



Trinity Dove

May 24, 2009 + Easter 7 + Shawls & Quilts
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✚ Sabbaths & Celebrations

Sunday, May 31 ~ Pentecost

- ✚ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- ✚ Faith Adventures Litterwalk at 10:45 am
- ✚ Susan Salmons Students' Recital at 1:30 pm
- ✚ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm

Sunday, June 7 ~ Holy Trinity

Baptismal Sunday

- ✚ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- ✚ Faith Adventures Carnival and Picnic Lunch
- ✚ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm

Sunday, June 14 ~ Pentecost 2

Ray Merner Sunday

- ✚ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- ✚ Ray Merner Celebration: There will be cake!
- ✚ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm

Sunday, June 21 ~ Pentecost 3

Church Music Sunday

- ✚ We offer a celebration of Trinity's Church Music and choirs at Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10:45 am
- ✚ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm

Sunday, June 28 ~ Pentecost 4

- ✚ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- ✚ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ Seminary Women's Auxiliary

Our annual fund-raising campaign for the Women's Auxiliary, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary will take place during May & June. Last year, the Auxiliary sponsored five students for their Supervised Pastoral Education program to help cover student expenses as they work in a clinical setting, such as a hospital, learning pastoral care. In addition, the Auxiliary completed a project to update the seminary kitchenette and lounge and they planted and tended the flower beds in the courtyard of the Seminary. Please consider donating in support of the Auxiliary. These donations assist the men and women at the Seminary who will become our pastors and social workers.

✚ *pat schmetzer*

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✚ Prayer Shawls & Quilts

We are told in Acts 19:11-12: "God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them." Our ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Women) has recently begun a Prayer Shawl Ministry and a Prayer Quilt Ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

You don't have to be a member of the ELW to be a part of this Ministry nor do you have to be a woman. To date, a male member of this congregation has knit 10 prayer shawls with another 12 knitted or crocheted by 5 women who are members of the ELW, Anchor and Sanctuary communities. These shawls are made for either a man or woman, suffering through a time of transition, crisis or need. Neither race, creed nor gender are a consideration in the giving of a Prayer Shawl. They are made as tangible examples of God's love and care expressed through the work of our hands. Often they are made with a specific friend or loved one in mind, but just as frequently, they are knit or crocheted for complete strangers.

There can be much symbolism in the making of a shawl. Often the number of stitches used in a pattern is divisible by three, sometimes the shawl is made in columns of three, and sometimes it is made by changing the pattern every 3 rows. The number 3 may symbolize the Father, Son & Holy Spirit — or faith, hope and love. Even colours chosen may have different meanings. The key is that the work is done intentionally; that is, with each stitch, pattern or row, the knitter incorporates thoughts or prayers for the receiver. Before the shawl is given away it is blessed.

There are no rules, except to pray before and while creating a prayer shawl. Prayer shawls may never be sold, although money may be accepted to help defray the costs of materials. We don't pretend that these shawls will cure disease, banish grief, or solve problems. What we know is that a prayer shawl brings comfort, warmth and the assurance that someone cares enough to pray.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

The idea behind a Prayer Quilt is simple. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is said for someone in special need, who then receives the quilt. Each prayer quilt distributed is a special gift of love. Prayer quilts have been made for sick babies & children, for cancer patients,

for adults and children facing surgery or personal crisis, for many reasons, but each for someone in special need of prayer. This ministry follows three basic rules:

1. The Prayer Quilt motto is "It's not about the quilt; it's all about the prayers". The purpose of this ministry is to promote an active prayer life among the participants, not just to make and give away quilts.
2. The person to receive a Prayer Quilt must be asked if he or she will accept the gift of prayer; also, we ask how that person would like to have us pray for them.
3. No payment can be received for a prayer quilt; it is a gift of love and prayer. A prayer quilt can not be purchased or sold.



At the moment, there is a stash of three prayer quilts on hand ready to be tied so that a response to a request is fairly immediate. A tote bag with a transfer of Trinity Church has been designed to hold a prayer shawl or prayer quilt as well as a specially created card.

If you are interested in the history of prayer shawls and prayer quilts, if you would like to knit or crochet a Prayer Shawl, or if you would like to piece a Prayer Quilt, please refer to the 3-ringed binder found on the coffee table in the Katie Luther Room for size and patterns.

