

June 2012

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Here's a simple mathematical formula:

God x (**you** + \$10) = India transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ

As you know I went on a trip to India back in February. Many of you saw my presentation of the pictures I took and the stories I told. I hope that had an impact on you. I had the privilege of seeing firsthand what God is doing in India. The potential for people to come to faith in Jesus Christ is enormous. God is opening doors in India like never before. Mission India, the group that gave me the opportunity to go to India, is at the forefront of this movement. Our Lord is using this organization in powerful ways to reach people who were until recently unreachable. This is really an exciting time we're living in!

There are right now 110 Indian Lutheran Christians waiting to receive training from Mission India to plant churches and spread the gospel in unreached areas of India. It costs \$2500 to train one Church Planter for three years at Mission India. We have the privilege of knowing this and doing something about it *at no cost to you or the congregation!* How?

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells the Parable of the Talents. The servants who were entrusted with the talents (money) went out and made the money grow. Jesus doesn't tell how they did it. They just did it! The servants who made the money grow were commended by the master and invited to share in his happiness.

On Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15 each of you will receive a crisp \$10 bill from Mission India. You don't have to take it. This is strictly voluntary. Should you decide to participate, your assignment will be to make that \$10 seed money grow over the following 12 weeks. At the end of the 12 weeks, on October 14, you will bring back to church what you have raised along with the seed money. You'll find it amazing that God can do great things out of the faith steps we take!

Please prayerfully consider participating in this. I encourage you to use whatever talent or gift with which the Lord has blessed you and think "outside of the box". God will use it for His glory.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Until India Is Transformed!

Pastor Hoag

P.S.—Looking for some ideas? See the Mission India page in this newsletter. The sky's the limit!

JUNE 2012

Can the summer season be here already? Baseball games, vacations, picnics, bugs, thunderstorms, flowers, and...a new worship schedule! Through September 1, we will be having one worship service on Sunday morning at 9:00. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month. Expressions will continue to be celebrated at 6 pm on Saturday with The Lord's Table the Saturday before Communion is celebrated on Sunday morning. ☺ (Makes things easier for our sainted Chancel volunteers.)



SOCIAL MINISTRY

St. Matthew's:

We will soon be delivering rummage and food to St. Matthew's; please place your donations inside the marked door of the old basement.

Cookie Dough:

The profits from the Cookie Dough sale has been given to the Feed My Starving Children Project. Thanks for your orders.

Coffee Hour?

Coffee Hour will continue after the summer 9 am service. If enough members do not partake of the serving, it will be discontinued for the remainder of the summer. There is a sign up sheet on the table for June.

Nancy Varju will be the June 4th hostess.



Summer Ice Cream Social:

In gratitude for all Trinity Congregation has done to support our many outreach programs, we are thinking of hosting a free Ice Cream/ Goodie Social this summer on a Sunday afternoon, with exact date and time to be announced. At that time, we will

honor New Comers to our congregation. We are looking for an idea to combine this with so we can really make an event of the afternoon. Please submit your ideas to Midge's mailbox in the church office or talk to any social ministry member.

Update on Virgil Switzer: On the table in the sitting area are new labels for Virgil and a sheet with mailing rules and regulations. If we need more of either, please let the secretary know. Please sign Virgil's May greeting card on the hall coffee table; also, he would greatly appreciate receiving news from all church members. Do not attach stickers to any envelopes or your letter will not be delivered. He can also receive up to five publications per envelope.

PROPERTY REPORT

The Property Committee will meet in the church library on Thursday, June 7, at 7pm and then take a break for the summer. Our meetings will resume in September. Everyone interested in helping to keep the building running is invited to attend. The tuckpointing of the building is in progress. If you have lost sight of what a difference has been made; take out your church directory. YIKES!

AND...

When you come into the office, no longer will you have to look for envelopes on the counter! Thanks to Maxine (and Michelle for the idea) there are now racks for holding the various envelopes over by the copier!

USHERS

Please consider signing up to usher this summer. The sign-up sheet is in **the narthex**. Please contact Paul Krol @ 815 485 8622 if you have any questions.

Today's Light



When the magazines arrive, the secretary will let you know. If you are REALLY FAST, you can still get in on this great Bible study! \$34.80 (check made out to CPH) – leave it in the marked envelope in the office. If the envelope isn't there, you're too late.

