



# *THE BEACON*

## *FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:*

Summer is here! Pie in the Park, July 4<sup>th</sup> Roast Beef Stand, Confirmation Camp, Vacation Bible School... and that is just *some* of the “church stuff” on schedule! Add family plans, work, etc., and summer can be a **CRAZY** time. Below is a reflection by Pastor Gary Saunders of First Presbyterian Church of Albion on “Recreation...”

“If we pull the word apart, we get “re-creation.” Think back to the Garden of Eden. In “re-creation” we are restored to the way we were created to be. Our hearts are lightened and freed from anxiety; our bodies are stretched a bit, and we remember that they are good-- they are to be enjoyed.

Our spirits remember things like singing, and laughing, and pure playing. We delight in God. We dance. Even if we never did some of these things as children, our souls remember the Garden of Eden, where life was perfect and innocent with God and with each other.

My deep prayer is that this summer will be a time of restoration for all of us individually, and for our church as a whole. It will require, oddly, some discipline. There is a recreation rat-race out there, tempting us to cram our schedules and those of our children. We will need to say “no” to some activities if we are to restore our delight in God and each other. We’ll need to center our lives in worship; we’ll need to find quiet times with the beauty of nature. We’ll have to let some social events and even some social issues wait for a bit. Adam and Eve didn’t keep or need Palm Pilots.”

Enjoy the summer! It is God’s gift to us (especially needed in western New York). Let it also be a time of true “re-creation” for us all. Amen!

*Pastor Terry*



### **Right on Track**

We are right on track with our Envelope Giving for the first six months of the year! Thanks be to God and to all the wonderful people here at Trinity. Churches often experience a giving “slump” in the summer months, making it difficult to stay on track. As you make plans for vacations and get-aways this summer, remember to arrange to continue your faithful financial support of Trinity and its ministries. Thank You!

### **Mark Your Calendars**

Mark your calendars for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon. We’ll be taking action on the boiler replacement and other projects. All members will soon be receiving a letter of notification.

Other Calendar Notes-- July 29<sup>th</sup> is the Joint Lutheran Worship at Russell Park with St. John’s, and August 26<sup>th</sup> is the ecumenical Praise in the Park Worship Service. Both of these promise to be fun and uplifting!

### **Synod Assembly**

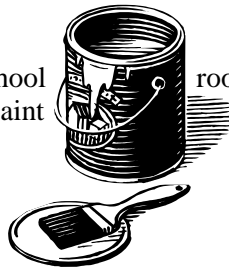
A full report on Synod Assembly, held a few weeks ago in Rochester, is included in this issue of the Beacon, but there are a couple of items not in the official report that ought to be shared!

First, all those “supplies for the homeless” that were collected here so diligently by Helen Smith (toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, etc., etc.) were added to the supplies bought from other churches by the CONVO Youth. They were then able to deliver **750** “Hope Totes” to a homeless shelter in Rochester for distribution to area homeless people. The Rochester newspaper even printed a picture of the delivery and mentioned our Lutheran Youth!

Second, an offering was taken during the three days of the Assembly to go to World Hunger. The amount collected came to over **\$25,000** (twenty five thousand dollars)!!!

### **Paint**

A volunteer is needed to paint a Sunday School room. Minimal artistic ability required (actually, the only requirement is to be able to hold a paint brush!). See or call Mike Kropelin (542-3004).



### **Katrina Relief Effort**

A group of upstate New York Lutherans is being formed to go to the Gulf Coast the last week of August to assist in relief and building efforts. If you are interested in investing a week of your life into this, talk with Pastor Terry for contact information.

If you cannot go, but would like to help out in some way, we have been informed that the most useful items for the group to take with them are Gift Cards from Home Depot or Wal-Mart. Those may be donated up through the middle of August.

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JULY/AUGUST 2007

*by Erik Polkowski*

## “Words”

“Sticks and stones may break your bones but words will never hurt you.” I have yet to use this statement with my children, but I know that the day is coming. I understand that it is the feeling behind the wording that is the important lesson here. It is that we are strong. No matter what someone says to you, it is what you believe in yourself that is important. Words are often used to belittle or demean. But as a similar but less violent childhood phrase states, “I’m rubber your glue, whatever you say bounces off me and sticks on you.”

