



THE BEACON

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

On May 25th, 2008, at the second (10:45 a.m.) worship service, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Newstead quietly passed a milestone in its recent history.

mile • stone

-noun

1. a stone functioning as a milepost.
2. a significant event or stage in the life, progress, development, or the like of a person, nation, organization, etc.: *Her getting the job of supervisor was a milestone in her career.*

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I thought about mentioning the milestone at the service, but decided to let it pass and remark on it in the Beacon. More people will be able to hear/read about it this way, since it is not limited to those in attendance at the second service on a holiday weekend! It was, by the way, Memorial Day weekend, and we honored all those in our congregation who have ever worn the uniforms of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. We also announced the beginning of a “work in progress” that is off to a great start! This is a registry of names of those in some way connected to our congregation who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces. This Registry will be published in our bulletins twice a year on the Sundays closest to Memorial Day and Veterans Day! Thank God for their service!

But back to the milestone...

When using numbers and averages as an indicator of where we are, it helps to be comparing apples to apples and not apples to oranges. I have been watching patterns in attendance at Trinity, and since we have good records going back several years, I could observe and study the records as well. The first five months of the year, January through May, seem to be their own “unit” or “grouping” for attendance patterns here. This may be because of the severe winter weather of January and February, the Lenten season, the Easter holiday, Spring (and its vacations), and then the Memorial Day holiday weekend all falling into these first five months. For whatever reasons, these five months seem to consistently stand as a sub-unit of the church year that give a picture of how the average weekly attendance figures compare from year to year. In other words, the average weekly attendance figure of the first five months of the year is a good figure to use to compare how we are doing in comparison to some immediate past years.

And here is what I found out, after a lot of number crunching (why do they call it number “crunching”?)... our average weekly attendance for the first five months of 2008 was **100.6** ! We were consistently, on the average, over 100 people in worship every week for the first five months of 2008!

Now, why is that a milestone for Trinity? Because it has been **six years** since the average weekly worship attendance for the first five months of the year has been at or above 100 people (since 2002)!

What does this mean for us??? Maybe a lot, maybe a little.

It IS “just” a number—but it is a number that puts our congregation in the upper one third of all American Protestant congregations in size... I said **UPPER** one third! But still, it’s just a number... unless we see that it positions us to do ministry in Newstead, to carry out the Great Commission, to... you get the idea!!!

It is just a number, but it can be a motivating and exciting one... you deserve a “pat on the back.” It has been six years since this congregation consistently worshipped at these numbers... but this is just a start, not the accomplishment of any goal. We are ready to keep going, and going, and going!

Another observation from the data from Trinity’s attendance records- there seems to be a summer “slump” every year, from which we don’t seem to really recover until about November! This results in the average attendance for the year being 4 to 6 LOWER than the average attendance for the first five months of the year... meaning, if we don’t break this strange cycle, we will not break 100 for our yearly average in 2008--- even though we are off to such a great start! There is no reason we can’t break out of these habits and make 2008 a banner year!

During the last three years and one half years, especially, the financial commitment of the congregation of Trinity Lutheran has been steady and growing. Quarter by quarter there has been growth compared to the quarter of the year before, and that has been a blessing. The Stewardship Team has helped to educate and motivate and minister to us on the blessings of a life lived in response to God’s blessings. *If it was easy, they would only have to teach us once!* But we are human, and for the same reason we need to hear God’s Word of forgiveness and Law and Gospel over and over, we need to hear about stewardship of creation and our resources and our finances as a response to God’s goodness to us over and over (or at least annually!). Here comes an interesting fact—our average attendance for the first five months of the year is the highest it has been in six years... but our envelope (regular) giving is slightly down! However, overall, our giving is up when the special projects are thrown into the mix (the boiler, generator, worship improvements), but they were **not** intended to ever take away from anyone’s regular giving. Some thoughts on this--- 1.We have not had any kind of Stewardship Emphasis for over a year, and although I may have sounded less than serious above, it *is* a topic we need to hear about and learn about on a regular basis, like any other part of our spiritual life. 2.The summer “slump” is coming... when planning for your vacation, make plans for your offering to make it in... it makes Lisa’s job a lot easier not to have the cash flow “ups and downs.” 3.We do ask you to prayerfully look at your stewardship commitment and consider how you might help.

