

**September/  
October  
2015**

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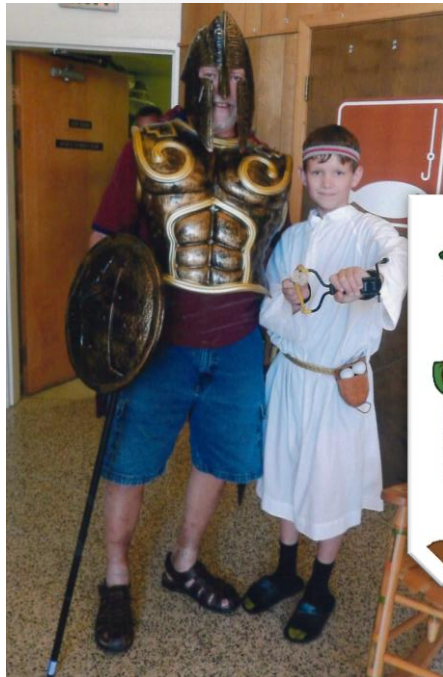


## **Trinity Tidings** *“Caring, Loving, and Serving ALL God’s People”*

### **Successful Camp Discovery Vacation Bible School**

A huge THANKS to **Diane Neeley** & **Tanda Abel** and the numerous volunteers that made this summers VBS a wonderful experience for our children and shared the love of Christ!





What a **TREE-MENDOUS** time we had at our Vacation Bible School with **CAMP DISCOVERY**. We had an exciting camping adventure that made a lasting impact on our children as the VBS days were filled with ...LOTS OF RAIN, dynamic storytelling, wilderness crafts, spectacular music, Splash N' Dash games and yummy campfire snacks. A **TREE-MENDOUS** Thank You to all of the volunteers and children that made our Camp Discovery Vacation Bible School a fantastic adventure.

***Tanda Abel & Diane Nealeigh***

## **"E" Opportunities**

Our granddaughter, Makenna started school last week. After her first day of kindergarten she was so excited about what had happened at school that she called grandma and told her that her teacher's name was Ms. Sims and then she added with great delight in her voice, "I made LOTS of new friends today." I hope Makenna will always have lots of friends throughout her life, because we all need friendship and the encouragement that comes our way when we know others are investing themselves in our lives.

Dr. David Jeremiah in his book, *"Signs of Life"*, suggest that every person should have an "E" list of people with whom they come into contact with regularly...because the smallest gesture, the simplest word, or the shortest visit shines the light of encouragement into someone's life." Each one of us says Dr. Jeremiah have opportunities to encourage other – "E" Opportunities is what he calls them. And then he makes some important observations about where we can easily find these "E" Opportunities.

First, he says that encouraging one's spouse is perhaps life's greatest ministry. Marriage is the perfect laboratory for encouragement. Husbands and wives have the non-optional responsibility before God to encourage each other. In a paraphrase of 1 Peter 3:7...Dr. Jeremiah writes: "husbands and wives, dwell with each other with understanding, giving honor to each other as

heirs together of the grace of life.” Isn’t that beautiful picture of marriage? As husbands and wives we are to serve each other, sharing in each other’s deepest and innermost thoughts, dreams, fears, and joys – these behaviors are evidence of understanding and honor.

Next on our “E” list should be our children. Encouraging parents produce encouraging children. Living life with a “Yes!” perspective instead of the all-too-common “No!” should be our guiding philosophy with our children. We need to look for things they are doing right, instead of things they are going wrong. And we need to remember that for children more than anyone else, love is spelled “T-I-M-E.”

Next on Dr. Jeremiah’s “E” list is our friends and neighbors. As Martin Luther once wrote in one of his sermons, *“God sends you and me ‘to be like little Christ’ to others, to be as available and compassionate to them as Jesus Christ is to us.”* Such encouragement is a matter of seeing a need and meeting it. Encouragement is paying someone a compliment, providing a meal for a sick neighbor, surprising a friend with a small gift of appreciation, or offering a listening ear over lunch.

I hope Makenna likes kindergarten, but even more important I pray she will always have friends and family to encourage her every day. It doesn’t have to be complicated says Dr. Jeremiah, ***“it’s basically a matter of being willing to invest ourselves in the lives of those people God places in our path.”*** Go ahead and make your “E” list and I will see you on Sunday.

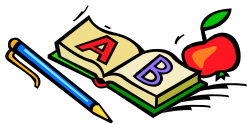
*Pastor Gill Krouse*



Trinity Lutheran Church sent 5 youth along with the youth from Holy Trinity of Muncie, Indiana to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit this past July. They had a fabulous time providing community service, site seeing, worshipping and attending nightly gatherings with inspiring Christian Leaders and Christian worship music. The boys (**Gabe Loesch, Noah Hopkins, Ethan Dirksen, Trey Graft, and Zachary Bradbury**) would like *to THANK the congregation* for this great opportunity!