For additional information or if you see a need where a shawl or quilt might provide comfort or warmth, contact Millie Rhem at 519-662-2727.

✚ *millie rhem*

✚ Stewardship Task Group Update

The Stewardship Task Group has met twice and has begun to flesh-out a terrific cottage-style program for this fall. The Group —Trevor Anderson, Audrey Cook, Carol Merner, Rick Ritz and Peter Schmidt with support from Pastors Anne & André— has adopted Mark 12:28-31 for our theme: One of the scribes asked "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

We see our stewardship task as to interpret what it means *for us* to love God with our whole being —to put God first— and to love our neighbour with our whole lives. Trinity is a loving community. How do we —each of us— participate in that love? Our work will echo the words of Hymn 641: "Let us build a house where love can dwell / is found."

✚ *rick ritz & friends*

✚ Sacraments & Seasons

Birth

We welcome the March 22 birth of Madeline Anna Moylan, to Sarah (Schmidt) and John Moylan.

Baptisms

We celebrated the Easter Vigil baptisms of Nathaniel William Anderson, son of Anne (Hallman) and Trevor Anderson; of Logan Bradley Becker, son of Jennifer (Schwehr) and Brad Becker; of Isabelle Maria Bingeman, daughter of Stephanie Bingeman and Marcus Sandford; and of Sierra Eileen Dupuis and Carlee Rose Mohr, daughters of Mike Mohr and Cheryl Dupuis; and we celebrated the Easter 5, May 10, baptism of Trent Kenneth Deckert, son of Catherine (Weigel) and Travis Deckert.

Deaths

Together with our Maritime friends, our community mourns the death, April 14, of Sandy Lass at the age of 56. Our community also mourns the still-birth, April 30, of Willow Diannia, child of Lori (Schmitt) and Mike Otterbein and sister to Trent. We grieve deeply these terrible losses.

June Birthdays

1 - Betty Bondy, Trevor Anderson; 2 - Betty Lou Ramseyer, Mark Currah; 3 - June Schmidt, Margot Popp, Kim Dahms, Scott Diebel, Julie Ferguson; 4 - Kristen Van Meyl; 5 - Christine Normandeau, Cheryl Dupuis, Mackenzie Preikschas; 6 - Susan Nickolas, Keith Ropp, Maggie Racho, Natasha Lindner; 7 - Ken Pauli, Gisela Magnus, Christel Mueller, Colin Farr; 8 - Aiden Anger; 9 - Marilyn Wagler, Nancy Butz, Natalie Eichler, Jeffrey Kropf, Verne Hammer; 10 - Bernice Briand, Brodie Schroeder, Emily Ritz; 11 - John Meredith, Bob Gingerich, Ryan Hillar; 12 - Elaine Schmidt, Chad Gravill, Sophia Bailey; 13 - Bill Lindner, Brad Otterbein, Dianne Hillar, Tristen Diebel; 14 - Sherry Coman, Peyton Boehler; 15 - John Mueller, Andrea Merner, Jessica Leu, Jacob Straus, Andrew Sheard; 16 - Mary Trussler, David Farr, Shelley Hayden, Amanda Hiuser, Kirsten Livingston; 17 - Stan Leis, Carol Murray, Rhonda Egerdee, Alexander Allan; 18 - Lauren Bast, Jordan Snyder; 19 - Doris Bast, John McCurdy, Liam Blaquiere, Sydni Blaquiere; 20 - Joanne Hills, Jane Bean, Nicholas Preikschas, Sadie Hammer; 21 - Emilie Faruzel, Tom Wallace, Ryan Yost; 22 - Betty Murray, Dale Hillar, Val Dupree, Emily Morrison; 23 - Sarah Mueller; 24 - Marilyn Moore, Régis St-Pierre, 25 -

Gordon Faulhafer; 26 - Gwen Abraham, Brendan Cape, Justin Danner, Brandon Danner; 27 - Corrie DeRuiter, Lily Murphy; 28 - Richard Gerber, Ann Patton, Becca Klooster; 29 - Jean Cook, Eddy Livingston, Dave Rogers, Kerry Livingston, Tara Witzel, Tanya Witzel, Kyle Schwartz; 30 - Robert Lindner, Chris Jantzi, Jason Daer, Craig Hammer, Kate Bender, Bethana Bechtel, Madison McCormick. Happy birthday, friends!

