

Holy Trinity Ambassador

July
2014

Results from the June 8th Election

Treasurer: Dave Gotch

Elders: Randy Kochis, Mark Lowe,
Jeff McMullen

Parish Activities: Debbie Kovach,
Jan Rogers, Laureen Young

Education: Karen Downey,
Heather Drysdale, Tara Longmire

Church Properties: Jerry Christensen,
Bill Dovin, Greg Lentman, Steve Lightle,
Jeff Moritz

Thank you to all those who have completed
their service.

Old #3 Service

There will be an Old #3 Service on Sunday,
July 6th at 7:30 a.m., in addition to the 9 a.m.
service.

Cross Memorial Garden June Update

First, I would like to thank all that have
donated to the Cross Memorial Garden. All
the donations collected have been greatly
appreciated.

We have finally installed the crosses
and finished pouring the concrete for them.
Steps were also added on the back side of the
hill for easier maintenance. Landscape fabric
and weed killer have also been purchased.
We are beginning to work on the landscaping
now that the crosses are finished. Large
rocks are to be brought in next and then we will
put down the weed barriers. Plants still need
to be purchased along with smaller river rock.
We would like to finish off the landscaping with
some low voltage lighting also.

We are continuing to collect donations
for this project. Currently we do not have
enough funds to finish the project. Thank you
for your support!

Yours in Scouting,
Brian Reynolds

Vacation Bible School

Thanks to everyone who helped with VBS this
year. The Word of God goes forth! Our
offerings went to Lutheran Church Charities for
their work in disaster relief and with their
comfort dogs.

Parish Nurse Program

Blood pressure checks will be Sunday, July 6th and
20th following the 9 a.m. service. Mrs. Jackie
Girard will be in the room off the fellowship hall
marked with red crosses.

Ponderings in the Pasture – Pastor Gutz

Excerpted from *To Live with Christ* - daily devotions by Bo Giertz, Concordia Publishing House, 2008, p.427-428.

There was a man who had two sons. –
Luke 15:11

We easily forget that the parable of the lost son is actually a parable of two sons; two different people, both of whom are created and loved by God. One was lost but returned. The other one stayed at home yet was still lost.

The parable explains how one can become lost. The usual way is to demand your share so you can do with it as you please - be it your body, youth, health, money, or passion. Satisfying those desires will give you pleasure - for a while. Strangely enough, it's probably better the sooner it's over and you discover just how poor and miserable you really are. Maybe then you'll remember the Father you so thoughtlessly abandoned. In truth, the reason you remember Him is because you've always been in His thoughts. He has not forgotten you.

That's how the way home begins. You're regretful. You put yourself to shame. You've disgraced Him and caused Him great sorrow. Then you arrive, only to see that He's been waiting for you! You're greeted with joy. There's a feast and rejoicing in God's house. You can exchange your rags for the finest clothes. That's how Christ's righteousness is depicted, the righteousness He obtained that's enough for us to cover all our sins and allow them to disappear forever.

Then we have the other son. He was also lost, but in another way. He had always been at home, always behaved himself, and performed his duties well. Yet he had one fault that surfaced when his brother returned home: he had never loved his father or his brother. He was watching out for himself, waiting for the inheritance that was coming to him and what he could get his hands on now, which he felt wasn't much. This is the picture

of the moralist who obeys God in an effort to stay out of trouble and is very conscious of the fact that he should be considered a man of higher rank in God's eyes. This is also a way of being lost, although it's a much more dangerous way and much harder to remedy.

Both sons were equally loved. They both made their father sad. However, one of them also made him happy. That's the way it is with us. We're all sinners. We've all made God sad. However, we can give Him and the angels the greatest joy by repenting, confessing our sins, and asking for forgiveness. Then we will be welcomed into boundless happiness.

Final Instructions and Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Church Council Meeting

May 27, 2014

Present: J. Zavada, K. Varju, D. Gotch, J. Hoekstra

Committee Reports:

-Elders: Assignments were made for June. VBS is in the evening June 23-27. Pastor is serving as VBS director.

-Parish Activities: Mother Daughter Potluck had 35 in attendance. Church picnic is June 8.

-Old Business: Elections will be held at Voter's Meeting on June 8. Parish Nurse Program is in operation with blood pressure screening held twice a month.

Parish Nurse Program

The arrival of summer days at the pool, family picnics, baseball and other outdoor activities. Here are some tips to keep your family physically active in the warmer months.

Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate! - Drink plenty of water before, during and after physical activity to avoid dehydration. For low-calorie flavor, add slices of your favorite fruits such as melons, oranges, berries or even cucumber or mint to a pitcher of water and refrigerate for two hours.

Protect your family from the sun: Wear wide-brimmed hats, always apply water-resistant sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and reapply sunscreen every 2 hours.

Heat Safety: Avoid intense activities between noon and 3 p.m. when the sun is at its strongest.

Dress for the heat: Wear lightweight, light colored clothing, choose light, breathable fabrics such as cotton, and wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.

Head indoors: When the heat gets unbearable, try indoor activities at your local YMCA or rec center like basketball, swimming, yoga or racquetball.

From the American Heart Association

For the Record

Married:

Jeremy Coley and Casie Park, June 21st

Remember to pray for our shut-in members, those sick & hospitalized:

James Andree	Ruth Lehman
Bill Andree	Shirley Meyers
Marilyn Andree	Donna Murphy
Doris Dimmig	Lois Novak
Bryan Donner	Louise Novotney
Ruth Harlow	Virginia O'Brien
Tom Kerestes	Betty Opremchak
Helen Kruger	John Repko

Serving in July

Elders

Saturday – Tony Miles, Jack Zavada

Sunday – Dave Gotch, Mike Peters

Ushers

Bob Barr Jr., Ron Freitag,
David Kochis, Pete Pastirik

Greeters

Lora Landrum, Lori Young

Altar Guild

Saturday – Greg & Barb Lentman

Sunday – Travis & Renelda Quick

Some websites to check out:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

www.holytrinitystreator.org

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

www.lcms.org

Concordia Pub.House - www.cph.org

Pirate Christian Radio

www.piratechristianradio.com

For singles, widowed, divorced:

www.inspiration-for-singles.com

Issues Etc.

Christ - Centered, Cross - focused

Talk radio

www.issuesetc.org

The Good Samaritan Fund

The generous giving of Holy Trinity parishioners has provided over 70 families with Aldi food vouchers this year. It is a blessing to them and they appreciate receiving them.

Remember Our Missions

LHF and TIM

Our missionaries that we were supporting in Cambodia have come off the mission field and are on to new adventures. Our TIM giving is now going to support Rev. Jacob Gaugert who is preparing to teach at the Lutheran seminary in Dapaong, Togo. Please look at his newsletter on the bulletin board outside the church office. Your mission offerings help support his work.

Scholarship Applications

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting Scholarship Applications for the fall 2014 Semester. Interested applicants may pick up an application in the church office. All applications must be submitted to the church office by noon on Tuesday, July 1st.