



The Beacon

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Most of us who find ourselves living in 2007 have experienced elements of both the ages of modernity and postmodernity. "Every day in every way things just keep getting better and better" could have been the mantra of 20th century modernity. Nothing seemed to limit the development of the potential that existed in humanity, and progress -- inevitable progress -- was the destiny of humankind. But, from the senseless killing fields of World War I, to the gas chambers of Nazi concentration camps in World War II, to an insane Cold War in which "Mutually Assured Destruction" (or M.A.D.) was considered a viable policy, the 20th century destroyed the optimistic assumptions of modernity. Like any great age, modernity has not died away overnight, and so we find ourselves living in a time of transition between the age of modernity and that which is replacing it -- which has been labeled postmodernity.

Postmodernity is an age characterized by a lack of absolutes. Individuals are free to believe anything they wish to believe, as long as it "works for them." All are left to their own devices to discover and work out what it is that brings meaning or purpose to their life -- if anything! I once read a statement to the effect that "when people stop believing in God, the result is *not* that they believe in nothing, but rather that they will believe in *anything*." A letter to the editor of the Columbus Dispatch newspaper epitomizes the postmodern attitude that any faith system is as valid as any other.

... from the Columbus Dispatch (Columbus, Ohio), January 27, 2005.

I was inspired by the Jan. 4 Faith & Values article "Tsunami survivors turn back to faith." Relics of many religions were spared, people of many religions were saved, and, tragically, people of many faiths were lost. This just strengthens my belief that the most important aspect of faith is not what faith one is, but that one has faith. Most religions teach that the most important articles of faith are loving God and loving one another. The tsunami has proved that it does not matter what name or names one uses to refer to the Higher Power, be it Spirit, God, Goddess, or any of a multitude of other names. For convenience, I will use *God* for this letter, though I prefer another name.

For those who consider themselves to be the chosen people, consider this: All of us who are alive at any given moment have been chosen to be here. Any infant born at this second was chosen to be here. Anyone who dies at this second has been chosen to proceed to the next step. What you believe that next step to be, and where you believe that next step to be, is what your religion teaches and is a matter of individual faith. All religions are merely various interpretations of the same truths, inspired by God, perhaps, but in the end, practiced by imperfect humans. The lesson to be learned from this catastrophe is that no religion has greater meaning than any other, that we are indeed equal before God. We need to look at others as people of faith, and learn not to care which faith, but instead, to care.

It is to this world that Christians bring their particular story. It is a story that we claim is good news -- life changing good news --- and the response of much of our world is to yawn and say, "Oh, that's nice. Glad it works for you." What is this good news, and why should the world pay attention to it?

"Brick walls" that limit our knowing...

Humanity's efforts at knowing ourselves and our universe, impressive as they are, run into two "brick walls" that seem to be unassailable boundaries. On the one end is what has been labeled the cosmic "Big Bang" - the event that stands at the beginning of our universe as we know it. On the other end is death -- the event that stands at the end of our universe as we know it, both as individuals and as a race.

Science has been able to approach the Big Bang, and efforts are underway in Europe to build a 27 mile long particle accelerator that may duplicate conditions that existed fractions of a second *after* the Big Bang. But the moment of the big bang itself, and what lies behind it, is an unapproachable and unknowable reality -- a brick wall that we are unable to breach.

The brick wall that defines the other boundary of our knowing is death. No one gets out of this world alive. The moment of death itself, and what, if anything, lies beyond it, is an unapproachable and unknowable reality.

Limited by these two "brick walls," *humanity is unable meaningfully to answer questions of ultimate meaning*. Absolute truth is considered unknowable, and absolute values do not exist. Are we created? What is our purpose? What happens after death? These and many more questions are considered to belong to the realm of religion, since they exceed our ability to "know" the answer in a scientific sense. Most religions make some attempt at answering these questions, and the postmodern attitude is to see all of the attempts as equally valid. It is simply an individual preference to subscribe to one "belief system" rather than another.