June Wedding Anniversaries

1 - Denise & Bob Gingerich; 8 - Brad & Sandy Martin, James & Patty Ingold, Shelly & Steve Hayden; 9 - Ken & Marilyn Hoffman, Launi & Pat Eichler, Ray & Ruby Straus; 12 - Kay & Ken Pauli, Jessica & Mike Schiedel; 13 - Anne & Cliff Wootton; 17 - Larry & Mary Ann Keller; 20 - Gwen & Bob Ruthig, Dianne & Murray Ludington; 22 - Dana & Greg Martin; 23 - Barb & Stan Otterbein, Arthur & Jeanette Long, Jean & Ross Shantz, Adam & Kristal Preidt; 26 - Barb Schwartzenruber & Rick Whittacker; 27 - Gywin & Jim Murray; 29 - Jane & Ross Eichler; 30 - Hilda & Robert McGregor. Congratulations!



Special Anniversaries

55 - Ken & Kaye Pauli (June 12)
55 - Stan & Barb Otterbein (June 23)

✚ *jill merner*

✚ Worship & Pastoral Care

Here's the latest to take us to September:

Pastor Bob Thaler will continue to preach once a month, at our anchor Community service, through August. Pastor Rob Wiesner will continue to preside and preach at Sanctuary. We are extremely grateful to these colleagues for their assistance during Pr. Anne's leave.

Pr. Helen Toman is back visiting, typically Wednesdays, with the help of volunteer drivers organized by Ken Seltzer. Helen is still hoping to get back behind the wheel as soon as possible. Pr. Syd Hills is on-call Friday afternoon through Sunday morning, something Helen had been taking care of. Syd will also provide a couple of weeks of vacation relief, presiding and preaching, this summer.

We are grateful to everyone for their time and energy!

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ Sabbath Blessing

As ever, we are grateful to Molly Wolff for her kindness in making the gentle voice of Sabbath Blessings available to a wide following in the electronic and print media.

Slippers

I forget where I read it, but it's one of those curiously indelible bits of stray info that permanently adhere to the geeky mind: the slippers in the original Cinderella story weren't glass but fur. In medieval times, the fur of a variegated squirrel was used to line mantles and gave rise to a particular heraldic pattern. The fur and pattern were both called "vair". The French word for glass is "verre". From "vair" to "verre" is a short step, and so Cendrillon's footwear morphed from a warm, silky, quite special, variegated heraldic fur slipper into something delicate, rare, and rigid, sized only for the exactly right foot. It probably had a four-inch spike heel, too.

In the glass-slipper version, when each ugly stepsister's toes weren't the right shape for the shoe, she cut off bits and pieces in order to force her foot to fit. This always mildly horrified me, although not as much as the rest of the original story (which, like many "nice" fairy tales, was originally gory and vindictive).

So what's this got to do with Godstuff? It's a bit roundabout, but bear with me.

I got into a discussion a while ago with a Christian whose faith in Scripture and traditional theology is exceedingly strong and admirable. We were getting on with the problem of evil. My friend believes firmly that all suffering goes back to humankind's turning away from God and trying to put humankind in God's place. This is a position I agree with on most levels. You can't live in this world and *not* see the power of sin; it's boldly out there. Toxicity floods our societies and our relationships, and too often Creation itself, where we have abused it.

But is Creation itself swamped by sin? My friend thinks so. I can't quite go there.

The problem is that I have a (thoroughly outdated) degree in biology, and I follow the sciences with interest. When someone gets cancer, I see genes switching on that should be switched off or vice versa. The events causing cancer are complicated and not fully understood, and I don't know them in any detail; but my understanding is that cancer is a natural process gone very wrong, and that the factors involved are complex. Cancer is tragic, no doubt about that; it can be redeemed, I believe; but is it the

product of sin, particular or generalized? I don't know.

My friend and I got into a discussion of the great tsunami of 2004, the one that killed hundreds of thousands in southeast Asia. Was this, I asked, the product of sin and death? My friend said firmly that it was — that in an unfallen world, death would have no dominion.

I have problems with that. I have problems because I do believe that science has provided us with a set of data that can, on the whole, be relied upon, and the data strongly suggest that Creation simply *is*, neither wicked nor ethical, but simply *there* in all its beauty and muddle and complexity. The moral interpretation we slap onto it is just that — our interpretation. The spider eating the fly is neither guilty nor innocent, just hungry, and the fly's suffering (hopefully brief) is simply a condition of life.