**Thanks to all** who helped donate and distribute to the **Back to School Boost** school supplies program. Trinity distributed **bags of school supplies** out to local families in the Mississinawa Valley and Randolph Eastern schools.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6	Lucas Merry
7	Mary Hanes
12	Matthew Wright Gavin Nealeigh
14	Mary Riffle Joshua Anderson
15	James Gower
16	Wendy Tumey Cindy Stahl Stumpf
17	Tyler Wright
19	John Weiss
20	James Hanes Julia May
21	Mark Wright Benjamin Hartzell
22	Spencer Nealeigh
24	Donna Kuhlman
25	Leah Scholl Emily Scholl
28	Mary Anderson
29	Steve Hollowell
30	Miranda Collins

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	Brian & Cindy Stumpf
7	Bradley & Chrissy Strausbaugh
8	Daryl & Mary Riffle
11	Richard & Jeanette Detling
22	Kenneth & Kelly Gower
24	Ron & Amy Richards
27	Ralph & Ruth Scholl
29	Adam & Jessica Riffle



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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Michael Read  
 3 Christine Strausbaugh  
 5 Alan Bretz  
 Matthew Curtner  
 Victoria Curtner  
 Benjamin Gelhaus  
 Marcia Neeley  
 Brandon Hartman  
 6 Nicolas Poling  
 8 Bill Whitesel  
 Taylor Mote  
 Graci Mae Hampshire  
 12 Zachary Hopkins  
 Carolyn Conyers  
 14 Helen Williams  
 16 Susie Blocher  
 22 Colleen Delery



27 Susan Smoot  
 28 Inez Clevenger (100<sup>th</sup>)  
 30 Richard Hines

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

06 Matthew & Jill Guillozet  
 14 Erik & Lindsay Zicht  
 16 Jim & Anna Hufford  
 19 Joe & Mary Hanes  
 22 Craig & Amy Grafmiller  
 23 Mark & Sue Mote  
 27 Steve & Karen Livingston  
 30 Dana & Devida Abel  
 31 Fredrick & Alberta Read

**Volunteers NEEDED.....** We will be looking for people to help decorate the church for the Fall and Christmas Seasons. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping out.



**Planning Ahead! Children's Christmas Program**  
 Nancy Moore and Becky Burnett have volunteered to direct the 2015 Christmas program on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar now for Christmas Program **practices for November 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>!**

**"Lord Help Me" – something to think about!**

Dear Heavenly Father,  
 So far, today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or self-centered. I'm really happy about that so far. But in a few minutes I'm going to be getting out of bed and then I'm going to need a lot of help. Thank You! Amen





## The Gathering classes Start Sunday, October 11th

We welcome back Angie Neeley as  
Trinity's Superintendent 2015-2016

**Rally day** will be Sunday, October 4, 2015 as we KICK OFF our new year. Join us as we serve a breakfast of biscuits and gravy at 9am that morning. Our children's ministry will continue to take place immediately after Children's time during our Sunday morning worship. Plan to get involved – our two classes are 3-7 year olds and 8-12 years. October 11<sup>th</sup> begins with **“The Gathering”** here at Trinity!



Altar Flowers

Sponsoring altar flowers are a blessing and tradition here at Trinity. We are delighted to help share and give praise for your dedications. If you have sponsored Altar flowers for a past or future Sunday, **please make sure you reimburse the church** by placing your \$20 check in the offering tray marked as *“Altar flowers”* or mailing it to the church office.

The 2015 Nominating  
Committee consists of  
Norma Abel, Amy  
Richards, Leslie  
Loesch and Mary



Riffle. Council terms expiring December 31, 2015 are as follows: President-Daryl Riffle (1<sup>st</sup> term); Elder Allen Wilcox (final term); Trustee Bob Tillman (1<sup>st</sup> term); Deacon Dana Abel (final term); Deacon Brenda Weiss (final term). **Please contact a Nominating Committee member if you have any interest in serving on Council.**



## **2015-2016 Trinity CONFIRMATION Classes**

*Beginning Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am and will end with the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 during Worship Service*



*This is a one year program for students who are in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades in which we will be exploring together parts of the Catechism highlighting The Lord' Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, and the Ten Commandments. We will also spend a majority of our time on the teachings of the Martin Luther, especially the parts that set us apart as Lutheran Christians. A typical confirmation class will consist of a gathering time ice-breaker, followed by a Bible study and*

*teaching time, and then a period for questions and conversation.*

*The standards and requirements for completing Confirmation will consist of: attendance at 75% of class sessions, no less than 8 hours of community service, attend one council meeting, keep a journal summarizing each week's learning activities and write a brief statement of their faith.*

If you are going in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are interested in participating in the Confirmation Classes please contact the office or Pastor Krouse, Angie Neeley, Tanda Abel or Amy Hanes as soon as possible.