Gospel (Good News)

Christianity makes the claim that it has news for this world -- Good News! Christianity makes the bold statement that uniquely in the life, death, and resurrection of the historical man known as Jesus of Nazareth, God has engaged in an unparalleled self-revelation. The essence of this self-revelation is "Immanuel" -- that "God is with us"! In and of itself, God being present with us is not necessarily good news, because we do not know if humanity in general, and our particular human life specifically, is acceptable to God. But the one who is Immanuel -- Jesus himself -- makes this presence among us good news through his unconditional forgiveness of sins. Jesus announced that God's Kingdom -- the rule or reign of God -- had come among us. By his forgiving of sins Jesus went about restoring humanity to a right relationship with God, and so the news that the kingdom of God had come among us was **good** news. This message, and Jesus' acts of restoring people to a right relationship with God, was brought to an end with his arrest and death by crucifixion. Humanity could not abide having its notions of "righteousness" destroyed by this "Immanuel." If this were the end of the story, Christianity would have no claim to any validity that exceeded that of any other religion or way of making sense of this world.

So what? Why should we, and the world, pay attention to this Jesus of Nazareth? Remember the "brick wall" of death that was mentioned above? Jesus has broken through this wall by his resurrection (not resuscitation) from the dead. In Jesus we have someone who has gone where no one has gone before. In Jesus we have someone who has accomplished what no one else has accomplished. The world can pay attention to Jesus because his life and message has been verified and vindicated by his unique triumph over death! Amen, thank you Lord!

Pastor Terry

Worship Meeting

Sunday May 20th

12:00 PM

Sunday Service Schedule

Accepted by the Congregational Council

As recommended by the Worship and Music Committee

Background:

At the annual meeting in January of 2007, the floor was opened, and a discussion regarding the times and amount of worship services offered on Sunday mornings was raised. At the time, the issue was decided to be referred to council to research and report to the congregation, its findings. At the February Congregational Council meeting, discussion began on how to proceed regarding the research and inquiry. At that time, it was resolved, that the worship and music committee should handle the issues. This committee oversees and addresses the worship needs of the church. This committee is comprised of members of the congregation and the pastor. The committee began the inquiry by breaking the discussion into two components. The first question was the number of services offered. The second regarded the time of the second service. The timetable established at the annual meeting was to be before the implementation period discussed (June 2007). The following are the results of research and the recommendation to council for a course of action.

Question One: The number of services offered.

Currently, Trinity Lutheran Church offers two Sunday morning services, one at 8:00am and one at 10:45am. Sunday School and Adult Bible studies meet from 9:15am to 10:15am. The question raised was to eliminate a service. This raised the question that if switched, what would be the time the service was to be held at, seeing that Sunday School is between the two services. The result proposed was that while Sunday school is out of session, for the summer months, eliminate a service and only have one service at approximately 9:00am or 10:00am. Once Sunday school was to begin again in fall, the second service would return.

The question we asked is, what benefit is there to eliminate a service? After review and discussion by the Worship and Music committee, the recommendation to the council was to maintain the current service offerings at two services both throughout the Sunday school year and summer months. The recommendation is backed by the following information listed here for review:

- Per the Congregational Constitution, C4.02c, the congregation is to “Carry out Christ’s Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ by doing all Ministry with a global awareness...” Two services should be viewed as an addition to the ministry of the church rather than a distraction to the existing services. This means that the church should design services to meet the needs of the people who are missing from the congregation, not the people that are attending present services. Furthermore, per C4.03a “Provide services of worship at which the Word of God is preached and the sacraments are administered.” It is the opinion of this group that by eliminating a service, regardless of time-frame, we will be eliminating an opportunity in which we as a church would be available to meet the needs of the community and limiting the choices of the current congregation in worship. It is the objective of the church to providing worship to allow as many people as possible the opportunity to lift their lives by the worshiping God.

