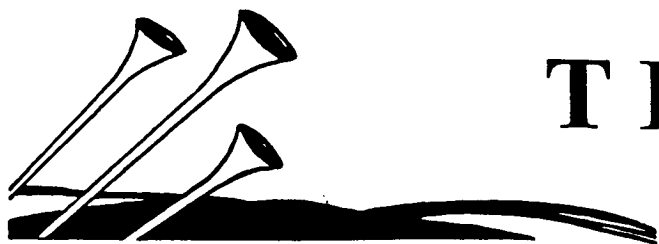


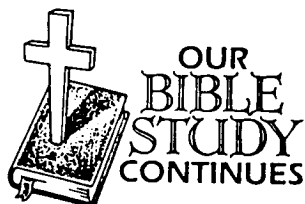
The TRUMPET

Trinity Lutheran Church
Boxholm, Iowa



Rod Meyer, Pastoral Associate
Annette Peterson, Church Office Secretary

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BIBLE STUDY

...each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Studying...

Eight events in the life of Simon Peter

We meet in the Luther League room...and of course... Refreshments & fellowship following

All are welcome to join us!

...A knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible...

William L. Phelps

- OCTOBER OPPORTUNITIES -



WOMEN'S GUEST DAY

Wed., October 13, 2:00 p.m.

Trinity Luth. Church
Boxholm, Iowa

Program:

"Yesterday's Fashions" (1890's)

Take a Walk in Style with Paula Hoskinson of Grand Junction

Mission Growth in charge of program; Elizabeth & Miriam Groups serving -

WELCA WORK DAY....

Wed., Oct. 27th, 9:00 a.m.

Potluck Dinner



GLOBAL MISSION EVENT

Sun., October 24, 1:30 - 6:40 p.m.

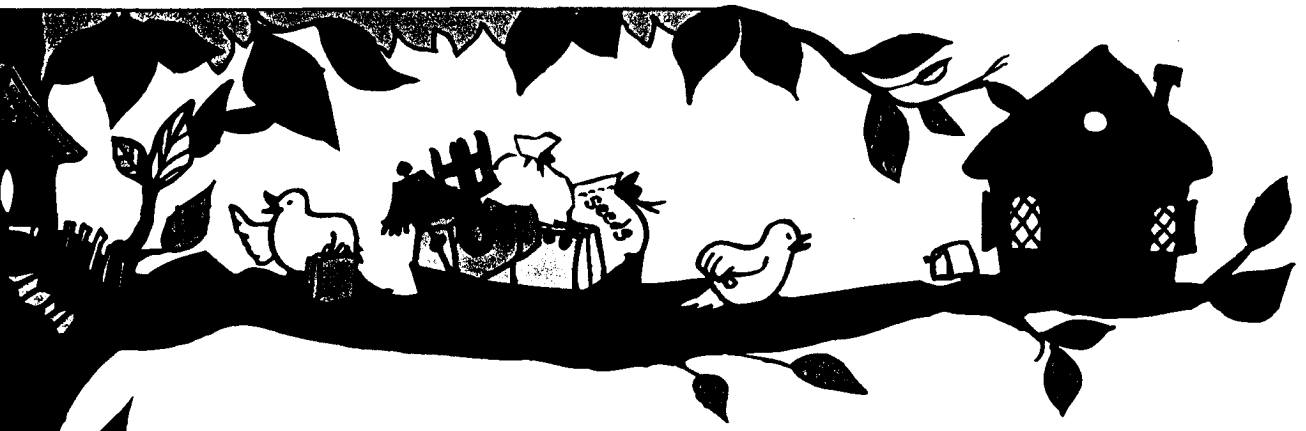
Trinity Lutheran Church
Webster City

- Keynote speaker: Rev. Franklin Ishida of ELCA Mission Recruitment
- Dialogs with International Students from Waldorf College and Wartburg Seminary

- Forums
- Lunch

ATTENTION...