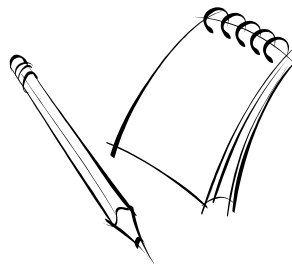
**“Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning.”**

**– 1 Corinthians 14:10**

You can say that words are powerful. I would disagree. There is a comic who summed it up best. The words are just words. While important, it is the context in which they are used and the feeling behind the language that dictates what is truly being said. For example, look at how you could talk to a dog. You could look it right in the face and in your best baby talk voice say, “Oh if you run off again I’ll be taking you straight to the pound.” Now look at the dog, wagging his tail and giddy as can be. The dog doesn’t know what you are saying. But you saying it in a loving and sweet manor brings all the meaning home. Your emotion and conviction behind these words said bring them to life. It is the feeling and understanding behind the message that is important.

**“If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and he is a foreigner to me.” – 1 Corinthians 14:11**

And so it is with our faith and our beliefs. Without the feeling and conviction behind the message, there are only words. Be it words of a doctrine or words in a passage of a book. They are little without the meaning behind them. The message is in the meaning you give to those words and the feelings that are instilled in you when you hear them. Listen to the language, don’t simply read the words. Interpret what is being said. Chose your words wisely. Share the feelings and your understanding behind the words you choose and the messages you send. Seek and reflect.

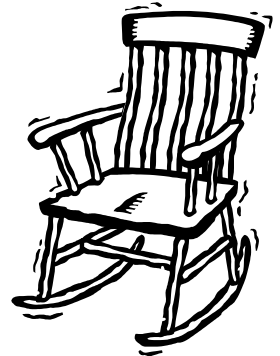


## MDS NEWS

The Ladies of Trinity and their guests gathered at a "Springtime Tea" on June 3, 2007. Over \$450 was raised from the tea and will be given to the youth for the upcoming Rock-a-thon benefiting MDA. The confirmation classes of St. John's Akron, Trinity Wolcottsville and Trinity South Newstead have planned a Rock-a-thon for November 10, 2007. This event will be open to the community. "Rockers"

will be collecting pledges for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and rocking in chairs from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm, in one-hour shifts. Congregation and community members are invited to participate as "rockers". Currently the students are seeking sponsors for rocking chairs. A portion of the donated rockers will be painted by local artists and auctioned at the conclusion of the event. Entertainment and prize drawings will be

held throughout the event. Donations of prizes for the event are also being sought. If you would like to be an event or rocker sponsor, or would like to offer help in any way contact the office at Trinity at 542-9828, Becky Fix at 542-4522, Lisa Kaminski at 542-415, Tammy Johannes at 542-9685, Diane McMullen at 632-0156, or Jodi David at (585)762-8537.



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## TRINITY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is with a heavy heart that Trinity's youngsters take a few months of Sunday School off. Trinity does not hold classes for the younger students during July and August to give the teachers a much needed break. The students were recently treated to a morning of playing games and having fun and had goodies provided by the teachers,

and Freezie Pops donated by Chuck and Pat Lowder. We had been praying for much needed rain, and it rained just before the youngsters were to go outside for games, but they didn't seem to mind as they found enough things to do indoors. The teachers have been a great help and have excited our young people about God's love

and message to them. Thank you Shirley Schoenwetter and Diane Vogt, Donna Jurewicz, Wendy Schadt, Ruth Walworth, Tammy Johannes, Pastor White and David Hofmeier. We would be remiss if we didn't also recognize those who give their time to substitute and assist with crafts: Lisa Kaminski, Paula Kropelin, Diane McMullen, Gretchen

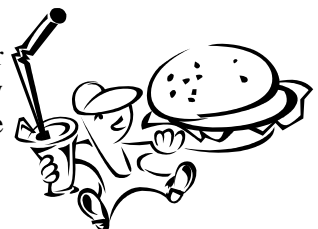
Bruning and Linda Kaczmarek, as well as Rachel Kitt and Meghan Greiner. Rally Day is September 10th, when all students age 3-adult are welcomed back to Sunday School. Watch for announcements about our Summer Potpourri gatherings held during the Sunday School hour, where we hear about various topics and enjoy a cup of coffee and ???

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## ROAST BEEF STAND

The Council of Trinity has agreed to support the committee that's making plans for this year's Roast Beef Stand at Akron's Chamber of Commerce 4th of July celebration. The stand will be in operation Tuesday, July 3rd from 5-9 pm and Wednesday, July 4th from 11am—9:00 pm. A sign up sheet is posted for your support, either via a donation of food items or help at the stand.