- Fifty percent of healthy growing congregations across the US find it necessary to schedule two or more services to meet the different needs of generational preferences. As a growing congregation, the elimination of one service limits the opportunity to worship that would be convenient or practical to its members. This is an idea that has been utilized by Catholic churches for an extended period of time. By offering Saturday evening and multiple Sunday masses, they have made themselves available to the members. With the many differing work and commitment schedules of individuals today, offering additional times to worship automatically increases the number of individuals available to attend.

- There are three types of congregational members, those who regularly attend, those who attend every few weeks and those who attend on holidays. Confusion can arise by a church offering alternating times per the year. This would directly affect those individuals who wish to visit with us for worship. All existing publications would have to be changed to effectively communicate a change in time to those outside of regular attendance. If they have difficulty in attending, they are less likely to attend again.

- Most information available indicates that adding a service increases attendance by five to fifteen percent. Likewise, removal of a service decreases attendance by five to fifteen percent. As such, Trinity, during the time of intentional interim, decided to hold a single joint service on the fifth Sunday of the month. Using our own attendance records, from the time period between June 2005 and April 2007, regular attendance with two services averaged 95 people. Regular attendance for fifth Sunday services in the same period averaged 78. This is a drop of 17 people and confirms the loss of attendance due to a limited available of opportunity to worship. Moreover, our attendance had been down during the time of transition and the intentional interim period. Our attendance numbers since having a full time pastor have been increasing. Members who were removed from the congregation are returning. This is an upward trend. A change in worship availability could adversely affect this trend. When a congregation stops attracting new members, it fades. Likewise, the budget has been determined in conjunction with past envelope givings and projections to this years givings. While attendance faces a percentage decrease, the same can be said in the giving to the church. While it is not the focus of discussion, financial concerns must be considered in this recommendation.

- Trinity is in the midst of the Natural Church Development program. This is a paid program in which the church evaluates itself on a series of points in which to better determine our maximum point of leverage, or area yielding greatest improvement with least allocation of resources. Need based evangelism was determined as the maximum point of leverage. This point indicates a need for our church to reach out to the community to better strengthen our congregation. The elimination of a service would be in direct conflict with and a complete reversal in our efforts towards meeting the challenge determined by this paid program.

- One of the greatest inputs continually mentioned is the need for younger members and children. It is said every church is one generation away from elimination. The need of the church is to identify those they need to reach and extend the opportunity in which to welcome them. Four to eighteen percent of an active congregation can be lost naturally due to illness, death or relocation out of an area. By offering choices, we allow for multiple opportunities to compensate for any loss we could incur.

- One item of concern is the desire to have a full church in which to worship in. The fifth Sunday service was developed to aid in this fellowship. This allows those who regularly attend different services the opportunity to meet with the members that they do not see regularly. If the desire is to have a full church, physical alterations could be made. Pews and other worship settings could be removed or repositioned to facilitate a closer more intimate setting. This can create the desired sense of unity. However, if it is truly a lack of unity that is sensed, there are far greater problems of this congregation that need to be addressed. One service will not protect this congregation from the feeling that the church is lacking fellowship. It would only mask it. Whether everyone gathers in the same room at the same time for worship is not the solution. Alternative programs and events should be identified and attempted to aid in the bettering of fellowship within congregation. The best way for this congregation to maintain and increase fellowship is through increased opportunities for members to participate. When you are finished with a worship service, how do you feel? When completing a task in a focus group or study session of smaller numbers, how do you feel? Often the experience in smaller groups leads to a better feeling of being close. Our experiences, understanding and sharing of God's word and influences in our lives with one another occur on a far more personal note than in a general session.

Question Two: The time for second service.

Sunday School meets from 9:15am to 10:15am. With second service starting at 10:45am, thirty minutes are open to the children attending Sunday school. Can the time be changed to allot less time between school and service to limit the opportunities for problems.

