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Dear Friends of Trinity,

Please read this wonderful story from Mission India.

Navya wiped at the sweat pooling on her forehead. It was another long day in the sun.

She glanced at her husband, Dhruv, who was working the soil. She turned her attention back to the plot of ground in front of her.

Suddenly, a voice interrupted them. "Hello! My name is Arij. How are you both today?"

Navya and Dhruv exchanged a surprised look, but they stopped their work and chatted with Arij.

"We are delighted that you are speaking with us, sir," said Dhruv. "Even though we moved here 13 years ago, the villagers here are still not friendly to us. Navya and I live lonely lives - we work in our field from sunrise to sunset. We have no other friends here."

During his conversation with them, Arij - a Mission India Church Planter - shared about Jesus. Both Dhruv and Navya were eager to hear more.

So, Arij visited their home often. He read from the Bible and told them about Jesus' sacrifice on the cross to save sinners. Navya and Dhruv were moved by the love of Jesus. They chose to stop worshipping idols ...

... and received Jesus as their personal Savior.

Local villagers are angry with Navya and Dhruv because they're following Christ. Despite persecution, this couple refuses to give up Jesus.

Navya and Dhruv tell their relatives about their Savior Jesus. Recently, they led their 11-year-old son to faith in Christ.

"We want to see the whole village come to know the Creator of the universe and be transformed by Christ Jesus," Navya and Dhruv said.

Because of the work of Mission India, conversions like this are taking place every day! It's exciting work... and dangerous. Christians are not looked upon very kindly. But the Lord continues to work in India through His people, bringing people to faith in Christ, and transforming whole villages.

How are your Mission India projects going? We still have one month to go, and then in thankfulness and praise to God we will send what we have raised to Mission India. The money will be used to equip and train Lutheran church planters, who will be sent into the Lord's harvest field. We will then be able to say that the Lord involved us in spreading His love for sinners!

A **Concert For India** is in the works, and will be held in October at Trinity. Watch for details that will be coming soon!

In Christ,

Pastor Hoag

# September 2012

Wow! Can it really be time for the resumption of our “normal” schedules? Sports, school, Worship, and activities that all took a break for the summer are beginning to find spots on our calendar. The newsletter is brimming with news from our various groups that are ready to meet for fellowship and greet old AND NEW friends after the summer.

## TRINITY ANNUAL FALL SALAD LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars now: Wednesday, **10/3** from 11:30-1 the Chancel Guild will be serving their annual salad luncheon. Carry Outs are available. Tickets are available NOW from any Chancel Member for the reasonable price of \$7.00.

Chancel's first meeting of the season is **9/10** at 6:30. Hostesses are Sally Jackson and Jan Prospero.

Serving on Chancel for the month of September are:

9/1-2: Robin Krol & Denise Buchanan

9/8-9: Denise Buchanan & Lois Dobbs

9/15&16: Lois Dobbs & Judi Donovan

9/22&23: Judi Donovan & Jan Falk

9/29&30: Jan Falk & Sally Jackson

## CHOIR

Will resume Wednesday **9/12** at 7:00pm in the Choir Loft. Rehearsals are generally over before 8:30. The performance schedule is TBD. We are always looking for more voices.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please remember to sign Virgil Switzer's September greeting card, located on the reception area coffee table; he really appreciates knowing we care about him. Also take time to read mail that congregation members have received from him, posted on the office bulletin board.

### Mission India Fund Raiser:

Pastor Hoag and Dan Bay propose to sponsor an early Fall concert to fund the Mission India program, combined with an Ice Cream Social and provision for congregation members to “hype” their own fund-raising projects. The date and additional details will be forthcoming.

## **Second Sunday Coffee Hour:**

Thanks to the Justin Niemann family, we will once again enjoy coffee hour on each second Sunday, following early service. As new members of our church, we are most grateful they have offered their service. Thanks, Emily, Justin, and daughters.

