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Special Dates

- **Communion** will be held at 8 & 10:40 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6.
- **Fall Worship** hours will return to 8 a.m. & 10:40 a.m. beginning Sept. 6. Sunday School will start at 9:30 a.m.
- **Church Office** will be closed Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.
- **B.Y.O.B.** Contemporary service will be held at 5:06 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.
- **Confirmation** classes will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

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Church's steeple project is on the rise

At the very end of July we received news from the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA that our loan request for completion of our steeple repairs has been approved.

Although our preliminary request was for \$60,300, we actually ended up borrow-



Steeple Project

ing \$50,000. This reduction was made possible by the large up-

front gifts to the steeple repair project. At the present time, repairs are slated to begin this month and be completed in November. If you have not yet had a chance to make a commitment, a form for your consideration appears on Page 5 of this newsletter.

September means a new year of Sunday school

Now that summer vacation is coming to an end, we are looking forward to Holy Trinity's 185th year of Sunday school classes for all ages.



Hurray for Sunday School!

Attendance pins will be given out on Sept. 13, and Rally Day will be held Sept. 20. For more information, watch the Sunday bulletins.

Ham Dinner to be held Sept. 26

The annual Crusaders' Class Ham Dinner will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, in the Fellowship Hall.

As part of the Berlin Whiskey Rebellion Heritage Festival, meals will begin to be served after the parade (around 3:30 p.m.) and will conclude at 7 p.m.



The cost of the meal is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children under 6 years old.

We will need volun-

teers and donations to make this meal a success (including our Apple Dumplin' Gang, who meets on Thursday, Sept. 24). A sign-up list for volunteers and donations will be posted on the church bulletin board, so please prayerfully consider what you can offer to assist us.

Looking to Martin Luther's last writings for the meaning of life

I am now 62, the same age at which Martin Luther died of a heart attack. Recent changes in my personal life cause me to take a moment to reflect on the meaning of my and all of our lives.

What is there in this world that we can rely on? Are not all statements about human affairs made by humans, themselves? What is the meaning of life?

In my life I have witnessed the rebuilding of Europe and Japan. The Korean, Vietnam, first and second Gulf Wars and Afghanistan, not to mention many smaller conflicts. I grew up with radio and now we have portable color TVs freely available.

My first paying job in college was working with a primitive IBM computer using Fortran language, and now I have a laptop in my office with more capacity in its compact form than that huge monstrosity which took up a whole room.

Men have walked on the moon many times and now we're at least dreaming of going to Mars. One hundred years ago President Theodore Roosevelt was harshly criticized for inviting Booker T. Washington, a black educator, to the White House, and now that house is occupied by a member of his race freely elected. As an old folk song goes, "The Times They Are A' Changin'."

But what of my times and yours? What do our lives mean?



From the

Pastor

As Luther's health continued to fail over the course of a decade, he reflected on and was asked this question many times.

He concluded, after much reflecting and considering the vast changes in his life and the course of history which he changed, that little that is human could be completely reliable.

We see things only as they relate to our tiny niche in time and place so that what we see generally can often be refuted by the experience of others. All things seem to change and have only a fleeting effect. But God's word of love and forgiveness to us remains.

Referring us back to the promise of the Bible from the fleeting pictures of our mind Luther reflected, "Let none think he has sufficiently tasted Holy Scripture unless he has governed the church with the prophet for a hundred years! Ah, great is the wonder -- first of John the Baptist, then of Christ, and third, of the Apostles. Lay no hand on this divine Aeneid. [A great classic of pagan Greece] Rather, fall down on your knees and worship at its footsteps. For we are truly beggars."

These are the last words Luther ever wrote. We are all beggars.

Pastor John W. Harmon, D. Min., can be reached at the Church Office at 267-5014, or can be emailed at htelc@verizon.net.



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htelc@verizon.net

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Daily American 5k/10k Walk and Run in June. Our team had a great time and are already looking forward to next year's race!

Office Hours

The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day.

Visitor Deadline

The deadline for the October newsletter will be Monday, Sept. 14. Information received after that date may be held for the November *Visitor*. Articles can be dropped off at the office or e-mailed to the address above.

Receive Your Online Edition

This month I will be experimenting with sending some computer editions of *The Visitor* to congregation members whose e-mail addresses we have on record. Let me know if you receive it and how you like it!

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A note from
the choir director



Dear Members,
It is hard to believe that summer is over and school has begun again. Along with

school starting, our various musical ensembles are back and in full swing.

Senior Choir meets at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday night. On the first and third Wednesday nights of each month, our Adult Bells practice at 8 p.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday nights Joyful Noise practices at 8 p.m.