This is currently being further reviewed by the worship and music committee in conjunction with the parish education committee to come to a recommendation for council to approve. Further information will follow as it is decided.

Conclusion:

Per Congregation Constitution C12.04f, this report is "to promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding." This discussion and report are to offer insight and comments to the open processes of the bodies of this congregation as instructed by the constitution.

In accordance with Congregation Constitution C12.04a, the council is "to lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals." As the elected leaders representative of this church, the council accepts the recommendation of the committee and appreciates their efforts. Upon review of the material presented and discussed, the council agrees with the recommendation and sees no further action as being required. By offering the opportunity to worship, we further our mission to "*Be a Beacon, Seeking and Reflecting the Light of the Lord.*"



“Bind Us Together”

Opportunities exist every day. Sometime we see them, usually we don't. It is like looking for something that you have lost. If you need to find it now, you can't find it. But later, after you needed it or at a latter date when you aren't looking for it, there it is. Most of the time, the same can be said for opportunities. You don't necessarily see them until later. Than its “I should have...” or “I could have...”.

“So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church”

1 Corinthians 14:12

Relationships are precious things. Stop a moment and think of the closest relationships you have in your life. There is your relationship with God, with your Pastor, with your wife, your children, your neighbor, or even that girl at Pixley's who just cashed you out buying groceries. The only difference in relationship is the amount of effort we put into them. Now think about them again. You probably spend more time with your children than with the cashier. And that's the point. You get out of the relationship what you put into it.

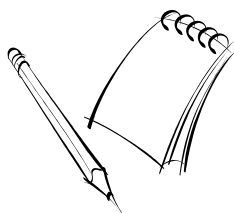
“I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings”

1 Corinthians 9:23

One of the things that have come to my attention is that in this church there are feelings of disunity. There is a separation. There are those that go to early service, there are those who go to later service. There are those in the congregation that attend events held at the church and those that participate in other ways. Let me give you an example. When you attend a Sunday worship service, you could sit right next to someone. For the length of that service you are close to them, but only in a physical sense. Unless you strike up a conversation with them, you know little more about them. Maybe in conversation you listen of a concern they have or add to the celebration of life that they are a part of. You don't know unless you ask. It is directly related to you. Only on depending on your part in furthering a relationship, can we become closer.

“And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort” - 2 Corinthians 1:17

The question I pose to you is how can we better our relationships in the church? By strengthening our relationships, we can better the congregation and better prepare this church and ourselves for a greater mission. The lyrics to a hymn sum it up best. “Bind us together Lord, bind us together, with bonds that can not be broken. Bind us together Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.”



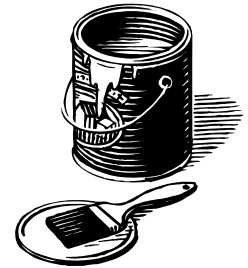
PROPERTY COMMITTEE

I think spring has officially arrived and summer will soon follow, but soon afterward winter is just around the corner again. Just in case you haven't heard, our boiler, which heats the entire church, has reached the end of its life span. Yes, this is the same boiler that our service man informed us last spring was in good shape. All I can say is that it is approaching forty years old, and you all know how old equipment lets you down.

Just when you think your old car will make it a couple more miles, you find yourself sitting beside the road while everyone else is driving along. To make a long story short, your Property Committee is researching a replacement for our old boiler. We wanted to prepare all of you that it will be very expensive, most likely \$12,000-\$15,000. We will do our best to find the most energy efficient boiler at the best price possible.

Your council will be bringing you more information shortly.

One more thing I need to mention is that Trinity is still looking for a volunteer to paint a Sunday School room. If you like to paint, this is your chance! Please see Lois Kruschke or Mike Kropelin.