## **Small Groups:**

Many congregation members wish to explore the possibility of re-creating the Small Groups program, such as Dining and Theatre, Art and Design, Fishing and Other Sports, Cards and Games, etc. Our Social Ministry Committee will discuss this proposal at our **September 17<sup>th</sup>** meeting, so, if you have a suggestion pertaining to this subject, please speak with a committee member or leave a note in Midge Meents' office box.

## **St. Matthew's:**

St. Matthew's continues to need and appreciate our supplying food, rummage, and monetary donations for their twice-weekly Soup Kitchen's servings and other needs. Please place rummage donations in the designated downstairs room and your food offerings in the north entry box.

## **Hayride:**

News of the upcoming annual congregation hayride will be included in forthcoming bulletins. Watch for details!

## **September 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

Our meeting is September 17<sup>th</sup> at Midge Meents' home. All women of the congregation are welcome and urged to join.

## **Volunteer Meal Providers:**

We will be updating our listing of persons who have previously volunteered to provide meals to families at special times in their lives. If you are interested in joining or continuing in this volunteer group, please notify chairman Beth Parker (815 485 6842) or leave a note in Midge Meents' office box. Please know you won't be called more than twice a year, so do sign on.

# **Women's League**

If you didn't figure it out from the graphic: Women's League will be tying blankets again this meeting. Tuesday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>**, 12:30 pm. The recipient of the blankets will be MorningStar Mission. Hostesses are Marge Dykstra and May Schrank. Guests are always welcome.

Just an advance warning: COOKIE SALE DATE IS **December 1**, 8:30-11:00 am.

# Blood Drive

The Fall Blood Drive is Tuesday, **9/4** from 3-7pm. Donors will be rewarded with Oberweis gift certificates! Nummmm. Between the hurricane and the holiday weekend, blood supplies will be strained; won't you please come out and help replenish this precious commodity?

**PRAYER CHAIN MEETING:** Please join us for a very brief meeting (think 15 minutes) on Thursday, **9/6 at 9:15** so we can all touch base. If you would like to JOIN this ministry but can't attend the meeting, you are more than welcome to contact either Ginny or Pat for more information.

## Thrivent Donations

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for two grants we received. The church is receiving \$200 to purchase Baptism medallions and Confirmation crosses and the preschool received \$150 to purchase new wooden toys. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a Fortune 500 financial services membership organization helping nearly 3 million members achieve financial security and give back to their congregations and communities. THANK YOU THRIVENT!

Keeping with our youth theme...

There are VERY FEW openings still in **preschool**. Contact the church office (which in turn will put you in touch with Mrs. Welch) for more details. Preschool begins the week of **9/4**.

**Sunday School** resumes on **9/9**. We are all very excited about our brand new curriculum. Come and join the "opening ceremonies" at 9:15 in the sanctuary.

**Confirmation classes** will begin at 6pm **9/5**. Orientation has already been held. If you missed it, but are planning on attending Confirmation classes, please contact Pastor Hoag.

**High school and junior high youth:** A fresh start for the new school year! Come to Youth Night on Wednesday evenings at church beginning **September 12**. Junior High will meet 5-6 p.m. before confirmation and high school will meet 6-7 p.m. Bring along a sack supper if you like. This will be a time of activities, devotions, fellowship, and homework help. Jenny Look and Lindsey Woodcock, recent college grads, will be helping direct this new activity. Plans for future activities like a Walcamp retreat, lock-in, service projects, fundraisers, etc. are in the works. Come join us!!!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** - Time to plan for the 2013 National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, July 1-5, 2013. We will have an informational meeting for youth and parents on Sunday, **September 16, at 1:30 p.m.** in the church library. The trip is open to high school youth ages 14-19. We are planning early because registration has to be sent in during October and fundraising will be ongoing throughout the year. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event you won't want to miss - this event is held only once every three years, and is always spectacular and attended by more than 20,000 Lutheran youth from around the country and world. For more information, talk to Judi Donovan, Pastor or Michelle Hoag.

**Craft Vendor Fair:** This is part of the e that was sent to previous crafters and vendors from Donna Cuthbert: It is that time of year once again and we are putting on our annual craft and vendor fair at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Lenox. The day this year is Saturday, **October 27**. The time will be the same - **9 am until 3 pm**. The prices will also stay the same - \$30 for a space (which includes 1 table). If you need a bigger space, there will be an additional charge depending on how many more tables you need. Please let me know if you are interested.