Those who wrote Scripture (and my friend does accept that Scripture was written by people, divinely inspired) had no notion of tectonic plates; how could they? Neither did the great theologians over the ages. A volcanic explosion was an act of God, pure, plain, and simple, and likely God's punishment for sin.



These wise and holy people explained nature as best they could from a moral and spiritual point of view, but they couldn't explain what they didn't know: that bubonic plague is caused by bacteria; that rabies is viral; that malaria involves parasites transmitted by mosquitos; that earthquakes and volcanoes and tsunamis result from the blundering about of chunks of the Earth's crust. And then there's astronomy...

Which does *not* make our forebears stupid or naive (the opposite error). In many, many ways, our ancestors had insights and observations of the most profound emotional and spiritual wisdom. They built magnificent structures, physical and intellectual, with the tools and materials they had and with sheer genius. They had skills that we can no longer aspire to. We've gained in some areas of knowledge and understanding; we've lost in others. Third-world weavers, sitting at "crude" hand looms, can still produce webs of a complexity that no Westerner can begin to emulate. I look at the brush strokes in a piece of really good 17th-century painting and realize that those techniques have been lost to us.

The problem arises when one knowledge-set simply rejects the other. Dogmatic fundamentalists on both sides insist that they, and only they, have any real hold on Truth. My friend, considering the tsunami, says that sin and death *have* to have caused the ocean bottom earthquake. But, I countered, tectonic plates are far, far older than humankind; they've been clanging into each other long before anything crawled out of the sea, much less stood on

two feet and raised a fist to God. And tectonic plates are essentially innocent. This world is indeed a fallen and hurting place, but not because of them. Tectonic plates are just the way this world is built, and presumably our Creator wanted it that way. My friend simply would not go there. If tectonic plates don't fit into Genesis, then they're off his theological radar.

Back to those slippers:

In a theology of glass slippers, when other information doesn't fit into the belief system, it has to be sliced off and discarded like the stepsisters' toes and heels. That is where Scriptural fundamentalism inevitably leads us. In that case, everything that geology and biology and cosmology and the other natural sciences have uncovered is true if, and only if, it fits the scriptural slipper. Otherwise, lop it off.

Ditto for the glass slipper of fundamentalist science: if it can't be hypothesized and subjected to the scientific method, it is non-existent. (Very few scientists actually take this position, by the way; but the ones who do get published, because scandal sells.) The problem, as Huston Smith wisely observed, is that "absence of proof is not proof of absence."

But what if the slipper is fur?

Fur has some stretch to it; it's shaped, it's defined, but it has play. In a theology of fur, the fundamental foot-shape is still there; there's a definite heel and toe and instep and sole. But in a fur slipper, living toes could wriggle and stretch, fur surrounding and warming foot, foot informing and fitting into fur. Fur is intimate. Glass is not.

I can conceive of a theology in which scripture and science are not set at irrevocable odds with each other, but where they play with each other — playing perhaps like lion cubs, a serious, intent, demanding, and quite rough play, but also perhaps playing in sheer fun. The two need to answer to each other as viol answers violin; they're both essential to the music of truth.

What kind of Creator would set tectonic plates lumbering into one another? What's the result of evil (the power of sin and death) and what's simply Creation doing its Creative thing, with humankind along for the sometimes dangerous ride? Were we once pure and sinless and immortal, and we fell? Or are we slowly blooming, with all kinds of retrogressions and deep errors, into what we are divinely called to become?

In my friend's narrative of Creation, humankind's

relationship with God is absolutely central. In a science-based narrative of Creation, humankind is a very late arrival and an opportunistic and aggressive species. And both versions are true.

We have no evidence of pre-lapsarian immortality, other than belief; we do, on the other hand, know that death is a natural part of *all* natural life. Even when clone-forms like stands of bamboo appear immortal, every individual within the clone must die. Is this our fault for our rebellion against God? Or is it simply the natural order of things? Maybe there's a different sort of death we're talking about. But in that case, what sort?



What on earth do we do with what Creation says to us, when we're willing to shut up and listen? Perhaps original sin is just as much our arrogance against Creation as it is our arrogance against the Creator. The two are not mutually exclusive, after all. In calling Creation fallen because it sometimes makes us suffer, haven't we set ourselves at the centre of the universe? When we say that *our* failure taints even tectonic plates, isn't that a whopping piece of human narcissism?