The time shift you sign up for at the stand gives you an opportunity to meet your neighbors as they stop by the stand, as well as visiting your congregational family members. There are tasks for everyone and many needed items, so please check out the sign up sheet in the narthex.



# GAITHER HOMECOMING TOUR

Have you signed up for the Gaither Homecoming Concert yet? Several folks are already planning to attend the Gaither Homecoming Concert on Saturday, October 20th at the Blue Cross Arena in Rochester, NY. Several artists will be performing

that evening, providing an evening of gospel music. We will plan on carpooling to the event from the church. Call the office at 542-9828 if you'd like to attend. Ticket information will be posted as soon as it is available.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—JULY/AUGUST

### July 1, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Donna Kumpf 10:45—Diane McMullen  
 Scripture Reader 8:00 am—David Hofmeier 10:45—David McMullen  
 Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Lisa Kaminski 10:45—Gretchen Bruning  
 Greeter 10:45 am—Donna Kumpf

### July 8, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Helen Smith 10:45—Flo Goeseke  
 Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Paula Kropelin 10:45—Candy Kruschke  
 Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Donna Kumpf 10:45—Erik Polkowski  
 Greeter 10:45 am—Bill and Linday Lawrie

### July 15, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Donna Kumpf 10:45—Tammy Johannes  
 Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Ruth Knerr 10:45—Becky Fix  
 Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Mel Knerr 10:45—Shirley Schoenwetter  
 Greeter 10:45 am—Chuck and Pat Lowder

### July 22, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Helen Smith 10:45—Tammy Johannes  
 Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Sharon Waff 10:45—Martin Szinger  
 Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Paula Kropelin 10:45—Diane Vogt  
 Greeter 10:45 am—Dottie Mekeel

### July 29, 2007—Fifth Sunday, One Service in Russell Park @ 10:00 am

### August 5, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Donna Kumpf 10:45—Diane McMullen  
 Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Ethel Kogut 10:45—Christian McMullen  
 Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Paula Kropelin 10:45—Gretchen Bruning  
 Greeter 10:45 am—Betty Sugg

### August 12, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Helen Smith 10:45—Flo Goeseke  
 Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Ruth Knerr 10:45—Dottie Mekeel  
 Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Mel Knerr 10:45—Diane Vogt  
 Greeter 10:45 am—Dottie Mekeel

### August 19, 2007

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Helen Smith 10:45—Tammy Johannes  
 Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Dale Kruschke 10:45—Rachel Kitt  
 Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Lisa Kaminski 10:45—Erik Polkowski  
 Greeter 10:45 am—Bea/Brian Nehrboos

### August 26, 8:00 am-Trinity, 10:00 am-Praise in the Park at Russell Park

Worship Assistant 8:00 am—Donna Kumpf  
 Scripture Reader 8:00 am—Hank Backes  
 Communion Assistant 8:00 am—Helen Smith

## JULY BIRTHDAYS:

2<sup>nd</sup>- Katie Kaminski  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- Jamie Waff  
 5<sup>th</sup>- Valerie Infanti  
 6<sup>th</sup>- Morgan Infanti  
 8<sup>th</sup>- Ruby Stuber  
 9<sup>th</sup>- Robbie Johannes  
 10<sup>th</sup>- Cameron Infanti  
 12<sup>th</sup>- Dennis Cummings  
 Thomas Leonard  
 13<sup>th</sup>- Lindsay Schmid  
 14<sup>th</sup>- David Hofmeier  
 16<sup>th</sup>- Jurgen Arndt  
 17<sup>th</sup>- Amy Morgante  
 18<sup>th</sup>- Wyatt Francis  
 21<sup>st</sup>- Paul Schoenwetter  
 22<sup>nd</sup>- Betty Sugg  
 Christopher Aylsworth  
 23<sup>rd</sup>- Kathy Aylsworth  
 25<sup>th</sup>- Riley Polkowski  
 29<sup>th</sup>- Robert Johannes

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

3<sup>rd</sup>- Amanda Morgante  
 10<sup>th</sup>- Kristen Johannes  
 13<sup>th</sup>- Robert Williams  
 17<sup>th</sup>- Aaron Schadt  
 19<sup>th</sup>- Christian McMullen  
 22<sup>nd</sup>- Gordy Dorr  
 23<sup>rd</sup>- Jacalyn Morgante  
 26<sup>th</sup>- Denise Maloney  
 Linda Lawrie  
 25<sup>th</sup>- Krystal Schmid  
 29<sup>th</sup>- Flo Goeseke  
 30<sup>th</sup>- Sharon Francis