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**Lawn & Grounds Maintenance** Bid has been accepted by Riffle Mowing and the Custodian Duties Bid has been accepted by Allen & Jennifer Wilcox for 2016

**Note from Amy Richards and Amy Hanes** on the 2015 Ice Cream Social Profit – the Social generated a profit of \$1,186.50 – Thanks again for all who served and reached out to our community with the Love of Christ.



**Join us on Sunday, September 27** as our five youth who attended the ELCA YOUTH GATHERING in Detroit will share their experiences with us during worship along with pictures from the event. Each day the youth gathered together for scripture, engaging speakers, Christian music as well as other interactive learning experiences. Make sure you join us **September 27th** in supporting our youth as they share some highlights from the national gathering.

## A PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL:



Dear God, Thank you for the gift of children. Please watch over our youth as they go back to school this year. Keep them safe every day. Help them to

remember that you are right there with them in the halls and classrooms. Help them soak up good knowledge and to dismiss any negative or worldly messages they may hear. Help them treat others with kindness and respect, and to guard their hearts with the armor of Your Word. Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in you.

Amen

Joyce Meyers Ministry



Interested in being a part of the Prayer Chain? The Prayer chain currently consists of 10 people who pray for the needs of our church family and friends when emergencies and circumstances arise. If you would like to be a part of The Prayer Chain which gets a ONE CALL message regarding the immediate need – let the church office know and we can add you to the call list. The Prayer Chain ONE CALL message is different than a ONE CALL message to the whole congregation which is used to communicate general event information to everyone in the church. Let us know if you haven't been added to the general ONE CALL phone message list so you can receive upcoming messages.



**Congratulations** to Eva & Brock Abel on the birth of their son,  
**Tillman Brock Abel** born on Aug. 11, 2015

9 lbs. 4 oz. and 22 ¼ inches long

Grandparents: Tony & Tanda Abel,

Dave & Cheryl Tillman

Great-grandparents: Dorothy Tillman and Norma Abel





## Recent ELCA News Stories

ELCA news releases are detailed accounts describing events and ministries of the ELCA

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### [ELCA bishop poses ethical questions to Congress regarding Iran plan](#)

*08/07/2015*

In an Aug. 5 letter to U.S. Congress, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton urged for "careful deliberation and consideration" in response to the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action," which "seeks to 'ensure that Iran's nuclear program will be exclusively peaceful.'"

### [ELCA chaplains convene for education and training](#)

*08/06/2015*

Traveling from as far away as Hawaii and Germany, 70 chaplains from the ELCA convened in Chicago for the annual Chaplain Education and Training Event July 26-30. The chaplains, some of whom have recently returned from deployments in Afghanistan, Colombia and Djibouti, serve in the U.S. military, Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals and federal prisons.

### [ELCA, Moravian Church observe 15th anniversary of full communion agreement](#)

*07/31/2015*

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the full communion agreement between the ELCA and the Moravian Church in America.

### [ELCA presiding bishop to hold live webcast on confronting racism](#)

*07/23/2015*

In an effort to continue understanding the complexity and implications of racism, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton invites the 3.8 million member church to participate in a live webcast Aug. 6 at 8 p.m. (CDT).

### [ELCA youth rise up to help residents of Detroit](#)

*07/22/2015*

Participants of the ELCA Youth Gathering held in Detroit July 15-19 responded to the event's theme "Rise Up Together" by taking part in neighborhood service projects throughout the Detroit metro area.

### [ELCA members describe life-changing Youth Gathering](#)

*07/18/2015*

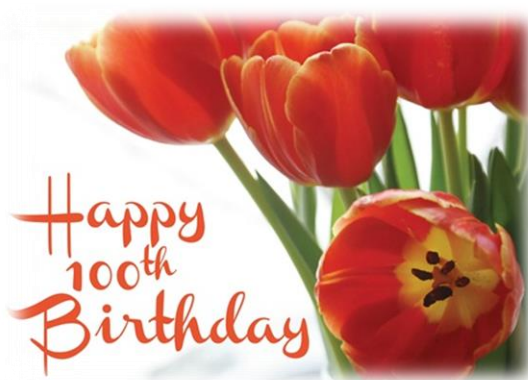
Life-changing, amazing, unimaginable, and impactful are some of the words members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) used to describe their experience during the ELCA Youth Gathering meeting here July 15-19.

- See more at: <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/Recent-News-Stories>



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The TLC Congregation would like to wish **Inez Clevenger** a **HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** on **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** with an ***“Inez’s Favorite Hymn Sunday”***. Join us to sing praises and celebrate Inez’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Inez’s would also like to extend an

invite to the congregation to stop by her birthday party here at Trinity on **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm.**

***Blessings to you Inez on your big day!***