Baccalaureate recognition in our regular worship on June 22nd!

Summer is (almost) here! Roast Beef Stand, Lutheran Outdoor Service, and Praise In the Park are coming. Also, I get a week at Confirmation Camp!

For worship, come as you are... bring friends... sing praise songs... worship!

Pray for each other, uphold each other, help each other, rejoice with each other, cry with each other.
We all need it.

Pastor Terry

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE 2008

by Mike Kropelin

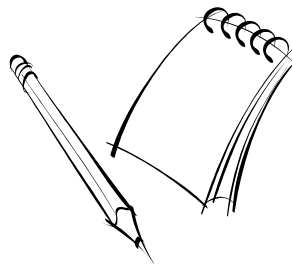
Have you noticed how Spring slowly sneaks up on us? A few short weeks ago we had snow and ice on the ground and wondered if Spring would ever arrive. Now the Spring flowers have all come alive! Our lawns are lush green and require mowing. In the garden I found that our strawberries are covered with blossoms that promise us an abundant supply of fruit. I am always amazed at how God created our world. Everything seems to come in its proper time. Birds know when to migrate and other wildlife seems to know when to propagate. What a marvelous plan. How does all of this happen? It is all in God's great plan. While we know in the Fall that Spring is coming, we have no idea when the first warm days will arrive. God has everything in control or does He?

In our life God has given us all the opportunity to make choices. We have control in what we do, and when and how we do it. Which brings me to the main point of this month's thoughts. As Council President, sometimes there are issues that need addressing that I would rather not address. Have you studied the Treasurer's Report that is attached to our monthly Beacon? I know that some of us do, but then again there are those who do not. I feel there is a need to bring to attention that for the past three months we have been \$6000. behind in our expenses. Trinity has been current with salaries, and utilities, however, we have not been keeping up with Synod Offerings, or our commitment payments to Hannania Lutheran Church. Your generosity to our Building Improvement Plan has been outstanding, but regular offerings have declined. While I know God always provides, I believe with all my heart, each of us needs to know where we stand financially.

I ask that each and everyone of you take this to God in prayer, and help if you are able.

Prayerfully yours,

Mike Kropelin,
Council President



TRINITY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is with great reserve that Trinity's Sunday School will be holding its last class session on Sunday, June 15th. On Sunday, June 22nd, the students will share in a time of fun and relaxation. You are asked to dress your children appropriately for outdoor activities. The students have hopefully received a clearer understanding of many Bible stories and can share them with their families. The teachers have given a great deal of time to help instruct your

children in God's message to them, and ways they can better live their lives as God would have them do. Now, these women will be taking a few months off to either enjoy time with their families or sharing in other activities of Trinity. Many thanks to all those who have given of their time: Shirley Schoenwetter, Diane Vogt, Donna Jurewicz, Wendy Schadt, Ruth Walworth, Tammy Johannes, Rev. Terry

White and David Hofmeier all of who are Trinity's valued teachers. Paula Kropelin, Lisa Kaminski and Trudi Schmid who are there when a call goes out for a substitute. And Linda Kaczmarek who helps with the crafts. Many, many thanks to you all! Remember, students of all ages, Trinity's Sunday School returns on Sunday, September 7th, which is Rally Day!



Sunday School

As Donna Kumpf wrote this article, she failed to list her name as Superintendent of Trinity's Sunday School, and a very important part of Sunday morning with our children.

A big THANK YOU to Donna Kumpf!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Thelma Parker and Laura Pingatore for their time and gardening talents. Our flower beds look beautiful!



QUOTES FOR FATHER'S DAY

Charles Wadsworth

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.

Ruth E. Renkel

Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance.

George Herbert

One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.

Jewish Proverb

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.

Clarence B. Kelland

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

Harry S Truman

I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it.

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ROAST BEEF STAND

Can you believe it's almost the Fourth of July? With the weather not being quite as warm and sunny as we prefer, it's hard to believe the celebration of our nation's liberty is almost upon us.