Aren't we dragging Creation down to our own level? And is that what our Creator wants of us? Maybe that's where the real sin lies. Whatever Creation is, it has God's thumbprints all over it. Who are we to pass our limited, self-absorbed judgment on what God has declared to be good?

Back to those slippers again.

The glass slipper is authoritative: it says what goes and what doesn't, because it *knows* the way the foot should be. It expects the foot to adapt or find some other footwear. The fur slipper is experiential; it says, let's work this out together; there's truth both sides. And yes, maybe that gentler approach can be too loosey-goosey and over-personal. Nothing human works perfectly, after all.

The odd thing is that I can see virtues on both sides. I make as much progress in fighting with rigidity as I do in exploring in gentleness and openness. I have to know what it is I question, and that means accepting that what I question is important enough to argue with. I cannot reject either side, Scripture or science. I can only try to hold them together and work out my own reconciliation. But it's in the struggle that I do my best God-thinking.

My own personal slippers are soft, trodden-down sheepskin. It's still January, and my floors are cold. Time to go dig them out and put them on.

✚ Tintinnabulations

June 1 ~ ELW Gathering

Trinity's ELW gathers, 12:30 noon, for a regular lunch meeting. All are welcome. Contact Mildred Knackstedt, 519.662-3739, for information.

June 2 ~ Prayer Circle Update

Shirley Unrau & Pastor Lavergne meet, 9:30 am.

June 3 ~ Congregate Dining

Community Care Concepts lunch for seniors and adults with a disability. See the narthex poster. Doors open at 11:30 am at Zion United Church. Details: 519.669-3023.

June 10 ~ Anniversary Task Group

We're on at 7 pm!

June 16 ~ Gentle Friends Readers

The Gentle Friends gather, 7:30 pm, in Trinity Hall. Info: Kathryn Ritz, 519.662-2960. This month's pick: *Midnight at the Dragon Café* by Judy Fong Bates.

June 18 ~ DOVE Prep Team

TRINITY DOVE Preparation Team gathers, 9 am.

June 22 ~ Blood Donor Clinic

Steinmann Mennonite is the sponsor for this 2 pm - 8:30 pm clinic at Waterloo/Oxford. Call 1.888.2-donate.

First & Third Mondays, 8 pm ~ CLEAN

CLEAN —Community Link Empowered Against Narcotics— meets in the Martin Luther Room.

Tuesdays, 6:45 pm ~ TOPS

TOPS —Taking Off Pounds Sensibly— in Martin. Luther Room.

Saturdays, 8 pm ~ A/A

A/A meets for an open meeting in Trinity Hall.

✚ andré lavergne & jill merner

✚ Anniversary Task Group Update

The Anniversary Task Group —Kathy Bender, Michel Gascon, Larry Gravill, Ernie Ritz, Buck Roth and Pat Schmetzer with support from Pastors Anne and André— has met and begun to flesh-out a program which will extend through to 2010. As was published in the October, 2008, TRINITY DOVE, we are celebrating three anniversaries over the course of about two years: 175th anniversary of the congregation (Seyler birth& baptism... November / December, 2009); 100th anniversary of the beginning of construction of the present church (2010); 100th anniversary of the first worship service in our new digs (2011).



The Task Group has adopted Isaiah 56:7b to guide our work: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." (Jesus quoted this text in Mark 11!)

Already, two anniversary projects are taking shape. First, Ernie Ritz is working on an expanded congregational history. (Remember the 1984 "blue book"?) The book will carry the title "Let Us Build a House" with the sub-title "Trinity Lutheran Church: A Faithful Journey." Isaiah 56:7b, together with the first verse of

Hymn 641, will be quoted in the front-matter to frame the edition. Pr. André will collaborate on the last chapter.

Second, a 175th anniversary photo directory will be created this fall. As presently envisioned, the album will carry the main legend "Faithful Journey" with three additional lines: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church / 175th Anniversary Album / 1834-2009. As he has done for three decades and several albums, Buck Roth will give legs to this project. For the first time, sophisticated layout software will be employed to do the album design. Next month's TRINITY DOVE will carry details which will include provision for on-line registration from a link on the Trinity website!