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

19<sup>th</sup>- Jurgen & Jackie Arndt  
 21<sup>st</sup>- Tony & Lisa Kaminski  
 25<sup>th</sup>- Jim & Flo Goeseke

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

4<sup>th</sup>- Ken & Dottie Mekeel  
 5<sup>th</sup>- Norm & Sharon Waff  
 28<sup>th</sup>- Mike & Paula Kropelin

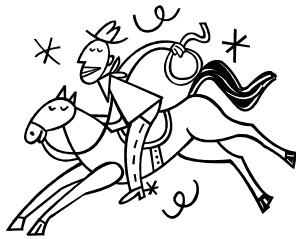


## ST. JOHN'S HOSTS SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

These Sunday evening worship services (6:00 pm, July 1-August 26) will have a contemporary feel, but traditional in content: the Word is proclaimed. It's a relaxed, informal service with Holy Communion each week. We use the same readings as in the morning. Prayers, creed, and proclamation have the same themes. Music ranges from the traditional to the more modern, depending on the participants, the readings, and the message. This worship service takes various forms to help us be grasped by the Gospel Message. We hope you will stop in and share in this worship experience.

*Trinity is proud of its young people who have maintained a 90% or higher average throughout the school year. The following were honored at a recent banquet: David Adamczak, Meghan Greiner, Rachel Kitt and Lindsay Schmid, all of whom are in the ninth grade at Akron Central. It is not easy to accomplish this with so many other activities in their lives. When you see them, please congratulate them!*

## AVALANCHE RANCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



**July 23-27, 2007!**

**Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors!**

**Lots of fun for everyone!**

The next informational meeting will be held on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm for all participants in the program.

On Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 pm we will be decorating the sanctuary for VBS and need volunteers.

Check the back of the Sanctuary for the 'Wanted' posters. If you are interested in making a donation or purchasing a craft and/or food item, please take a yellow slip and place the item in the

coat room. Monetary donations may be given to Gretchen Bruning or Diane McMullen. We need all items before the start of the program on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Gretchen at 697-2178 or Diane at 632-0156.

As mentioned above, this year's theme is "Avalanche Ranch - A Wild Ride Through God's Word" and we would like to transform the sanctuary. If you have an item that would help us in creating this look, please let Gretchen or Diane know, or place it in the coat room. Make sure your name is printed clearly on the item so it may be returned to you after the program. We are looking to **borrow** the following items (again, before the start of the program on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July):

Hay bales (several for the entrance, staircase and sanctuary)  
Saddles  
Cowboy boots  
Belt buckles

Bandanas  
Western hats  
Lassos  
Wagon wheels (could be a black hula hoop with black streamers)  
Fence (long or short, brown tubes)  
Rocking horse  
Wagon  
Wheel barrows  
Cow bell  
Lanterns  
Firewood  
Buckets  
Clothesline (2 or 3)

We hope to see you there!



### Dates to note:

July 3-4  
Roast Beef Stand at Russell Park

July 9th  
VBS Meeting

July 15-21  
Confirmation Camp

July 23-27  
Vacation Bible School (see article this page)

August 6  
Ladies' Day Out

August 26  
Praise in the Park

September 9  
Rally Day

## SCHOOL KIT PARTY

Come to St. John's on Wednesday, July 11th, where it's cool, and help the Confirmands finish assembling school kits to send to children around the world! We'll start at 9:00 and work through the morning. If you have a sewing machine, bring it along. If you don't sew, you can assemble the kits. The more helpers, the more fun! Bring a dish to pass and we'll have lunch at 12:00.

## LADIES OF TRINITY

It's the time of year when people travel and spend some of their time away from home and away from the regular routine. This finds the Ladies' Group facing the problem of when to meet and how many might be able to attend their Bible studies and discussions, so the Ladies of Trinity take the months of July and August for a little R & R. The ladies have been invited to spend an afternoon of just plain relaxing at the home of Julie and John Baldo on Bauder Park Drive in Alden. Julie has offered to prepare a light lunch on Monday, August

6th, followed by a tour of her beautiful gardens (this comes from others who have visited Julie's home and seen her garden). The Ladies, along with Julie, invited all the women of Trinity to share in this day of visiting, relaxing and good fellowship. A sign up sheet will be posted soon as reservations must be made.