Trinity has become known for its roast beef sandwiches at Akron's celebration days. This year it has been decided that we will again offer these delicious sandwiches along with chips, and the trimmings. In order for this activity to be a success, we need a committee to plan all the different stages: set up & take down of tent; gathering needed items; workers to make and sell sandwiches.

Donna Kumpf has offered to coordinate the event but is asking for people to help map out plans to see that all corners are covered. **A planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, at 7:00 pm.** Everyone is invited to share their ideas and thoughts at this meeting.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—JUNE 2008

June 1, 2008

Worship Assistant	8:00-Donna Kumpf	10:45-Flo Goeseke
Scripture Reader	8:00-Ethel Kogut	10:45-Candy Kruschke
Communion Asst.	8:00-Lisa Kaminski	10:45-Diane Vogt
Greeter		10:45-Erik/Melissa Polkowski

June 8, 2008

Worship Assistant	8:00-Helen Smith	10:45-Diane McMullen
Scripture Reader	8:00-Sharon Waff	10:45-David McMullen
Communion Asst.	8:00-Paula Kropelin	10:45-Erik Polkowski
Greeter		10:45-Betty Sugg

June 15, 2008

Worship Assistant	8:00-Helen Smith	10:45-Tammy Johannes
Scripture Reader	8:00-Ruth Knerr	10:45-Becky Fix
Communion Asst.	8:00-Mel Knerr	10:45-Flo Goeseke
Greeter		10:45-Tammy Johannes

June 22, 2008

Worship Assistant	8:00-Donna Kumpf	10:45-Erik Polkowski
Scripture Reader	8:00-David Hofmeier	10:45-Martin Szinger
Communion Asst.	8:00-Sue Campbell	10:45-Shirley Schoenwetter
Greeter		10:45-Helmut Bauder

June 29, 2008 One Service

Worship Assistant	10:45-Helen Smith
Scripture Reader	10:45-Paula Kropelin
Communion Asst.	10:45-Gretchen Bruning
Greeter	10:45-Brian Nehrbooss

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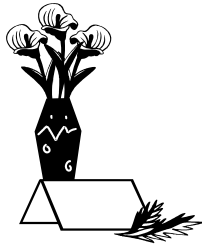
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 rd -	Darrell Walworth
4 th -	Alan Kumpf
5 th -	Shirley Smith
6 th -	Kristine Fazio
7 th -	Rachel Kitt Troy Kaminski
9 th -	Robbie Johannes
12 th -	Lana Wolcott
14 th -	Daisy Graff
15 th -	Stephanie Yaeger Nancy Jasinski
16 th -	Trudi Bates
17 th -	Margo Henley
19 th -	Jennifer Eckerson
20 th -	Gina Henley
21 st -	Amanda Kaczmarek
30 th -	June Hoffmann

JUNE ANNIVERSERIES

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

THANK YOU



Thank you for the cards and prayers sent my way while recovering from surgery. Many thanks to the choir for the flowers and to the ladies of the Prayer Shawl Group for the lovely shawl. Special appreciation to all those who helped with the postal pickup for the food pantry.

Shirley Domon

THANK YOU FROM HEARTS AND HANDS

Dear Pastor Terry and the people of Trinity:

This week we received your quarterly pledge check of \$250 combined with a collection donation in the amount of \$368.55 and two additional personal donation checks for \$10 and \$30 for a grand total of \$658.55 to Hearts and Hands and wish to express our gratitude for this extremely generous contribution.

We are pleased with the strong support by your church and the other coalition churches for the outreach program we have all created together here at Hearts and Hands. Did you know that the number of care receivers we are servicing has grown to over 167 individuals? It's all because of people working together for a common goal-the care of our elderly or disabled right in our own neighborhoods. It makes our community stronger.

Please remember that we are always looking for new people to join our group of devoted volunteers.

Maybe you have an extra hour or two that you would be willing to drive a care receiver to the hairdresser or a doctor's appointment. Or maybe you have other talents that could be used to promote our services to the community. Please call the Hearts and Hands office at 542-2226 to speak with Tammy, our Volunteer Coordinator, who would be happy to answer your questions. It can be a truly rewarding experience!