This year we are planning to do another combined Christmas Bell Concert and need some more ringers to do this. The music is something that any level of ringer could play so please think about joining us. Please contact me for more information.

I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who provided special music this summer, everyone enjoyed your musical selections.

**In Christ,
Maria Mowry (445-6742)**

Church Directory is in production

This summer our Church Directory Committee has been hard at work planning the design of our newest photo directory.

To make our directory complete, we want to make sure we include all of the ministries and activities that our members volunteer and contribute to throughout the year.

In the first two weeks of September we will be taking photographs of our different committees, Sunday school classes and other church-related ministries. If you are a member of any of these groups, we encourage you to attend worship, Sunday school and other meetings so we can include you in our publication.

Family portraits

As of Aug. 10, 141 families have been photographed or made appointments for their pictures for the upcoming church directory. Since our goal was estab-



PICTURE TIME

lished at 140 families, we have now reached that level.

If you have not yet made your appointment for photography, there are still openings for sittings on Sept. 9 and 10 from 3 to 9:30 p.m. Please call 1-800-866-2263 to make your reservation. You will need

the church's phone number -- (814) 267-5014 -- as identification for our church.

If you or a family member cannot attend our photo appointments, please consider submitting a photograph. Snapshots no larger than 4" x 6" or digital photos can be used. If it is taken by a professional photographer, please include a signed copyright release form. Those who submit photos will also receive a free copy of the directory.

Please call Andrea Kreinbrook at (814) 267-5014 or e-mail htelc@verizon.net for more information.

Steeple Fund

In Memory of Timothy Fogle

Charles & Joyce Dunn

Kathryn Holland & Family

Doris Oester

Marci Mathers

Joe & Verna Niedermeyer Family

Patricia Fogle

Gerald & Davideen Oester

Snyder's of Berlin Employees

Carl & Betty Fogle

Local 1718 Members



Lloyd & Anna Hamilton

Michael & Lynnette Weisner

Mark & Vicki Owen

In Memory of Jay Suder

The Leydig Family

Joe Kinley & Chris Gresko

In Memory of Wanda Leer

Charles & Joyce Dunn

Handicapped Ramp Fund

In Memory of A. Joyce

(Saylor) Kurtz

William T. & Joyce A. Kurtz

Memorial Donations may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 Main Street, Berlin, PA 15530. Please include your name and address with the donation, along with the name of the person for whom you are donating and the fund in which you want it placed.

Milestones in our Congregation

BIRTHS: Jace Alexander Gillette, the son of Joe and Beth (Cober) Gillette, was born May 17; Colt James Eric Smith, son of Jody Leverknight and Eric Smith, June 18; Ariel Rebecca Croner, daughter of Jonathan & Kristen Croner, June 30; Sarah Elizabeth Hainsworth, daughter of Dennis & Melissa Hainsworth, June 30; Cayley Jean Poorbaugh, daughter of Christy & Justin Poorbaugh, July 12.

BAPTISMS: Emma Grace Lowery, daughter of Chad &



Shannon Lowery was baptized June 14; Isaac Griffin Slope, son of Brian & Jill Slope, June 21; Mackenzie Grace Engle, daughter of Albert & Tina Engle, July 26; and Colton Ascher Moore, son of Jarod & Andrea Moore, July 26. Jace Gillette, son of Joe and Beth Gillette, will be bap-

tized at 4 p.m. Sept. 6.

WEDDINGS: Carrie Ann Miller and Craig Webreck were married Aug. 14 at HTLC.

DEATH: Our sympathies to the friends and families of Carolyn McGinn, Tim Fogle, Wanda Leer, Lee Hoppert, Jay Suder and Don Weaver, who passed away this summer.

Have some news about someone in our congregation? E-mail us at htlc@verizon.net or call the Church Office at (814) 267-5014.

Colonial Service Cancelled

After mutual discussion among the pastors from the participating congregations, it has been decided to eliminate the Colonial Service from this year's Whiskey Rebellion Heritage Festival. Concerns about worship times, financial offerings and disparate levels of congregational attendance have led to this decision.

The Berlin Ministerium will continue to meet regularly and has already planned this year's Thanksgiving service, which will be held at the Berlin Christian Missionary Alliance Church Sunday, Nov. 23, with Rev.



Bryan Karchner preaching. Discussions for Lenten services and other prayer and worship opportunities continue.



We are seeking donations of pies and cakes for the Labor Day Bluegrass Festival at the Berlin Community Grove.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. We are in need of 40 pies, 12 cakes and volunteers to work Sunday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 7. The sale will benefit either the mission fund, the youth fund or both.

