

August 2012

Dear Friends of Trinity,

How is your Mission India multiplication project going? I'm sure you all have some wonderful ideas that you're putting into action. I want to tell you that I really do appreciate all of your efforts and your enthusiasm in embracing this cause.

Folks have asked me if I would ever go back to India. My answer is always the same—in a heartbeat! The Indian people are very hospitable and gracious. This is especially true among the Christians. They have a joy that most of us would envy. They know what it really means to be set free from spiritual slavery. No longer do they have to placate, cajole, and appease millions of angry deities. No longer do they have to wonder if they have done enough. They really understand that Jesus is the only sacrifice they'll ever need.

Jesus is the only sacrifice we will ever need. Do we get that? Or do we spend our time trying to appease an angry God?

God set us free in order to love others. It's what we need. It's what India needs. It's what the whole world needs. God is love!

Please tell me what you are doing as your Mission India project when you get the chance. I'd love to hear your stories and about your creativity! I've heard some great ideas already, so I know there's more among us. Let me hear them.

Have a wonderful and blessed Summer. Stay cool in the heat, and I look forward to hearing from you!!

In Christ,

Pastor Hoag

August 2012 Newsletter

The days are almost imperceptibly beginning to get shorter, and the back to school sales have begun. However, we are still enjoying (?) summer here at Trinity and still have a light social calendar. While the drought has wreaked havoc on our lawns, it has meant a dry basement here at church – which is a good thing, right?!?

Here is the news, what little there is this month:

Confirmation and New Members:

Teen Confirmation Orientation will be held on **Wednesday, August 15, at 6pm**. Please attend with your student as we will be discussing curriculum, cost, and the Confirmation Retreat which will be held **September 22-23** at Camp Manitouqua in Frankfort.

Adult New Member Class will begin on **Tuesday, September 4, at 7pm**. 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**.

Chancel:

Next meeting is September 10 at 6:30 pm; hostesses are Sally Jackson and Jan Prospero.

August 4/5 Doris Bay/ Jeri Sandt
August 11/12 Jeri Sandt/ Christine Stark
August 18/19 Christine Stark/ Allene Bachmann
August 25/26 Allene Bachmann/Robin Krol

Just a friendly reminder:

Have you moved? If you aren't registered to do so, now would be a good time to make sure you are eligible to vote in November. Registration closes **October 9**.

Women's League

Returns from summer hiatus in September to make blankets. Keep **September 25** available to make these warmly appreciated gifts from the heart.

MorningStar

Our serving dates for August are **8/6 and 8/20 at 3:45**. The sign up sheet is on the table.

How are your Mission India Multiplication Plan Projects going? Please share your ideas, or whatever you've decided to do, with Pastor Hoag. He is very curious about your project and he hopes you're having **fun** doing it. Remember, your goal is to turn \$10 into \$100 by the middle of **October**.

Preschool News and Information

As of 7/26, there are NO openings for 3 yr olds in any sessions of preschool, and there are opening for a few 4 yr olds in MWF PM classes. Further information can be found on the website, or by contacting the church.

Thanks to a generous donation from Thrivent, preschool was able to replace and add to their collection of much-loved wooden toys including trains and airplanes. THANK YOU THRIVENT!

TPCG will be taking the month of August off.

Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's 2nd 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 3.3% below those received during the same period last year. Under the purview of the Property Committee, the exterior of the church was cleaned with volunteer labor. In addition, much needed tuck pointing of the exterior brickwork was completed at a cost of \$13,824, with the funds coming from the short term LCEF savings account. The balance on the original \$100,000 mortgage, used to finance the new restrooms, was \$25,711.52 at June 30. 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.

Readers and Greeters, oh my!

The sign-ups through Labor Day weekend are on the table. Won't you take a moment and agree to either read or greet one of the coming Sundays? If you'd like a copy of the readings, please let Kim know.

2013 dates

If you have a date for 2013 that you would like to see on the calendar, please leave a note for the secretary. We have a rough draft calendar we are working with. It seems that love is in the air and wedding dates are a hot commodity! We gladly will schedule other dates, however. ☺ Baptisms, anyone? FYI Easter is **3/31/13**.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Rosemarie Dudeck	1
Andrew Ritter	1
Ryan Doerrer	2
Blake Evans	2
Shauna Jandeska	2
Christopher Gappa	3
Lutz Guenther	3
Jasmine Reyes	4
Colleen Delcorio	5
Derek Delcorio	5
Nina Jefferies	5
Claire Sandahl	5
Laura Wendling	5
David Dobbs	6
Stephen Kaun	6
Brooke Krol	6
Roy Minnick	7
Mallory Johnson	9
Trey Murray	9
Michael Prospero	10
Connor Rogan	10
Michael Lopez	11
Joseph Lyman	11
Stephen Tomany	12
Robert Dickson	13
Doris Klemm	13
Makayla Schlak	13
Cari Ingalls	14
Millie Steinbrenner	14
Nicole Black	15
William Briese	15
Heidi Evans	16
Allene Bachmann	18
Matthew Brunmeier	18
Kayleigh Spain	18
Robert Doerrer	20
Carissa Lorenz	21
Jan Falk	22
Jennifer Look	23
Brenden Delcorio	24
Brian Pigney	24

Amanda Peters	24
Mackenzie Remm	24
Jim Welsh	24
Cindy McCullough	24
Violette Torkelson	25
Bridget Garrison	26
Cullen Seville	26
Kelsey Evans	27
Fred Meents	27
Karen Dickson	28
Autumn Chlebek	29
Colin Chlebek	29
Robert Bell	30
Betty Dortmann	30
Lee Remm	30
Ed Tatros	30
Braden Bowden	31
Peter Guenther	31
Hannah Sigrist	31
Adam Wroblewski	31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jack and Cheryl Mork	3
Mike and Joanne Gardner	7
Rex and Jan Toepke	11
Tom and Wendy Kaun	14
Jeff and Janell McDonald	16
Doug and Jan Schlak	18
Lutz and Ellen Guenther	22
Don and Ann Johnson	26
Caton and Brandy Tinker	26
Andrew and Kathleen Seppi	27
Gary and Kay Purnell	30