Thank you again for your continued support of our mission here at Hearts and Hands.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Ann Pula,
Executive Director

**Hearts and Hands:
Faith in Action
50 John Street
Akron, NY 14001
716-542-2226**



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

For those of you with infants and toddlers, there are now changing tables in BOTH the women's and men's rooms. Wipes, powder, and a few diapers are also provided.



THE GREENFIELD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Outdoor Summer Concerts at The GreenFields are held every other Wednesday evening at the GreenFields Gazebo, behind GreenField Health and Rehabilitation Center at 5949 Broadway, Lancaster. They begin at 6:30 pm and are open to the public. Listed below is this year's concert schedule:

June 25 -Lancaster Jazz Ensemble, sponsored by Lockport Home Medical

July 9 -Terry Buchwald-A Tribute to Elvis, sponsored by Zito Movers

July 23 -Andy Bialek & Kathy Scibilia, sponsored by Carpet Factory Outlet

August 6-Stone Country, sponsored by Respiratory Services of WNY, Inc.

August 20-Roadrunners Band, sponsored by Dove Medical

PLAN YOUR SUMMER!

Dates to note:

June 21

Akron Sidewalk Sale

June 22

*Baccalaureate
Observance at 10:45*

June 29

*5th Sunday-
One Service at 10:45*

July 3-5

*Roast Beef Stand
at Akron's 4th of July
Celebration*

July 5

*Buterbaugh
Remembrance Day
1:00-5:00 pm*

July 13-18

*Confirmation Camp
at LCLC*

July 27

*Lutheran Worship in
the Park*

July 27-31

*Vacation Bible
School*

August 24

*Interchurch Praise in
the Park -10:30 am*

LADIES OF TRINITY

The Ladies met on Monday, May 13 with a condensed meeting time due to assisting the Food Pantry with grocery sorting. The women are pleased to work in the ministry of Trinity's activities even if it means having shorter business discussions.

The Ladies invite you to share in their discussion of the Ladies Day Out. A suggestion that has been made, that may interest many of Trinity's women, is a trip to a Quilt Barn in Lockport. If you should have any other ideas, you are most welcome to either bring them to the

meeting or jot them down and place in the Ladies' mailbox in the church office.

Remember these Ladies' gatherings are open to all. Come once, come every month, but come! Why not join our friends at **10:00 am on Monday, June 9th?** We would love to see you there!

The Ladies do ask for your help in their participation at the Akron Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, June 21st. We are looking for donations of items such as small toys, coloring books, crayons, cars, trucks, small dolls, etc. for the children. Change

purses, candy, make-up, hair items for the teens, and tools, scarves, etc. for the adults. These items will be wrapped in newspaper, (preferably comics) and put into shoe boxes, card boxes, or cereal boxes (these are also needed). You are welcome to wrap your items at home and mark them according to the sex and age group the item is intended for. If you should wish to wrap and mark them, please use a red or green marker to aid in the reading on the newspaper print. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Helen Smith, Betty Sugg or Donna Kumpf.

BACCALAUREATE OBSERVANCE

A Baccalaureate Observance will be held Sunday, June 22 at the 10:45 am worship service where members of our extended church family will be recognized for their high school and college graduations and remembered in prayer.

Congratulations to our 2008 graduates:

Joseph Lawrie, ACS

Josh Dolph, ACS

Joel Indorf, Mulenburg, PA

Jennifer Pelke, Rochester, NY

Riley Abbot, East Aurora

Tiffany Wollschlaeer, Arkansas

**Ryan Dorr, Buff State,
BA Communications**

**Jodi Lyn Rzepka, UB,
Masters of Business**

Wanted:

Batteries for Powered Wheel Chair

Lisa Kaminski has a powered wheel chair that she would like to keep at church for anyone who might need it while there. Unfortunately the batteries are no longer recharging. If you have batteries that you would like to donate, please contact her at 542-4150.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Ken Mekeel, Owen Pieber, Jim Roehling, Candy Kruschke, Marion Goeseke, Peter Turley, Clare Bauer, J.P. Lovelady, Mary Kropelin, Lauren Maloney, Dale Pohl, Mary Stryker, Annette Pyc, Chuck Lowder, Paul Day, Annabelle Layne, Andrew, Amy Moore, Laura Nice Morgan, Edie Schurr,

Tyvaier Jones, Theresa Small, Shirley Kamionka, Kathy Uebler

And the families of:

Matthew Hebell, Harry Groff, Dorothy Yaeger, The Reis Family, John Mersmenn

We remember our homebound:

Daisy Graff, Margaret Baker, Bill Nehrboos and Joshua Schmidt.