They are requesting someone from Trinity, Boxholm, to host an International Student on Sat. night, Oct. 23....see Pastor Rod!



Tony has decided to move into to his own apartment. It's not that Cheryl & I don't think it's a good idea. Tony has been moving towards independence since he turned eleven. We've been dreaming of it since he turned fifteen and hormonal. I don't doubt that ALL of us are ready for this change...

And I don't think Cheryl & I will have a lot of that "empty nest syndrome" drama in our lives after he's gone. If we were to expand that "empty nest" analogy, we would observe that mature birds push their babies out of the nest about the time they realize that the kids are about full sized, eternally making noise & ALWAYS hungry, but aren't particularly motivated to do anything about it for themselves. An assertive push, a couple of hard landings, a scrape or two, & those fledglings are on their way, busy shaping their own lives & making their own way. In the meanwhile, I'm thinking our newly empty nest might accommodate a TV room with a big screen; a different office space; a sewing room for Cheryl & the opportunity for both mama & papa birds to put their cars in the garage EVERY NIGHT for the first time EVER!!! For the first time, I can imagine a time when the back entry way won't look like the aftermath of a Florida hurricane season; I can envision a morning when the first indication that we survived the night won't be a yelled inquiry from the basement, wondering if he has any clean jeans. I can almost picture a kitchen without an empty Hot Pockets box on the counter; a stairwell without a pile of shoes at the top; a lower-level bathroom that one might think of using without a HAZMAT suit. I'm thinking an empty nest is going to be just fine...

Will we worry about him? Well, of course we will. As mature as Tony has become, there are lessons – hard lessons – that he can only learn when he is on his own. He will learn money management without a protective parental cushion. He will learn how NOT to do laundry. He will learn (if he is anything like I was) that one can survive on a diet of bologna on white with Miracle Whip, a Snickers bar, & a Shasta cherry cola for lunch every day, but only for 9-12 years. He will learn – eventually – how to get himself up, & when he needs to go to bed. He will learn how to live on the change he finds in the seat cushions until the next pay day. He will have adventures that we never hear about, & some that we WILL hear about, but wished we hadn't. He will learn, if he has the courage, the invaluable lesson of how to be alone with himself and be okay with that. (I pray that he DOES learn that one; I see too many tragedies in too many lives because that lesson was never learned...) He'll learn that his parents weren't as stupid as he has been assuming we were, and we'll learn that he did indeed sometimes listen when we didn't think he was. And we will ache while he's learning the lessons that he never learned from us; because we were too busy or embarrassed or because we took the easier road and just gave in to him. We will worry about him a lot.

But nests are built to be emptied – that's why you so rarely see one with a full basement or an addition to the rear. Children are meant to grow up and move on. Parents are meant to let children grow up & move on. It is a natural order & all these things are good things.

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven..." Oh yes, now I understand that... again.

Church Council



The TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

met on Sept. 7, 2004, with the following members in attendance: Pastor Rod, Randy Reutter, Dustine Peterson, Larry Fatka, John Swanson, Mary A. Haleen, Larry Krakau, Gwen Scheetz, Randy Lehman, Roberta Clausen & Rhonda Nelson.