The ladies wish to thank all who shared in the June Ladies' Tea, held to plant some seed money for the Rock-A-Thon to be held on November 10th (check out the MDA article). A heartfelt thank you to

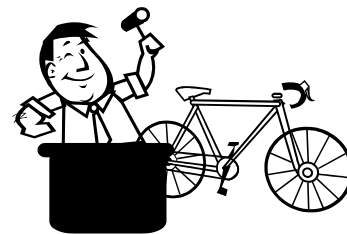
those who baked pies or cookies and are helping with the refreshment stand in Russell Park on Friday, June 26th, which benefits the Ladies' Group and the Trinity Church Choir.

All women of Trinity are invited to share in our meetings/planning/offering suggestions for mission or other activities, and Bible study on Romans, as they convene in September. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 11th at 10:00 am.

## TRINITY'S TALENT AUCTION

Why are we talking about the Talent Auction already? It's not until March of 2008! Trinity's publicity committee is already making plans to publicize next year's auction, and are asking the congregation of Trinity to start thinking of ways to offer time, talent or services. Think you don't have anything to offer? Are you handy with a hammer? Perhaps you could offer a couple hours of handyman services. Babysitting? Gardening? Cleaning? Window washing? Painting?

Running errands? These are just a few ideas you might think about offering at the auction. How about a bag of groceries from a local supermarket. Do you like to rake leaves? There are many things we are able to do to help others, why not offer these services as a way to help Trinity as well? Would you be willing to take one or two people to lunch? The possibilities are endless, and we're giving you plenty of time to plan!



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Please pray for:

Karen Brown, Eleanore Craft, Ken Mekeel, Debbie Barry, Joe and Lois Baker, Jessica, baby Teagan, Vera Mohan, Larry Griffin, Alden Simons, Alan Kumpf, Mike Kropelin, Mark Reed and baby Owen Pbieber.

### And the families of:

Mr. Verelli, Lois Arnold, Shirley Buccholz, Rhonda Sue Eicheldinger, Nancy's husband.

### We remember our home-bound:

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



### Christian One-Liners:

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

## Sand and Stone

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand:

“Today my best friend slapped me in the face.”

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone:

“Today my best friend saved my life.”

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, “After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone—why?”

The friend replied, “When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire lifetime to forget them.

## Memories of Earlier Times at Trinity

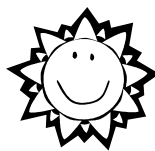
1871- Before there was an actual church building, members met at the Hawkins School located at the corner of Schurr & Crittenden Roads and later at the Methodist Church on Main Road in Akron. It was decided to form a church in 1871, but it wasn't built until 1876. So for about 5 years, there were perhaps various meeting places. David Hofmeier related that he had heard about a 'barn' on Schurr Road that was once a meeting place - the quarry has since taken it down. The Wilbur Steiners purchased (or were given) this old meeting place. It was moved to their farm and used as a shed.

Marge Pohl, perhaps the oldest living member of Trinity was baptized in June 1918 by Pastor Stender in her home at 12736 Stage Road. She also tells that in 1914, the men and women sat on opposite sides of the church, but when her parents were married in 1914, her mother broke the practice and sat with her new husband. Eugene being born in 1920 only remembers people sitting where they wanted to. Times do change.

*Interested in reading more? Chuck Lowder has prepared CD's containing Trinity's archives, photos and the remainder of this article, which was written by Dale and Lois Kruschke. There's a separate order form in this issue of the Beacon if you'd like to order a copy.*

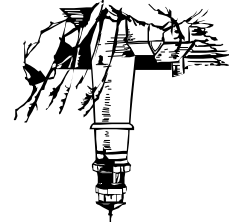
## **Attention Married Couples:**

Have you signed up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend yet? NOW is the time to register for a special and beautiful weekend which will put that bright sparkle back in your marriage! The 2 Western PA choices this fall are: September 21-23 at the Lutheran Camp Sequanota Retreat Center in Jennerstown, PA, a motel-style facility located in 400 wooded acres of the beautiful Laurel Highlands, and October 19-21 at the lovely Avalon Hotel in downtown Erie, PA. Weekends are for the enrichment of ALL MARRIAGES. The cost is a \$45 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution you are given the opportunity to make at the end of the weekend. Meals, 2 nights lodging, and all materials are provided. So make your plans now while there are still openings. You may find more information or register online by going to: [www.ilmeone.org](http://www.ilmeone.org), or contact Fred & Julie Schamber at email: [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or phone: 724-325-3166 today!



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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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