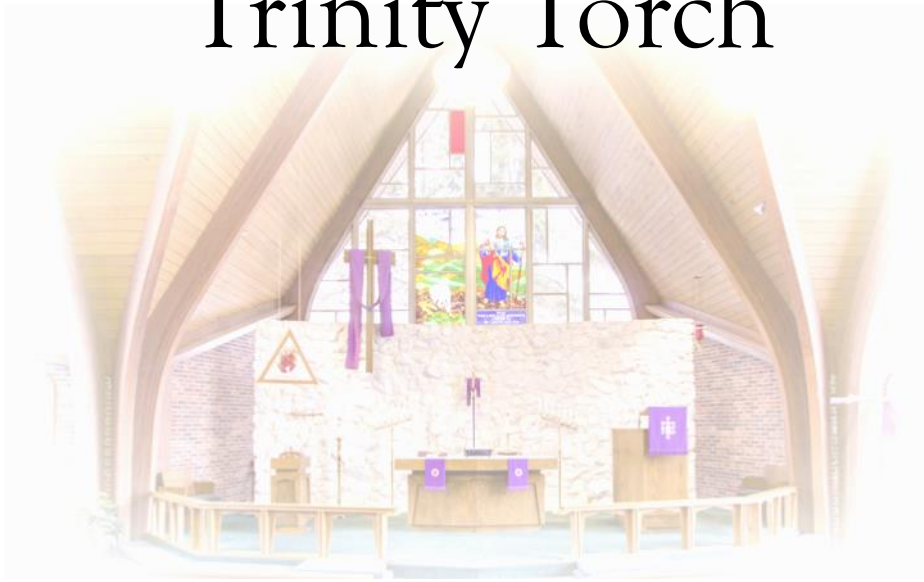


Trinity Torch



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There seem to be a number of people that I know who are in the transition of moving from one house to another or from one state to another. This is a transitory time anyway with so many high school graduates preparing for one of the biggest moves of their lives as they set up a home away from home in a dorm room... and with a new roommate! It can be scary for sure.

Christians are transition people. We are moved from darkness to light. We were dead in our sins and transgressions but now we are alive in Jesus. We have been baptized into the death of Jesus and we have been baptized into His resurrected life! In this new life, we continue to grow in our faith.

Living a new life in Christ takes encouragement and trust, endurance and faith. Christians are never asked to walk alone. Jesus sends us out together. Together is always better than alone. Jesus promises that He will never leave us alone. He promised and delivered the gift of the Holy Spirit to us as well. But we need to be reminded that He gives us our brothers and sisters in Christ, too.

When life gets difficult and seems to become overwhelming, that is when having a Christian friend is a blessing. A Christian friend is one who helps, comforts and cares for you with the love of Jesus. A Christian friend is a blessing indeed. Moving can separate us from our friends, but remember that God has His children everywhere.

Finding a new set of Christian friends when you move or transition from one place to another is important. Once you know where you will be living, seek out a local Lutheran church or campus ministry. If you need help, please ask me or send me an email at rgeaschel@tlbr.org so that I can give you a number of church names and locations as well as college ministry contacts to consider. The quicker you get connected to a new ministry, the less stress you will have in your life.

I pray that all goes well for everyone in transition. And if you are not in transition, remember, growing in your friendships here at Trinity is also an important part of the Christian life. And I am sure that everyone will make our new principal and family feel welcome as they transition to their new role here at Trinity Burr Ridge.

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Geaschel

Pastor Bob

“May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:11-14

Update from Michael Ersland Lutheran Bible Translator International Missionary

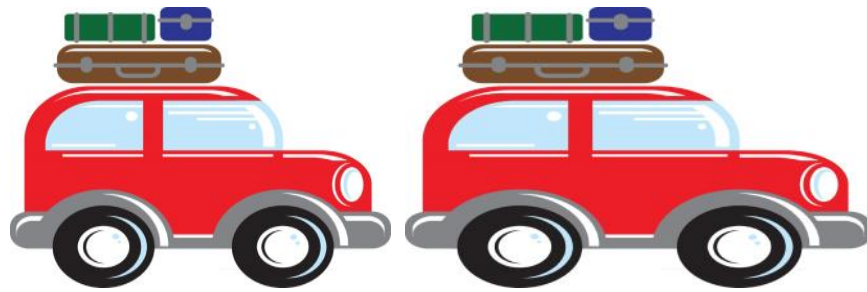
- Michael was able to attend a workshop about the translation software *Paratext* in the capital city of Accra in April.
(Top Right)



- Local Komba churches all gathered together to celebrate Easter. This middle picture is taken during communion on the last day of worship.
(Middle Left)

- Several churches gathered to celebrate Ascension Day.
(Bottom Right)





TRINITY YOUTH NEWS! PRAYERS FOR OUR YOUTH AND CHAPERONES AS WE HEAD ON THE MISSION TRIPS

Vacation Bible School was a HUGE success and we appreciate the hand and helping hearts of the many youth who took this week to spend with children from Trinity and also our community. The youth were Christian examples all week and we are very proud of each and every one who helped! We met every day that week from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. The theme was "Mighty Fortress". Songs, snacks, crafts, Bible stories, games and fellowship with other children were enjoyed by all!