- Pastor Rod opened with devotions and prayer.
- Secretary's and treasurer's reports given – August Income: \$3,776.00; Expenses: \$5,657.04; Balance: \$6,526.40 on Sept. 1. The financial secretary reported that year to date income was \$28,685.21 which is \$3,259.81 more than last year.
- Music and Worship Committee: Bruce Walrod will be in the pulpit on Sept. 12, Nick Lehman on Sept. 19, and Rod will be introducing “Now the Feast” on Sept. 26.
- Discussion on what to do with money in savings accounts... motion made to put \$50,000 into a money market account at Security Savings for 2.25%.
- Memorial Committee: \$6,357.58 in savings and \$515.55 in checking. New folding chairs for basement were discussed. Motion passed to purchase 52 beige padded folding chairs at \$28.00 each from the Monroe Co. as recommended by the Memorial Committee.
- Property Committee: Larry Krakau received an estimate for 2 stairway lift chairs (one up to chapel and one down to basement) from Hammer Medical Supply for \$6,290.00. He also presented an estimate from Jim's Floor Covering in Ft. Dodge for a medium grade commercial vinyl with installation in the church kitchen and 2 bathrooms in Sunday School unit for \$2,600.00. Randy Lehman has a kitchen counter top estimate coming. Randy will also contact Redekers in Boone and Carpet World in Ft. Dodge for additional estimates of flooring coverings.
- A congregational meeting will be held to discuss and vote on the kitchen project and the stairway lift. Randy will present the ideas and bids at church service on Sept. 19 and we will have the congregational meeting after the service on Sept. 26. It would be our intention to use part of the parsonage funds or Charlotte Swanson memorial money to fund these two projects if accepted.
- Larry Krakau will schedule the narthex painting and also replace the lavalier mike. Randy Lehman will begin the process of applying for \$1,300.00 of Thrivent funds through the Swedish Supper. Motion passed to pay \$50.00 towards gas money so Kate Alevantis could attend an Organist Retreat in Decorah, IA.
- Randy Lehman reported that the Thrivent Chapter Level election would be held on Oct. 10 after church with refreshments and door prizes. Roberta reported on the Global Mission Event to be held on Oct. 24 in Webster City. Larry Fatka added that the Cooperative Committee has had requests for more cooperative services, perhaps four times a year rather than two. We will be changing our Council meeting night to the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning in October.
- Meeting was adjourned and we closed with The Lord's Prayer.

- Rhonda Nelson, Secretary





Women of the ELCA



OCTOBER BIBLE STUDY

"God's Gracious Economy"
Matthew 20:16 (the parable
of the workers in the vine-
yard)

OCTOBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Rhonda Nelson & Mary Krakau

Wednesday, October 6, 2:00 p.m. **ELIZABETH GROUP**; Hostess: Annette, Janet,
& Thelma; Devotions: Annette Peterson; Roll
Call: Verse about Harvest

Saturday, October 9, 8:30 a.m. **The Christian Woman Speaks**; (on Ft. Dodge
Radio - 1400 AM) Trinity

Wednesday, October 13, 2:00 p.m. **GUEST DAY here at Trinity!**

Saturday, October 16, 9:30 a.m. **CLUSTER 8 FALL EVENT & TRAINING**; at
Emanuel, Dayton; 9:30 Officers Training; 10:30
Cluster Event; a luncheon will follow....

Wednesday, October 20, 2:00 p.m. **LOIS GROUP**; Hostess: DeLoris Lundvall;
Devotions: Irene Westfall; Lesson: Viola Anderson-
Bible Study; Roll Call: Verse about Harvest

Sunday, October 24, 1:30 p.m. **GLOBAL MISSION**, Webster City

Monday, October 25, 7:30 p.m. **MIRIAM GROUP**; Hostess: Gwen Scheetz;
Devotions: Roberta Clausen; Lesson: Gwen Scheetz;
Roll Call: Fall/Harvest

Wednesday, October 27, 9:00 a.m. **WORK DAY**; Potluck dinner

1:00 p.m. **WORSHIP AT OGDEN MANOR**; Elizabeth Gr.

Thursday, October 28, 9:30 a.m. **WELCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS**

Our election was held in September with the following results: for 2 year terms-
President: Gwen Scheetz; Treasurer: Linda Swanson; for 1 year terms- Mission Action:
Norma Henrichs; Mission Community: Dorothy Henrichs; Mission Growth: Rhonda
Nelson; Nominating:- Viola Anderson, Roberta Clausen, & Helen Nibel.

There were six of our ladies who attended the retreat at Twin Lakes and report an
interesting and good retreat. There were 10 who attended the Dayton Oaks Retreat.
The theme was "Spread the Word".