Respectfully submitted,

Mike

TRINITY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School teachers are looking forward to a brief period of rest and relaxation, as they take the summer months off (the last two weeks in June, the months of July and August, and the first week in September, to either share in the Adult Sunday Forum or to join others for a cup of coffee and ??

This year the students have been blessed to have been instructed by some very

generous teachers and substitutes—Shirley Shoenwetter and Diane Vogt (nursery), Donna Jurewicz (1st and 2nd grade), Wendy Schadt (3rd and 4th grade), Ruth Walworth (5th and 6th grade), T a m m y J o h a n n e s (confirmation level) and David Hofmeier (Adult level). All have given unselfishly of their time to prepare lessons and to teach the students. These people deserve your thanks, along with

Paula Kropelin, Lisa Kaminski, Diane McMullen, Gretchen Bruning, Annette Adamczak, and Trudi Schmid, who have been there to assist whenever needed.

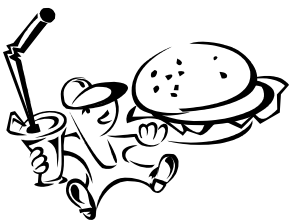
Sunday School will resume in the fall on Sunday, September 9th. Watch for more details on the fun and games planned for Rally Day!



Note to parents:

On Sunday, June 17th, the youngsters will share in a time of fun and games as we bring our Sunday School year to a close. You are asked to have them wear clothing appropriate for outdoor fun. This will take place during Sunday School time (9:30-10:30 am)

ROAST BEEF STAND



Trinity will be hosting their annual Roast Beef tent at the July 4th festivities in Russell Park, Akron, on Tuesday, July 3rd and Wednesday, July 4th. There are many ways in which you may be of great help—check out the sign up sheet for donations of soda pop, ketchup, coffee, paper products, etc., and perhaps give of a little time to either set up/take down the tent, serve the customers, or help to prepare the plates with the sandwiches and chips, etc. Your time and effort would be greatly appreciated and lighten the load of others. If you have any questions, please see Donna Kumpf.

Please Remember: Money is always acceptable but cannot take the place of a willing hand!

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies of Trinity will be participating in the Akron Annual Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, June 9th. The ladies will be offering wrapped boxes for \$1. The boxes will contain items of at least \$1 in value and will be wrapped in newspaper. The ladies ask your support by purchasing items—coloring books and crayons, play doh, trucks and cars, dolls, play jewelry and games for younger children; puzzle books, small games, jewelry, change purses, wallets, etc. for the teens, and tools, scarves, candy, cookies, hankies, hand towels, etc. for adults. Please bring them to the church by Sunday, June 3rd. If you have any extra funny papers or sports sections from your newspapers, please feel free to donate them also. The ladies will be gathering on Wednesday, June 6th at 9:00 to wrap the items. If you wish to wrap your donations at home, please make sure

they are marked for male/female and also for the age group.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the ladies' Spaghetti Supper. Due to your generosity, the ladies were able to raise over \$800 and give each of the Confirmands a small monetary token for their trip to Washington, DC.

Please join the ladies on Tuesday, June 12th for their next regularly scheduled meeting. The women are planning to attend a special gathering at the GreenField Manor on Thursday, June 21st. If you are interested in attending this Spring Luncheon, please contact Donna Kumpf at 542-4651, or Helen Smith at 542-9504. This will be an entertaining program with a Theme Basket raffle following the lunch.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

3rd- Darrell Walworth
 4th- Alan Kumpf
 5th- Shirley Smith
 6th- Kristine Fazio
 7th- Rachel Kitt
 9th- Robby Johannes
 12th- Lana Wolcott
 14th- Daisy Graff
 15th- Stephanie Yaeger
 Nancy Jasinski
 16th- Trudi Schmid
 18th- Bill Ruf
 19th- Jennifer Eckerson
 21st- Amanda Kaczmarek
 30th- June Hoffmann