Many other initiatives are being contemplated and planned for the next two years. Former pastors and others will be invited back. There will be food. Bishops Michael Pryse and Susan Johnson are being invited to join us. We'll likely have some kind of home-coming celebration. A new time capsule will be created. Mission possibilities are being explored. And much more.

Task Group members are consulting with the ELW, Quilters, TYGers, choirs, Faith Adventures people and others re their ideas, contributions and possibilities.

And we'd also like to hear from you. Have something in mind? Speak to one of us. Welcome to the next leg of our faithful journey.

✚ larry gravill & friends

✚ Finances to April 30, 2009

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Transfers
Income	\$ 81,666	\$ 4,977	\$ 8,113
Outgo	86,264	-	5,661
Balance	(\$ 4,598)	\$ 4,977	\$ 2,452

Pretty Good News

Last year, at this time, our General Fund was showing a deficit of \$17,200. This year, our General Fund offerings are up 6% while our Transfers (CLWR, ELW, etc.) have doubled. Capital is about the same. While we have terrific plans for a fall stewardship program, this is already a great start to the year!

✚ bob ruthig & andré lavergne

✚ Mother's Day Quilt Draw

And the winner is... Ashley Leu! Congratulations! We hope the quilt brings you many years of warmth and enjoyment. We've raised \$578 to be shared between the TYGers and Prayer Shawl / Quilt Ministry.

✚ pat schmetzer

✚ March Council News

- As is required every two years, the Mutual Ministry Team provided Council with a revision to the current staff-related *Policies and Procedures Manual*. Council members will review the Manual and take it up in May. Manual material will form the basis for a possible new call to Pr. Anne.
- Per Council's request, Mutual Ministry provided Council with a draft *Council Members' Code of Ethics*. Council is considering the document and will take it up in May.
- In view of the pending fall conclusion of Pr. Anne's call, and to provide direction to Mutual Ministry, Council affirmed the principle that Trinity continue to be served by two pastors.
- Per Synod guidelines, the Mutual Ministry Team is doing an end-of-call review of Pr. Anne's ministry and will make a recommendation to Council in May re extending a new call, likely in June.
- Stewardship and Anniversary Task Groups have been convened to plan for a fall, 2009, stewardship program and for anniversary celebrations through to 2011.
- Anne Lindner tendered her resignation from Council. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

✚ lori arnott, krista durrer et al

✚ Nurturing Faith - Faith Adventures

Seeking Teachers & Helpers - It's time to look down the road and to invite others into the faithful journey of Faith Adventures. Might you teach, shepherd or otherwise lead in fall's 2009-2010 program? Sign-up at the church!

Gifts from the Heart - During Lent, our Faith Adventures families raised almost \$600 for CLWR's Gifts from the Heart program. The funds will purchase two cows and a plough for overseas work. Terrific!



Congregational Litter-Walk - Join us for a litter-walk, after worship, on Sunday, May 31. We gather for coffee, juice & cookies at 10:30 and strike out for some village clean-up at 10:45 am.

Congregational Carnival - Please mark Sunday, June 7, on your calendars for our summer carnival. Everyone is invited for a pot-luck BBQ, games and fun. Please sign up on the narthex poster to indicate what food you will bring and don't forget to bring your lawn-chairs, plates & cutlery. There are photos of last year's carnival—and more!—on-line.

Affirmation Camp - Camp will run from Sunday afternoon, August 30, through to Friday morning, September 4. Registration materials are out. Forms and first installment of the fee are due by June 1.

✚ lori arnott, chris gascon & friends

✚ Nurturing Faith - Adults

Faith in Film III: Feasts & Celebrations

Feasts and Celebrations is the theme of the Easter, 2009, Faith in Film series hosted by Sherry Coman. Information? Drop Sherry a line at sherry.coman@gmail.com.

- May 19 - Big Night (1996), Stanley Tucci
- May 26 - Babette's Feast (1987), Gabriel Axel
- June 2 - After the Wedding (2006), Susanne Bier

✚ andré lavergne & sherry coman

✚ Waterloo Seminary Luther Hostel

Luther Hostel will run June 8-12 with key-note person Dr. Patrick Keifert who teaches at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. His focus: seeking to "innovate your church's capacities to be missional." Sounds like Trinity stuff!

✚ andré Lavergne