Prayers for many years of happiness to **Chris Mazur and Lisa Malicki** who were united in marriage on May 17.

We welcomed into the Lord's Family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 18, 2008:
Eva Claire Sage
Daughter of
Chris & Laura Sage

Celebration of Life and Resurrection was held May 19 for **Dorothy Yaeger**, 12/10/16-5/15/08
Mother of Rosie Yaeger

A letter dated May 20, 2008:

Dear Pastor Terry and Members of the
Congregation of Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran,



How do I begin to tell you all how much you being a part of the
Hearts and Hands: Faith in Action coalition has meant to me
personally and to our joint outreach to the communities we serve.

I will be leaving Hearts and Hands as its Executive Director,
effective June 6th, to accept the call to service as the Director of
Pastoral Care at Beechwood Continuing Care and the Blocher
Homes. This was a difficult decision as I've poured my heart into
Hearts and Hands, but I look forward to serving as Pastor once
again, without such a strong focus on Administration.

Hearts and Hands is in a strong position with wonderful
opportunities ahead. Under the able leadership of the Board of
Directors and the talents, skills and caring of our Administrative
Assistant/Office Manager Rosann Lawson and Volunteer
Coordinator Tammy Cromwell, the future is secure and bright.

It is my prayer that you will continue to be part of Hearts and
Hands, supporting the ministry through your prayers, volunteer
service and financial gifts. Such wonderful things happen when
people work together! We've seen the proof over these last 5
years.

If members of your congregation are at Beechwood for Rehab or
in residence, please let me know so that I can assist you in being
in ministry to them.

May God richly bless you and your ministries, today and always.

In Christ's Service
Rev. Mary Ann Pula



Attention Married Couples:

Would you like to have an even more
joyous, enriched relationship with your
spouse?

Lutheran Marriage
Encounter weekends are
designed to give you that
as couples are guided
through a special and
beautiful weekend by a
Lutheran pastor and
spouse and 3 other Lutheran couples. All
costs are covered by a \$45.00 per couple
registration fee plus a confidential
contribution of whatever amount you
choose that you are given the opportunity
to make at the end of the
weekend. Weekends are for ALL
marriages. Which fall weekend will work
for you: September 26-28 at the Lutheran
Camp Sequanota motel-style retreat center
in Jennerstown situated on 400 beautiful
wooded acres in the Laurel Highlands or
Oct. 24-26 at the all newly renovated
Quality Inn & Suites just off Hwy. 90 in
Erie, PA? It may be one of the most
important weekends of your
life! Registrations are limited, so please
request your brochure with registration
form by contacting Fred & Julie Schamber,
Western PA Chair Couple
at: fjschamber@comcast.net or phone 724-
325-3166, or you may go to the website:
www.ilmeone.org for more information
and to register online.

Invitation to the friends of Rev. Buterbaugh

*A Celebration of the life of
The Reverend Richard Buterbaugh*

*July 5th, between 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
at Trinity Lutheran Church*

*Bring no presents, nor covered dishes, just people
assembled to enjoy each other's memories of all the
happy times we had, over so many years. We will be
sharing stories of times with Richard and things he
did. Joy shared is multiplied and we would like this to
be the happiest of gatherings.*

Shalom, Jeanne, Bette, Jeanette and Dorothy



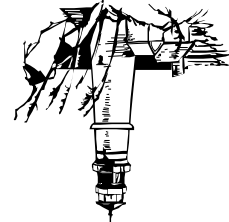
Last Chance!

Last day to drop off your returnable
bottles and cans to help Grace
Baptist Church Youth Group's Trip to
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Please place in blue pickup in our
parking lot. **Thank you!**

June 2008

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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
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