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

5th- Ray & Sharon Francis
 Bill & Ruth Walworth
 8th- Chuck & Wendy Yaeger
 14th- Dennis/Bonnie Cummings
 16th- Ken and Sharon Schmidt
 25th- John & Michelle Covell
 27th- Erik & Melissa Polkowski

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—JUNE 2007

June 3, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Donna Kumpf	10:45 am—Tammy Johannes
Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Ruth Knerr	10:45 am—Martin Szinger
Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Mel Knerr	10:45 am—Erik Polkowski
Greeter 10:45 am—Diane Vogt and Shirley Schoenwetter	

June 10, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Helen Smith	10:45 am—Diane McMullen
Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Ethel Kogut	10:45 am—C. McMullen
Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Lisa Kaminski	10:45 am—Gretchen Bruning
Greeter 10:45 am—Betty Sugg	

June 17, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Donna Kumpf	10:45 am—Flo Goeseke
Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Brianna Jurewicz	10:45 am—Candy Kruschke
Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Paula Kropelin	10:45 am—Diane Vogt
Greeter 10:45 am—Helmut Bauder	

June 24, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Helen Smith	10:45 am—Tammy Johannes
Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Dale Kruschke	10:45 am—Becky Fix
Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Mel Knerr	10:45 am—S. Schoenwetter
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A little Church humor:

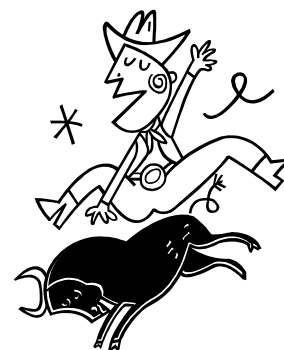
Coffee was always served at our church after the sermon. One Sunday our minister asked one of the smaller members of the congregation if he knew why we had coffee hour. Without hesitating, the youngster replied, "To wake people up before they have to drive home."

—Richard Blake, San Luis Obispo, California. *Christian Reader*, "Kids of the Kingdom."

VBS PLANS UNDERWAY

Planning is underway for this year's Vacation Bible School program "Avalanche Ranch." Mark your calendars for July 23-27 for an exciting week of fun and learning. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives! This will be an evening program, so if you'd like to help, there will be a planning meeting on Monday, June 4th at the church to discuss the program and hand out materials. For additional questions, contact Gretchen Bruning at 697-2178 or Diane McMullen at 632-0156.

(The VBS committee asks you to start saving one gallon milk jugs)



3RD ANNUAL RIDE AROUND THE LAKE

Spring is definitely in the air and with it comes sunshine, fresh air, the need to get in shape after a long winter, and another season of fun and spiritual renewal for adults and kids alike at LCLC. We have put all these things together in a wonderful package and hope you will all participate in:

THE 3RD ANNUAL RIDE AROUND THE LAKE

Bicyclers are invited to participate in this exciting adventure on behalf of Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. The **RIDE** will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, July 4**. All those participating in this 42-mile adventure are welcome to spend the night of July 3rd at the LCLC Retreat Center in order to be refreshed and ready to go the next morning!

THE GOAL: \$20,000 TO BUILD A RECREATION PAVILION AT CAMP. First, a paved,

concrete court must be built and then the pavilion itself will follow, hopefully by the summer of 2009 (or sooner??), but of course that will depend on the amount of money that is raised.

Why a pavilion? Of all the items that we need, a recreation pavilion would best serve the campers' needs. Presently, rainy days present a real problem. The only indoor space that we can use during inclement weather is St. John's Hall, our dining hall. This means dining tables and chairs must be taken down and set up again between meals to provide space for indoor activities. Not only is this very labor-intensive and time consuming, but it makes it very difficult for us to maintain a clean and sanitary dining area.

So, you say you are not a cyclist or that 42 miles is too much for you? There are other opportunities to help. **Why not sponsor a cyclist?**

Church, individual, and business sponsorships are all welcome.