TPCG

The Portable crafting group will be meeting 6/8 from 5-11. This will be a time for putting finishing touches on VBS stuff. Please call Sharon Buell to see what you may need to bring. 815 263 2717. The price of admission (\$2) is used to defray the costs of materials we use to create these lovely confections. Speaking of: please bring a treat to share...



Summer Vacation

The following groups are on summer vacation and will resume meetings in fall: Chancel (next meeting 9/10), Women's League (next meeting 9/25), Social Ministry, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Adult Choir, Church Council (one more meeting, 6/10), Sunday School, Property Committee (next meeting 9/6). The church office hours are reduced to Tuesday and Thursday 9-3.

MORNINGSTAR



Serving Dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

June 4&18, July 2 &16,

August 6&20

September 3& 17 (please check)

October 1& 15

November 5 & 19

December 3 & 17

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School

STUDENTS - Join us June 11-15, 9:30 am - Noon for The Amazing Desert Journey - Where Jesus Leads Us Home. You can register online at www.trinitynewlenox.org, or fill out a blue paper form on the sign-up table. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to attend. Fee is \$5 per child. Please wear sturdy shoes - NO FLIP-FLOPS!

Also, leave electronics and cell phones at home. If a child must bring his cell phone, it must be turned off during VBS. We cannot be responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen items.

VOLUNTEERS - Staff meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. We'll go over assignments and then decorate the rooms. We still have openings for helpers (adults and youth 6th grade and older). Talk to Michelle Hoag or sign up online.

DONATIONS - We still need a few items. Take a slip off of the cross in the hallway and return the item to the gym by June 10. Of course, we also welcome monetary donations.

PRAYERS - Please include the students and volunteers in your prayers: that we share God's love, keep everyone safe, and joyfully connect the kids of our community to Christ!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help or has made a donation. We could not run a successful VBS without you!!



Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's 1st Quarter Report: The congregation adopted a 2012 General Fund Budget of \$193,269 at its Annual Meeting on January 29. The Budget is 2.2% higher than contributions made to the General Fund in 2011. The Council deemed the increase warranted to cover expected higher operating costs. A modest salary increase of 2% was granted to Pastor, the Secretary, Organist and Choir Director. Primary support of the General Fund by the congregation is very important to meeting Trinity's ongoing needs.

During the quarter, all due bills were paid. Lower than budgeted expenses – particularly for utilities – helped to offset General Fund receipts that were about 4.5% below those received during the same period last year. The balance on the original \$100,000 mortgage, used to finance the new restrooms, was \$27,487.35 at March 31. We want to thank everyone for their support of Trinity Lutheran Church and its missions. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Prospero, Financial Secretary, or Bruce Hasch, Treasurer.



Members with Envelopes

Members giving donations to missions/charities other than those with designated envelopes in your envelope box, please use the extra designated envelope stating the mission on it or place your envelope number on the donation envelope provided by the mission. This applies whether you use cash or check for your donation.

I am then able to document your contribution on your record.
Questions - contact Janice Prospero, home phone 815 485-3558

Thanks, Janice



Youth and Sunday School Picnic - Thanks to everyone who came to the picnic. We had beautiful weather and had a wonderful time. We thank all the teachers and parents who helped with food and games, with a special shout-out to Mr. Krauss for the awesome games and prizes and Mrs. Aiken for all the food prep and planning. Look for pictures on the youth bulletin board soon!



MISSION INDIA

Multiplication Plan Project



"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

(Matthew 25:21)

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India *transformed* by the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Are you ready for a real-life New Testament experience? We are partnering with Mission India in a Multiplication Plan Project that will challenge and encourage your faith as we support the spread of the Gospel in India.

What is the Multiplication Plan Project?

Each person in our congregation will be given \$10 in "seed money." Over the next 12 weeks, use your creativity and God-given talents to multiply that \$10. At the end of the 12 weeks, you will return the \$10 in seed money, plus whatever additional funds you have raised (read the Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 25 and look for some ideas on the back). All the money we raise will be used to train and equip India's believers to reach their nation for Christ.

Find out more at www.missionindia.org

Click for more info: http://www.missionindia.org/sites/default/files/MultiplicationPlan_Insert1.pdf

