

BLESSINGS

The Brown's two mini-horses, Charlie and Prince, visit our VBS making it truly special! Thank you!



WAHOO!!

by Cheri Thomas, Head Ranch Hand & VBS Coordinator

We had a terrific time at Avalanche Ranch this year! We learned that God isreal,with us,strong,awesome, and, in charge!

Many said this year's Vacation Bible Schools was one of their favorites – but that might be because we got to make a BIG mess inside the church with all of that straw, see someone kiss a friendly farm animal, and play watermelon football (who knew a buttered up watermelon, a big sheet of plastic and a garden hose could be so much fun?!).

Forty children attended, but they were such a lively bunch, that it often seemed more like 80! There were also many MANY volunteers that at one time we had a 1:1 ratio of adults to kids.

We collected food donations for the Caring Center throughout the week. The CHERUB! group pledged to donate \$1 for each pound that the kids brought in.

We took 317 pounds of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, ravioli's, and canned tuna and matching

funds of \$317 to the Caring Center. They were very happy to restock their pantry, especially during the tough and lean summer months.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's VBS a success, whether that was through decorating, donation, setup, tear down, clean-up, working as a station or crew leader, registration, bringing children to church, praying or all of the above! VBS wouldn't happen each year without all of your support!

We also want to extend big THANKS to the members of the Nazarene Church of Frankfort, who graciously loaned us the amazing set decorations, and to the Brown family, for bringing Charlie and Prince. Your sharing was truly a blessing and helped make VBS even more special and exciting!



The Pig Winner

Each night, the kids decided whether to "give" their food donations to Sheriff Scott, or Ranch Hand Cheri. The winner had to kiss a pig!

PASTOR@WORK



Greetings All,

I am a month into my 4th year as your Pastor and I thought it would be a good idea to reflect on what it is that you called me to be and if I am fulfilling that call. For many the title of Pastor means that you preside at worship, teach confirmation and Sunday school, and visit the sick and homebound. While these things are certainly a vital part of the ministry they are not an exhaustive list of duties or responsibilities. The following is the Letter of Call that I signed as well as the president and secretary of Trinity's Church Council.

We call you to exercise among us the ministry of Word and Sacrament, which God has established and which the Holy Spirit empowers; To preach and teach the Word of God in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions; to administer Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; to lead us in worship; to proclaim the forgiveness of sins; to provide pastoral care; to speak for justice in behalf of the poor and oppressed; to encourage persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel; to impart knowledge of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its wider ministry; to endeavor to increase support given by our congregation to the work of our whole church; to equip us for witness and service; and guide us in proclaiming God's love through word and deed.

In response to this Letter of Call I feel that I need to be a liaison between all of you and the community in which we live. Therefore, I have dedicated myself to the following agencies:

Thrivent for Lutherans, to equip us for witness and service. **Indianapolis Conference**, to impart knowledge of the ELCA and its wider ministry. **Habitat for Humanity**, guide us in proclaiming God's love through word and deed. **Boone County Neighborhood Housing**, guide us in proclaiming God's love through word and deed. **Shalom House**, guide us in proclaiming God's love through word and deed. **Witham Hospital Chaplain**, to provide pastoral care. **Boone County Ministers Association**, to speak for justice in behalf of the poor and oppressed. **Bridges to Success** at Lebanon Schools, guide us in proclaiming God's love through

word and deed. **Boone County Jail**, to speak for justice in behalf of the poor and oppressed.

The rest we do on Sunday as a church worshiping God through our Lutheran tradition.

As you can see the role of Pastor is far broader than what Tradition has dictated, and like all pastors I am limited by my personal abilities. Therefore, I am appealing to all of you for two things. First, that you forgive me for my shortcomings. For instance, although I have a good memory for names I often forget details and announcements, especially if they are given to me right before or after worship. I am extremely nervous right before worship and telling me things sometimes does not register. Handing me a note would be better for me as it gives me something to trigger my memory. After worship many people tell me many things, which I absolutely love to hear, and please continue to share these things with me, but remember that I cannot process everything immediately.