You can contact LCLC and volunteer as a cyclist or a sponsor – call them at 716-386-4125 or email them at lclc@alltel.net.

YOUR HELP IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US, SO PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO RIDE OR BE PREPARED TO SPONSOR SOMEONE.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on July 4. And thanks – in advance – for anything you can do to help.

Sincerely,
Lee Lindeman
Executive Director

Dates to note:

ACS
Baccalaureate
Service:
Wed., June 10th
7:00 pm
1st Methodist
Church, Akron



Interchurch
Fellowship
Songfest:
Sunday, July 15th
Russell Park
with Craig Wilkins
Time to be
determined

Pastor Milleville Moves

Pastor Deron Milleville, nephew of Bea Nehrboss, has left Trinity Lutheran in Skaneateles, NY, near Syracuse, and was installed April 29, 2007 at Good Shepherd Lutheran near Albany, with a membership of 1000. Deron, Julie and Lucas (4 years old) now live in Ballston Lake, New York. Pastor Deron served a few months here at Trinity while Pastor Schlewitt was ill.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

On Saturday, May 12th, we left the church parking lot at 8am sharp, arriving at our hotel about supper time. We walked the entire length- and back- of the National Mall that evening, seeing several of our nation's beautiful monuments.

On Sunday we worshipped at the National Cathedral (the place where the funeral services were held for Presidents Reagan and Ford). We were given "special treatment", and were even welcomed by the Pastor during the service. A tour of this awesome building (the 6th largest Gothic Cathedral in the world!) followed. A Twilight/Night Tour of Washington's sights concluded the day.

Monday's main event was the Holocaust Museum. It is not possible to truly describe the impact of this place. All of us were moved and overwhelmed by the evidence of the inhumanity of mankind, as well as by stories of some who made a small difference by helping those in danger.

We are compiling our photographs and information about our experiences in Washington, D.C. so that we can present our trip to the congregation.

To all who supported the Confirmation Class in their fund raising efforts and in other ways—**THANK YOU!!** It was well worth it!

Local Woman Seeks "Living Angel"



My name is Debbie Kuhn. I live in Akron, New York. I have Polycystic Kidney Disease, and I am in kidney failure and require a kidney transplant. I am an A blood type so therefore, I can receive from anyone who has a blood type of A or O. I am hoping and praying that I can receive the "gift of life" before I need to start dialysis. Right now, the average wait to receive a kidney from a deceased donor is 3 to 5 years. If I can receive a kidney from a living donor, my chances are greatly improved from having to suffer the medical complications that come with dialysis. I have worked as a Nurse for over 20 years. Every day, it is getting harder for me to do my job. I am so tired, of being tired and exhausted, all the time.

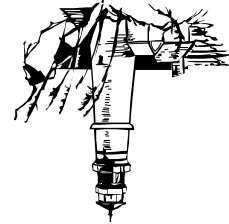
Would you consider being tested for being a living kidney donor? Living kidney donation is becoming much more widely done and accepted, and actually, last year, living donors outnumbered deceased donors for the first time. And probably one of the most important facts that many people do not know, is that you only need one kidney to live a completely normal and healthy life. To be a donor takes several important factors: you need to be a healthy person between the ages of 18 and 60, not have high blood pressure, diabetes, heart, liver or lung disease, HIV or hepatitis. The first step to being a living donor is having your blood tested.

Please consider being a donor, or tell your friends, family and co-workers. Tell anyone - everyone! Being a living donor truly takes a very special person and it is, without question, one of the most unselfish acts one person can do for another.

You don't have to be deceased to give life. You just have to be a "Living Angel." For more information, call Karen Paolini at Buffalo General Multi-Organ Transplant Center at 716-859-1345. You may also contact www.WNYKidneyConnection.org.

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David McMullen, Choir Director

Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 am and 10:45 am

Sunday School (ages 3-adult): 9:15 am

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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