You may contact her (815 462 0380) or the church office for more information.

**Adult New Member Class** will begin on **Tuesday, September 4, at 8pm**. If you or anyone you know is joining our church from a different denominational background, this is a required class. Please contact the church office to register. The class will run for approximately 10 weeks. Note the time change, please.

## **Wednesday Morning Bible/Book Study**

Will resume at 8:30 am **9/12**. What's on tap? We will resume our study of the book of Revelation.

**TODAY'S LIGHT:** Books are in the office. Honor system as before.

**SHAREFEST:** On the signup table there is a purple dry-erase board. For the time being, it is ShareFest Central. There are sign-up sheets, a list of all the events that are occurring during the 11 days of giving, and other things as they come in. Please watch this for further information and support this community-wide event that Trinity supports.

## **Greeters, Readers, MorningStar**

Sheets will be up soon if they aren't by this weekend for readers, greeters and MorningStar volunteers. Now that summer is over, could you pick one service between now and Christmas to greet or read? If you would like the readings ahead of time, that can be done; if you are afraid you won't know the people coming through the door; don't worry, they're people JUST LIKE YOU.

## **Mission India Project**

On **9/9** and **9/16**, Ginny DeCarlo will be selling her hand made greeting cards and bookmarks between services. Monies raised are furthering the Mission India Project. (Note: if you want your project "advertised," please let the office know.)

## **MorningStar**

Our MorningStar serving dates for September are: **Labor Day** and **September 17<sup>th</sup>**. Kudos to our crackerjack crew who served on the holiday.

## **Southwest Sports Alliance**

Formerly the CYC. Information on activities at the "new" center are on the sign-up table. This fall's activities are baseball and kickball.

**OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS:** This group will begin meeting in the Library on Wednesday, **9/19** at 7 pm. For more information, please contact Mona (708 543 1166).

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sam Forsythe	1
Ann Johnson	1
Linda White	1
Brian Garrison	2
Allan Brunmeier	3
Henry Bylaitis	3
Gary Purnell	3
Kendall Sherman	3
Roger Wischover	5
Leigha DeMaertelere	6
Amy Ingalls	6
Taylor Ivers	7
Lacey Kosel	8
Scott Lueken	8
Courtney Nichols	8
Eva Grady	10
Jan Prospero	10
Jerry Molenaar	12
Tamara Doerrer	13
Ricky Adams	14
Kimberly Charles	14
Ruth Janner	15
Sarah Parker	15
Terry Larson	16
Ashley McCure	16
Juliette Pour	16
Jacob Charles	17
Heather Molenaar	17
Devin O'Neill	17
Charlie Sigrist	17
Andrew Ashley	19
Leah Black	19
Quinn Dunmore	19
Thomas Forsythe	19
Mason Klisz	19
Adolf Fandl	20
Lynne Pigney	21
Barb Studer	22
Ethan Kosel	24
Marge Hummel	25
Madison Simon	25
Parker Niemann	26
Marcy Remm	26
Stephen Purnell	27
Rebecca Verchimak	27
Betty Hopkinson	29

Sally Jackson	29
Virgil Switzer	29
Jacob Capretto	30
Janell McDonald	30
Jessicca Thompson	30

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Duncan & Allene Bachmann	4
Scott & Wendy Elmlund	4
Paul & Robin Krol	5
Bob & Tamara Doerrer	6
Harry & Corri Grady	7
Sheldon & Doris Klemm	7
Nick & Jayna Perez	12
Jeff & Kim Alfano	13
Andy & Starlette Torkelson	15
Bob & Karen Dickson	19
Al & Jan Prospero	19
Paul & Jean Moeller	20
Randy & Nancy Varju	20
Rich & Jacqueline Rohner	23
Jack & Lois Dobbs	24
Mark Lord & Marge Hummel	24
Jim & Jeanine Welsh	24
Chris & Pat Reithel	28
Harold & Jane Schrank	28