Swedish Supper plans are underway. Norma Henrichs and Linda Swanson are the
Co-chairmen and just a reminder that orders will be by mail; October 15th is the earliest
postmark date accepted. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6-12 years.
Worker tickets are still \$5.00.

I am planning an Executive Board Meeting for October 28 at 9:30 a.m. Plans need to
be made for the coming year. This is also the time when we change groups.

There are several ladies in our congregation who do not attend our monthly meetings.
All are considered Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and we invite you to
come and join us if you can. Our Bible studies are about the parables of Jesus and are
interesting to hear and take part in. The fellowship is also great!!!

*"There is nothing but God's grace. We walk upon it; we breathe it; we live
and die by it; it makes the nails and axles of the universe."*

-Robert Louis Stevenson



Women of the ELCA President: *Gwen Scheetz*



A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE & FAITHFULNESS:

	(Giving)	(Attendance)
Aug. 29:	\$ 526.00	61
	100.00 Organ Fund	
Sept. 5:	\$2,645.00	50
	100.00 Organ Fund	
Sept. 12:	\$ 511.25	58
	100.00 Organ Fund	
	Food Pantry: \$10 and 3 bags of food	
Sept. 19:	\$ 502.00	46
Sept. 26:	\$ 1,076.00	63

HOSPITALIZED since the last newsletter: Bob Nibel

DEATH: Our sympathy is extended to Mary & Larry Krakau and family on the death of Mary's mother, *Alma Averill*. The funeral was Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Central Christian Church in Jefferson.



THANKS.....

Many thanks to everyone who supported and remembered us with your prayers, cards, and memorials following Viola's death. God bless you.

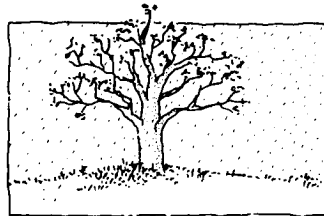
-Roberta Renberg & family



Cereal, dish soap,
Cake mix, peas

MEMORIALS GIVEN

Memorial monies have been given to the Memorial Fund in memory of *Viola Renberg* and *Jay Hanson*.



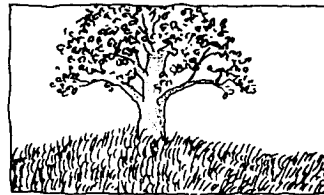
He that planteth a tree is a servant of God
He provideth a kindness for many generations
And faces that he hath not seen shall bless him.

- Henry van Dyke

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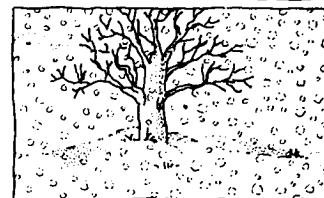
**School
Reorganization VOTE**

**Tues., October 5
12:00 to 8:00 p.m.**



...Thy bounty shines in autumn unconfined,
And spreads a common feast for all that lives

- James Thomson



OCTOBER LAY READERS

- 3 Carolyn Ross
- 10 Doris Peterson
- 17 Kate Alevantis
- 24 Gwen Scheetz
- 31 Andy Ross



**OUR LORD
UNCHANGING
THROUGH
THE SEASONS**

.. on Sat., October 30th!!!

October 3rd Communion Assistant: Larry Krakau
Stewards: John & Jo Swanson
Head Usher for October: Ron Peterson
Helpers: Ken Haleen & Larry Krakau
Altar: Norma Henrichs, Irene Westfall,
Annette Peterson
Newsletter assemblers: Marie Bengtson,
Gwen Scheetz, Norma Henrichs,
Annette Peterson

THRIVENT FOR LUTHERANS.....

Our Thrivent Coordinators have associate membership forms. Future funding from Thrivent is based on the number of Thrivent members in our church. Memberships are \$10 yearly!