Secondly, if I did not do something you asked for do not hesitate to call me and remind me. I do not get offended and I welcome the communication. The better we communicate with each other the more things we get accomplished together. We have many modes of communication at the church, e-mail, phone, answering machine, my home phone, and if you have a grave emergency, my cell phone. Please do not be afraid that you are intruding or worry that I am too busy. I am never too busy to talk to anyone. All of you come before any project or appointment in the community.

As a church I feel that we are becoming a place that people can ask for help. Even though we cannot help everyone (Yet!) we do help many. Finally, as I sit and reflect on the Holy Spirit's call to this congregation, and if I am responding adequately to the duties that you called me to do the answer is...

I guess you will just have to ask me about that one.

God Bless you all,

Pastor Scott

IK Synod Assembly Report

The annual Indiana Kentucky Synod Assembly met June 8th through 10th in Fort Wayne. There were 650 rostered clergy, voting lay delegates, registered visitors, and volunteers in attendance. My mother, Sandy Voyak and I were voting lay delegates for Trinity. Unfortunately, Pastor Scott was unable to attend as he accompanied the youth on the mission trip to Tennessee.

We celebrated the 20th anniversary of the ELCA, the 100th year anniversary of campus ministry, and the ordination of Joseph Faust from the Alaskan Synod. He will be serving Trinity in Linton, Indiana. We approved the budget as proposed after much discussion. Benevolence to the ELCA churchwide was increased from 50 percent to 51 percent. The ELCA uses more than 80 percent of these funds in ministry including mission support, disaster relief, and worldwide peacemaking activities.

There was one resolution in response to the New England Synod "Guidelines for Blessing of Same-Sex Unions". The resolution was to reaffirm the 1993 Bishops' statement that the ELCA does not approve the "official" blessing of homosexual relationships. The resolution was defeated. Another resolution on "best practices" for "at risk" congregations was tabled.

Mark Gorud, Director for Relationships with Large Membership Congregations in the ELCA gave the official greeting as the churchwide representative from the ELCA. He said that even though Indiana-Kentucky is not one of the largest synods in America it is doing great things. The first "great thing" he mentioned was Trinity of Lebanon working to help those with inadequate housing. .

The keynote speaker addressed the assembly each day. Rev. Ruben Duran, Director of Development of New Congregations in the ELCA spoke to us of his

parents meeting at a Lutheran mission and his journey to America. He is originally from South America and is of Inca and Spanish decent. He said that in America, the Lutheran Church has always been a church of immigrants but the immigrants are no longer Swedish, German, or Norwegian. 53% of new starts congregations are non-white and we need to be welcoming to people that are different from us, people that might look like him.

Rev. Duran reminded us that we are "marked with cross forever" and "gathered, called, claimed and sent, for the good of the world". Our capacity to be sent into the world is determined by a willingness to be open to the Holy Spirit guidance and our ability to change as God's purpose and plan is revealed to us. Clergy and lay leaders need to work together to develop a clear sense of what God is calling the congregation to do. The congregation needs to focus on discipleship and mission, not on the growing of numbers of members. God builds and grows the church through his son, Jesus Christ. Rev. Duran told us to trust what Jesus told us in Matthew 16:18, "I will build my church" and in Matthew 28:20b, "and remember I am with you always to the end of the age".

We had worship each day of the assembly. Friday evening was the ordination, Saturday was a Taize service of quiet prayer and candle lighting, and Sunday worship was a sending service. Each service was unique yet brought into focus that Lutherans across America and the world along with other Christians are praying, working, and trusting in God to help us to be of service for others, for the good of the world.

Sherry Mauch, Lay Delegate
Sandy Voyak, Lay Delegate

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Sunset Gap Tennessee

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Thrivent Builds - Thorntown

July 7th---July 14th
Clean up after drywall, build back porch, Paint, and start flooring

July 15th---July 28th
Begin trim and cabinets, landscaping, and final mechanicals.