Prayers are requested for safe travels and a safe trip for those attending this Mission Trips this year. Final touches are being put on the mission trips! The dates of the High school Mission Trip are July 8-15. Mr. Grady, Mrs. Geaschel, and Mr. Bordak and seventeen youth will head to Virginia for Work Camp. The middle school youth will be heading to Grand Rapids, Michigan the week of July 23rd. Mr. Grady, Mrs. Ernst and Mrs. Murray will be going with the youth and will be serving this community in various capacities! Again, we are very proud of each and every one of you attending as you serve this area. You are all a blessing and we pray for a safe trip! Remember, you all need your own air mattress!

We are in the beginning stages of collecting items for our Rummage Sale. It will be held August 3-5. The Ladies Aid will again be assisting us this year so that we have extra help. All youth and their parents will be notified about setting up the gym for the sale. We need as many hands as possible to make this a success. Every time you work a two hour shift you will earn a point in your account for the 2017-2018 youth event year! All items that are leftover will again be donated to several organizations.

Open Youth Rooms will resume in late August/beginning of September. Watch your Youth Newsletter, the Torch, Fast Direct and the weekly Bulletin Announcements for dates and times. Remember, you can always bring a friend. The refrigerator is always packed with snacks!

Plans are being made for a Winter Retreat to be held the beginning of January. You won't want to miss out on this event! More details on this fun weekend will be discussed in the fall at Open Youth Rooms.

Summer Blessings!

The Board of Youth Ministry

Coins for CareNet



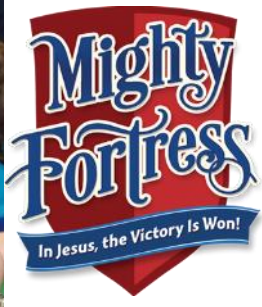
CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage provides spiritual, emotional, and material support to women dealing with unplanned pregnancies, enabling them to choose life for their babies. Our church supports the work of CareNet in our community by participating in Coins for CareNet.

On Monday, June 26th, a CareNet representative picked up all of the baby bottles. At the printing of this newsletter, we did not yet have the total Trinity collected. We will be sure to update you when that total is provided. In the meantime, THANK YOU! THANK YOU for your continued support.

Care to know more on how your donation impacts the lives of others? Please view the story on page 7.



Vacation Bible School



Christians and Plastic

By Rev. Mark Bussert, Director of Stewardship

Plastic – gotta love that stuff!

Ever since chemist Leo Baekeland invented Bakelite in 1906, hydrochemical (petroleum-based) plastic has been an integral part of life throughout the world. (You would have to be “of a certain age” to actually remember Bakelite, but here’s a hint – those heavy black phones in old movies were made of it.) Plastic is in nearly everything we use – from the laptop I am typing this on, to the cars we drive (20% of a car is made of plastic); from jewelry to rocket ships.

The problem with plastic is that every single piece of it ever made (and not recycled) still exists. It takes thousands of years to break down. Some scientists say it NEVER biodegrades. As Christians, we are managers of this beautiful world God has given us. We should do all we can to not spoil it.

It is impossible, I presume, to stop using plastics. But here are three simple everyday products that we could stop using, or at least significantly reduce our use of.

Plastic shopping bags. Americans go thru an estimated 100 billion plastic shopping bags every year, and only 6% are recycled. Why not get in the habit of taking reusable totes (especially cotton or canvas ones) when you shop? If you do get plastic bags, recycle them.

Drinking straws. In the U.S. we discard 500 million plastic straws *every day!* Each straw is used for an average of 12 minutes, and then thrown away. They are not currently recyclable. Most of the time (for example, in restaurants), straws are simply unnecessary, as are the plastic lids they go through. Simply tell the server, “no straw, please.” Of course, there are times, such as while riding in a car, or when flat on your back in a hospital bed, when lids and straws make sense.

Single-use plastic water bottles. Americans throw out *50 billion* water bottles every year. The plastic netting or wrap that the bottles come in is an environmental problem as well. Instead, get a metal or glass refillable bottle that you can use for years. When you do use a plastic bottle (water or soda), recycle it.

8 million tons of plastic waste ends up in our oceans every year. How much more is in our roadsides, rivers and lakes? Be a good steward of our earth – reduce your plastic use, and recycle what you do use.



REFORMATION
2017 *It's Still All About*
Jesus

Tour the cradle of the Lutheran Reformation with LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison.