Altar flowers, Sunday bulletins may be donated

Altar or chancel flowers may be donated in memory of a departed loved one, in honor of someone or to recognize a special milestone. The suggested donation for flowers is \$22.

To reserve your altar flowers, please call Tracey Kiesnowski,



who can be contacted at (814) 267-7118.

Sunday bulletins may also be donated in someone's memory or honor. The suggested donation is \$20. If interested, please call the Church Office at 267-5014.

Register for Fall Marriage Retreats

Time is running out to sign up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter



Weekend! Weekends are designed to enrich all marriages and are scheduled for: Sept. 18-20 at the Lutheran Camp Sequanota motel-style retreat center situated in 400 beautiful wooded acres in Jennerstown; and Oct. 16-18 at the Radisson Hotel in Sharon, Pa., just an hour north of Pittsburgh, where each room has a king bed and its own hot tub.

The weekends run from Friday night at 8 p.m. to Sunday at 5 p.m.; and all costs for two nights' lodging, meals for the weekend, and all supplies are covered by a \$45 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of whatever amount you choose to make toward the end of the weekend. If you sign up for a weekend and then find that you are unable to attend that weekend, your registration is transferable to any weekend anytime, so don't delay, sign up today!

Simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register using your credit card. For questions or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Western PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at (724)325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

Church seeking new volunteers

With a new Sunday School year beginning, it's a great time to consider how you can volunteer your time at Holy Trinity.

Volunteer forms will soon be in the Sunday bulletins for you to peruse. We are always in need of new people to assist with reading les-



sons, ushering, doing a children's sermon, helping in the nursery, assisting with the Sunday school classes or helping us decorate our church for the holidays.

Look at the form and think about what gifts and talents you'd like to share.



Steeple Project

On June 7, 2009, the congregation committed to spend \$136,800 on a complete repair of the church steeple. The construction undertaken by Reese Brothers of Somerset will begin in September 2009 and be completed by November 2009. The amount on hand (or expected) by construction will be \$78,355, leaving a need of \$58,445.

The church is applying for a loan from the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. This is a 10-year loan with an initial interest rate of 6.875%, which resets once in year five. To pay off this loan early, we are asking members and friends to take a share in this ministry. This commitment is over and above your regular giving. Of course, any amount committed will be gratefully received, and you are welcome to make periodic payments to this commitment. We ask that this form and any donations be placed in Special Offering Envelopes marked "Steeple Fund."

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Envelope No. _____

To support the Steeple Project Fund, I/we hereby commit to accept my share in this work. In understand that I may change my commitment due to a change in my personal circumstances. The amount I wish to commit is: (please check one)

1 share = \$160 per year for 3 years _____

1/2 share = \$80 per year for 3 years _____

1/4 share = \$40 per year for 3 years _____

Other amount \$ _____

Birthdays - September

- 1 Shirley Adams, Suzanne Walker
- 2 David Berkey, John Dunn
- 3 Elma Felten, Jamie Makin, Timothy May, Jane Scurfield
- 4 Michael Brant
- 5 Ferne Brant, Sue Clites
- 6 Scott Coughenour, Keegan Walker
- 7 Charles Custer, Alleysi Engleka, Jay Engleka, Madeline Marker, Lois Smith, Robert Stern
- 8 Beth Bittner, Lori Klimchak
- 10 Abraham Countryman, Faye Glessner, Tracey Kiesnowski
- 11 Ken Baker
- 12 Burton Baker, Amber Gindlesperger, Brad Maust
- 13 Deborah Berkey, Jana Glotfelty, Devin Stern
- 14 Connor Hankinson, Joyce Meese, April Oakes, Ron Yoder
- 15 Lani Holland, Ian Hummel
- 16 Patrick Broderick, Samuel Hughes, Joseph Pribelsky, Nancy Schrock
- 17 W.J. Cober, Sue Landis
- 18 Joyce Beachley, Aaron Blubaugh, Mike Bowman, April Carpenter, Robin Walker, Tawnya Zorn
- 19 Tina Engle, Matthew Kirk, Alex Leydig
- 20 John Beachley II, Luke Bonus, Mary Kreinbrook
- 21 Jim Broderick, Blake Engleka, Joseph King, Christal Marker
- 22 Virginia May, Raeann Weyant
- 23 Dave Antram, Vincent Chalk, Aliya Lipinski, Rose Saylor, Braden Shoher, Roy Vena
- 24 Lucille Maust
- 25 Juliana Bonus, John Ferguson, Shane Hummel, Katlin



