richard Kling and Pastor Morris "volunteered". Treasurers report: was submitted.

Sauerkraut supper: Cabbage for the sauerkraut supper was discussed. Lou DiStrola made a motion to pay Dave Pinney for the cabbage and gas upon delivery. Pastor Morris seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was carried. Tickets for the sauerkraut supper will sell for \$8.00. Raw sauerkraut will sell for 2lbs. for \$3.00. Tickets have been ordered. Kato will order all necessary supplies for the supper as he will be out of town in the weeks preceding the supper. Order information will be forwarded to Shelly Dunne.

New business: Discussion was held on sauerkraut ticket sale money.

No other business was presented. Lou DiStrola made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Barry Dunne. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Submitted by D. Pinney, appointed meeting recorder

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LOOKING AHEAD . . .

OCTOBER 24—10AM-3PM HANDS & HARVEST CRAFT FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 24th is the Hands and Harvest Craft Festival here at our church. Our church table needs donations of handcrafted items, or homemade jams, jellies, pickles, relishes, etc. Lunch will be available (by “Chef Shelly”) as well as great desserts. We’ll have a great assortment of crafters so PLEASE plan to come and support this event. Think Christmas gifts! All money raised will help support Sheba and the children of the orphanage. Invite your friends!

OCTOBER 25—FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3—ELECTION DAY—SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

EARLY—5:00PM LATE—6:30PM TAKE OUTS—5:30PM

TICKETS ARE \$8.00 and are available at Fisher’s Pharmacy, Hamilton Shoe Store, Richardson & Stout and the church office.

LOTS OF HELP WILL BE NEEDED!

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE LOUNGE

FOR HELPERS AND HOMEMADE PIES!