The Luther Mile: Part One

In The Luther Mile, Part One, President Harrison narrates a tour of historic Reformation sites. Along with historical facts, Harrison provides informative anecdotes during this tour of Lutherstadt, Wittenberg, Germany.





Rummage Sale: Our annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for the first weekend in August.

The container is here and items may be dropped off. If you have donations to be dropped off, please let Rob Grady know. Rob can also come pick up items. Rob's number is 708-839-1200 x6.

The youth will begin setting up the gym beginning July 21. Many volunteers are needed to help set up the gym for this huge sale.



TLC Community Clinic is Saturday, September 30th, 2017, 9a.m.- 2p.m.

Please check the bulletin board in the narthex. The serving clinic store items are on the board. Take one or two slips, buy the item, and return it to the box. Different items will be on the board each week.



JOY Club will not meet over the Summer.

We will see you again in September!

This decision will last a lifetime.



Trinity Lutheran School, 11503 German Church Road, Burr Ridge
Call to schedule a private tour of our campus! (708) 839-1444



Last fall, Maddie walked into CareNet, 14 weeks pregnant and believing that she had no other option than to abort. She didn't have support from anyone, was dealing with depression and her boyfriend was giving her the ultimatum that it's "either this baby or him. You can't have both." Maddie said that abortion was the **only** thing she could choose. Through your

partnership with CareNet, we provided the care, emotional support, referrals and love that she needed. Together, we were able to remind Maddie of God's love for her and His protection over her and her baby. Through our conversations, Maddie was able to realize that her boyfriend's ultimatum had no hold on her, and that she had to do what her heart was telling her to do...choose life.

This March, almost 6 months from when she first stepped into our center, Baby Kaleigh was born! Maddie was able to push through her fears and depression and give life to this sweet bundle of joy. Yesterday, Maddie came to CareNet for a visit because she said "You have helped me so much that you deserve to meet Kaleigh in person." Maddie said she believes "God gave me Kaleigh as a reward for all that I've been through in life." Praise God for protecting this mom and baby from the devastation of abortion!

Thank you for your loving support,

Denise

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Offices in Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Wood Dale, Elmhurst and soon...West Chicago!



I am encouraged that Trinity Roselle has recently started a life group and sent people to the walk in Wood Dale this year for the first time! Small but mighty Calvary Lutheran in Wood Dale continues to open its doors to moms in need on a monthly basis which is a blessing for that community, and the moms and babies served by CareNet's Wood Dale center.

We were excited to hear of the new center that will be opening in 2017 in West Chicago. This area has seen significant population growth both in DuPage County and also in adjacent Kane. This new express center would provide services for these women, plus serve as an outreach for women along the Fox Valley corridor. Praise God for the on-going work CareNet does to help moms through their Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Wooddale and Elmhurst centers.

It is not too late to make a donation for CareNet if you are so moved. If you are unable to donate, please join us in lifting up the following prayer concerns for CareNet's ministry:

- For an abortion-minded client facing overwhelming circumstances, raised in the Christian faith, she does not want to choose abortion.
- For a woman who has had multiple previous abortions and wants to choose life in a current pregnancy.
- For a young woman receiving pressure from her parents to abort because of the expected judgment of their daughter and family from their church. Praying that the family would have a change of heart and the church would embrace mom and baby by affirming life.
- For a woman who is struggling in her marriage and feels abortion is the best decision for her and the baby.
- For a woman whose financial concerns are pointing her toward abortion as the most logical choice in her crisis.
- Also thanking God for the ministry of Restore - CareNet's post-abortion ministry that helps men and women heal from the pain of an abortion decision, by extending the love and mercy received in Christ.



God's Blessings,
Lori Trinche



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Summer Birthdays

JULY

- 1 Embry Rediehs
Deborah Zagone
Jacob Zoller
- 2 Lisa Cohen
Bessie Kuske
Carolyn Wott
- 3 Shelley Metz
- 4 Emily Knutte
Terry Pauly
- 5 Scott Gasparas
Sydney Kibbon
Allyson Murray
Elaine Rall
- 6 Mark Kling
Gabriella Wolf
- 8 Alyssa Keltz
John Kneller
Cyrus Young
- 9 Sheena Magnesen
Janice Osysko
Anthony Tiedt
- 10 Aaron Ball
Shayla Davis
Jonathan Kania
Lillian Whited
- 11 Orville St. Clair
- 12 Jay Bulthuis
Anthony Hruska Sr.
- 13 Jack Breuer
Jean Harris
Christian Merkouris
Kristin Orrick
Devinne Young
Mark Zoller
- 14 Nathan Winterroth
- 15 Michael Barrett
Samantha DiBacco
Mary Kania
- 16 Christian Lucas
Carolyn Pahr
David Sakoulos
- 17 Lawton Knappenburger
Kyle LaFlame
Emily Miller
Lukas Pallisard
Jennifer Sunnquist
- 19 Rick Joiner
Peter Sakoulos
Guenther Schmidt
- 20 David Gasparas
Ernest Howard
Ruth Kutz
- 21 Erik Joiner
Lukas Knutte