July 29th--- Aug 4th
Final touch-up

Mens Breakfast

The Men's Group will not meet in July. Instead I hope that many of you will be at the Habitat house in Thorntown. We need to finish the house by August 4th.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on Saturday, July 21st, at 8:15 a.m. in the church kitchen! We will enjoy a light breakfast, and continue our study of the book of Galatians. Please call Tina Stenberg for any additional information at 485-0153

Mary Circle

There is no Mary Circle in the month of July

SERVICE/GIVING	JUNE 3RD	JUNE 10TH	JUNE 17TH	JUNE 24TH
<i>Current Expense</i>	\$2,307.90	\$1,222.81	\$1,446.75	\$2,057.24
<i>Building Fund</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$0.00
<i>Run-Through</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.50	\$62.00
<i>Sunday School</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Simply Giving</i>	\$605.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
<i>Total Deposit</i>	\$2,912.90	\$1,322.81	\$1,740.25	\$2,219.24

PRAYERS@WORK

Prayer Requests from our Members and Friends

Todd Thomas

Carol's son, fighting heart disease.

Lexi Steward

Physical signs of scleroderma slowing down

Mark Cline

Living with M.S.

Terri Crawford

living with interstitial cystitis

Anna Rodgers

Carol Thomas' mother, partly blind, difficulties in old age

Ed Belcher

Receiving treatment for a serious blood disease

Kathy Sutton

Recovering from treatment for cancer

Suzie Kawaters

Rick Hammerle's Sister fighting cancer.



Rob Inskeep

Fighting Cancer

Yvonne Alm

Vicki Russell's sister. Thyroid removed, balancing replacement hormones.

Chris Granat

Neighbor of the Wallace's, is receiving dialysis and still awaiting a double transplant, kidney and pancreas.

Jarad

17 year old son of a friend of Joyce Wallace. Diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis, of which there is no known cure. Is improving with medication.

Mark Lorenzen

Recovering from being hit by a car.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests

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JULY SERVING CHART

	JULY 8TH	JULY 15TH	JULY 22ND	JULY 29TH	AUGUST 5TH
Fellowship	None	None	None	None	None
Greeters	Burkholder	Campbell	Connors	Coulter	Crosby
Acolyte	Brianna Hatfield	Erin Biddle	Madison Riegel	Danielle Markus	Travis Herrin
Lector	Amy Hammerle	Brad Campbell	Vivian Bokash	Brenda Burkholder	Brad Brockman
Communion Assistant	Tina Stenberg	Julie Parks	X	Maxine Rusher	John Herrin
Altar Guild	Beth Brockman	Beth Brockman	Cheri Thomas	Cheri Thomas	Kris Todd
Nursery/ Children's Church	Cali Russell	Brianna & Tammy	Amanda Connors	Krystal Lipford	Cheri Thomas

JULY USHERS

Brad Brockman, Sean Connors, Joyce Ervin, Don Russell

AUGUST USHERS

Beth Brockman, John Herrin, Ken Mansholt, Sheri Riegel

July 2007

- Notable Dates
- Events
- Group Events
- School/Study
- Worship Services

June 2007						
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August 2007						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 VBS Sunday 10:30 AM Worship	2	3	4 8:00 PM Cook Out & Fire-works	5	6	7
8 10:30 AM Worship	9	10	11	12 Share Food Orders Due 7:30 PM Church Council	13	14
15 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM CHERUB! Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 8:15 AM Ruth Circle	21
22 10:30 AM Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28 Share Food Delivered
29 Pastor Scott At Camp 10:30 AM Worship	30	31	1	2	3	4

Our Church isn't the building, it's the People! Read our newsletter, to learn who we are and what we do, then come and see for yourself!

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Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion is
Celebrated on the first
and third Sundays of
the Month