On **Sunday, October 10th**, Thrivent Election will be held. There will be refreshments for all and door prizes will be given to those policy holders and associate members who vote!

Because of the demand for our **SWEDISH SUPPER** tickets, all public ticket orders for the **December 1st, 2004** Supper must follow these guidelines:

1. Orders will be by mail, **October 15th, 2004**, will be the earliest postmark date accepted.
2. Tickets will be \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6-12 years. Make checks payable to Trinity WELCA.
3. Send all orders to:
Trinity Lutheran Church
Box 67
Boxholm, IA 50040
4. In the event orders with Oct. 15 postmark exceed tickets available, orders will be by "chance". Orders that cannot be filled will be returned.

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

"80 and Over Sunday"...was held on September 26th honoring these faithful members:

<i>Thelma Anderson</i>	<i>Elin McFarland</i>
<i>Marie Bengtson</i>	<i>Faye Reutter</i>
<i>Dan Kauffman</i>	<i>Geneva Swanson</i>
<i>Elaine Kauffman</i>	<i>Irene Westfall</i>

The Miriam Group served refreshments, in their honor, during coffee fellowship in the church basement. Each honored person received a gift and related memories of the past at Trinity. We praise God for faithful stewards such as these!!!



GIFTS OF FALL

We thank Thee, Father up above,
For all Thy autumn gifts of love.
You give us beauty unsurpassed...
Resplendent scenes of brilliance massed.

And to Thee this we also owe:
The ample harvests that we know;
But to Thee, Father, most of all,
We thank Thee for creating Fall.
-Paula Sampson

...God forgets the past. Imitate him.

...Greed I've often regretted.
Generosity...never.

...You will never forgive anyone more
than God has already forgiven you.

...Church members are either pillars
or caterpillars. The pillars hold up
the church; the caterpillars just crawl
in and out!



OCTOBER 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School; coffee fellowship						
19 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship; FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Sunday School; coffee fellowship; Thrivent Election	4 Columbus Day - Observed	5 12:00 - 8:00 p.m. School Reorganization VOTE	6 2:00 p.m. Elizabeth Group 7:30 p.m. Bible Study	7	8 8:30 a.m. The Christian Women Speaks.... on Ft. Dodge radio; Trinity	9
20 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School; coffee fellowship 5:00 p.m. Faith-Trinity Youth Pizza at Harcourt	11 Columbus Day - Observed	12 7:30 p.m. Church Council	13 2:00 p.m. WELCA GUEST DAY at Trinity 7:30 p.m. Bible Study	14	15 SWEDISH SUPPER Tickets... go on Sale!	16 9:30 a.m. Cluster 8 Fall Event & Training at Emanuel, Dayton
21 st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship/Global Mission Sunday; International student here 10:00 a.m. Sunday School; coffee fellowship 1:30 - 6:40 p.m. Global Mission Event at Webster City	18 St. Luke, Evangelist	19	20 2:00 p.m. Lois Group 7:30 p.m. Bible Study	21	22	23
31 ^{2nd} Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. SS...coffee fellowship	25 7:30 p.m. Miriam Group	26	27 9:00 a.m. WELCA WORK DAY; Noon potluck 1:00 p.m. Ogden Manor-Eliz. Gr. 7:30 Bible Study	28 St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles 9:30 a.m. WELCA Executive Board	29	30



"Church membership will decline until we take seriously that being an evangelist is the vocation of all the baptized."

- *Mark S. Hanson,*
Bishop of ELCA;
From "The Lutheran"
Oct. '04



3	Patti Swanson	23	Ken Haleen
3	Cheryl Meyer	26	Stefanie Swanson
4	Carolyn Huglin	30	Shorty Henrichs
14	Eddie Hellyer	30	Jo Swanson

ANNIVERSARIES

14	Eddie & Brenda Hellyer
26	Ken & Mary Ann Haleen
26	Roger and Linda Howard
29	John and Jane Ferrari