- 21 Bradley Reinhart
Katelyn Sojka
Olivia Vie
Paul Zimmermann
- 22 Rosemary Edwards
Judith Kurzeja
Matt Ulrich
- 23 Chris Azzarello
David Gartman
Cheryl LaFlame
Declan Sojka
- 24 Christine LaPorte
Keeley Mahoney
Brian Polacek
John Socha Jr.
- 25 Rosalyn Bond
- 26 Zachary Rothfahn
- 27 Bud Villarreal
- 28 Allen Gasparas
Jason Owen
Irma Stroede
Alex Vasquez
- 29 John Abernathy
Tyler Cindel
Carolynn Day
Phyllis Johnson
Joseph Kluge
Jessica Rodzen
- 30 Lauren Brazel
Beverly Gehrt
Dan Lehenbauer
- 31 Jody Schultz

AUGUST

- 1 Mitchell Barnacle
Riley Barnacle
William Ramos
- 2 Michael Moreno
Marilyn Todd
- 3 Tatiana Murphy
- 4 Howard Eggert
Lynn Hughes
- 5 Michael Fischer
Danielle LaPorte
Alice Messinger
Donovan Singer
- 6 Stephanie Gogolewski
Cindy McSweeney
- 8 Dani Eggert
Sabrina Garren
Christopher Gartman
Sheryl Gogolewski
Jaynia Schiller
Mark Schwoebel
Jute Camper
Isabella Stillo




- 10 Ryan Conoboy
Trisha Kulis
Tomas Malina
- 11 Krystina Brania
- 12 Monique Alexander
Donna Halla
Scott Reinhart
Melanie Siler
- 13 Justin Gouty
Diane Lyall
- 14 Joseph DeWitt
- 15 Sean Martin
- 16 Jamie Collings
Trisha Stremksi
- 17 Cassandra Lantz
Wendy Ulrich
- 19 Ruby Radosevic
- 20 Cayden Cook
Savannah Hawbaker
Shirley Kaminski
- 21 Janet Grimes
Richard Thorburn Jr
- 22 Madison Fritschel
Dina Gnat
- 23 Jaden Rochkind
Amy Sojka
Pamela Winterroth
Karri Wunglueck
- 24 Kati Marwitz
Ryan Miller
Christian Rohner
Gene Weisbecker
- 25 Arlyne Johnson
Jim Wielebnicki
- 26 Nancy Beaudry
Damian Fritschel
Shawn Gartman
Steven Radtke
Eric Zoller
- 27 Dorothy Anderson
Alice Buege
Laurie Kunst
Joseph Okoskey
- 28 John Wielebnicki
- 29 Suzanne Ackerman
Amy Hutcheson
- 30 Chris Guerin
Phil Strieter
- 31 Donna Rekau
John Socha Sr.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
2 The Visitation 8:30am HC 9:45am BC 11:00am Contemp. Worship	3	4 Independence Day 	5	6 6:30pm Confirmation Meeting (CL) 7:00pm Praise Band (Ch)	7	8 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
9 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC 11:00am HC Contemp.	10 6:30pm Confirmation Meeting (CL)	11 11:00am St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen (OP)	12	13 7:00pm Praise Band (Ch)	14	15 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
High School Mission Trip July 8-15						
16 8:30am HC 9:45am BC 11:00am Contemp. Worship	17	18	19	20 4:30pm Stewardship (CL) 7:00pm Praise Band (Ch)	21	22 St. Mary Magdalene 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
23 8:30am Worship <i>Baptism Malina</i> 9:45am BC 11:00am HC Contemp.	24	25 St. James the Elder, Apostle	26	27 7:00pm Praise Band (Ch)	28	29 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
Middle School Mission Trip - Kenosha July 23-28						
30 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC 11:00am Worship	31		Ushers: 8:30 - Group 2 11:00 - Group 4	Altar Guild: Joanne Stastny Sherry LaFlame Crista Childers Kris Fischer	Meeting areas: <i>(shown in parenthesis)</i> Ch = Church CR = School Conference Room CL = Church Library TFH = Trinity Fellowship Hall	G = School Gym SK = School Kitchen CK = TFH Kitchen SL = School Library N = Narthex YR = Youth Room OP = Off Premises



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Camp Luther – 6 th , 7 th , 8 th graders						
20 Teacher Installation 8:30am HC 9:45am BC 11:00am Cont Worship	21	22 1st Day of School 9:00am Chapel	23	24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle 7:00pm Praise Band (Ch)	25	26 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
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