Musser

- 26 Jeremy Brick, Ray Carver
- 27 Dale Coslic, Luke Farris, Sarah Gardner, Jody Leverknight
- 28 Ryan Ferre, Denail Fisher, Madalyn Walker
- 29 Dennis Hainsworth, Beth Walker
- 30 Josiah Antram, Kay Ann Cober, Alex Coleman, Gabriel Mostoller-Witkosky

Anniversaries - September

- 6 Mike & Carol Countryman, Ray & Dianne Engleka, Timothy & Courtney May
- 8 Kevin & Lacey Landis
- 11 Bruce & Sue Landis
- 12 Greg & Sue Walker
- 13 Mike & Kim Beam
- 14 Chad & Shannon Lowery
- 15 Dave & Joyce Meese
- 16 Wayne & Nancy Schrock
- 17 Jim & Patty LaBute, Michael & Michele Shuey
- 19 Harmon & Debbie Custer
- 20 Steven & Arica Slope
- 21 Dale & Jamie Makin
- 22 P.J. & Angie Yandora
- 24 Jim & Stacey Broderick, Josh & Andrea Milburn
- 26 Keith & Denise Leydig, Ray & Linda Coleman
- 30 Jim & Kerrie Broderick, Barry & Carole Holland, Jim & Judy Little

Prayer List

As of August 13, 2009

RECUPERATING AT HOME: Janet Bender, Roger Duckett, Faye Glessner, Rosalind Harkcom, Geneva McVicker, Irene Mowry, Rocky Ohler, Cory Stern, Mitchell Walker, Patty Walker, George Wisler

RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES: Ray Adams, Guy Baer, Trudy Baker, Florence Engleka, Isabelle Gonger, Sara Gross, Dwayne Hittie, Ella Hittie, Gerald Keefer, Catherine Maust, Mary McQuade, Louise Ream, Jane Schrock

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Jodi Abramowich, Elaine Altfather, Janet Alvares, Barb Baker, Tom Baker Jr., LCpl. Rev. Bartholomew, Gary Bienenisz (cancer), LCpl. Bob Bittner, Brian Bittner, Cpl. Chad Bittner, SGT Bryan Brant, Nettie Brown, Charles Burk, Edna Mae Chappie, Lt. Aaron Chonko, Richard Cober, Deborah Dilbon, Bob Ewing, Bill Farber, SSG Ryan Ferre, Barbara Fogle, Elaine Franklin, David Fullard, AE 2 Carrie Gardner, SSG Aaron George, SSGT Jason Gerber, Jean Gerber, SSG Ron Helm, Joe Henry, Travis Hummel (USAF), Kenneth Hutzell, Fred Leister, Cpt. James Leister, Linda Leverknight, Cpl. Matthew Maust, Maria Mowry, Mary Nicklow, Kim Oriole, Peter, Betty Petro, Cpt. John Paxton, Cpl. Nathan Richards, Rodney, Pat Saylor, Alice & Fred Scheferston, Fred Scheferston Jr., Chaplain George W. Shaffer, Private Nathan Shaffer, Jackie Shaw, Matthew Spear, A1C Steven Spear, Kim Stayrook, Jim Tataleba, Patsy Titus, Carol Wright, 25th Infantry Div., 1st SBCT

PRAYER LIST POLICY

If you or a member of your family are admitted to any hospital, please notify Pastor John or call the Church Office at 267-5014. Please also let us know when a family member or friend wishes to be removed from the prayer list.



September

Office 267-5014

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Parsonage 267-6255

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Office Hours
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM,
Monday – Thursday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Quilters and Knotters 1 7:30 PM - Property Use	2 6:30 PM -SC 8 PM - AB	3 7 PM - Thrivent Meeting	4	5
8 AM - C 9:30 AM - SS 10:40 AM - C 4 PM - C and Baptism Bluegrass Festival at Berlin Grove 6	Labor Day Office Closed 7 Bluegrass Festival at Berlin Grove	Quilters and Knotters 8 7 PM Council	3 to 9:30 PM Photo appointments 9 6:30 PM -SC 8 PM - HTLCB	10 3 to 9:30 PM - Photo appointments	11	12 9 AM - Confirmation Class 5:06 - B.Y.O.B.
8 AM - W 9:30 AM - SS Attendance pins awarded 10:40 AM - W 13	14 Visitor Info Due	Quilters and Knotters 15 7 PM - Compassionate Visitors	16 6:30 PM -SC 8 PM - AB	17	18	19
8 AM - W 9:30 AM - SS Rally Day 10:40 AM - W 20	21	Quilters and Knotters 22	23 6:30 PM -SC 8 PM - HTLCB	Apple Dumplin' Gang 24	Set up for Ham Dinner 25	Whiskey Rebellion Heritage Festival 26 3:30 PM - Crusaders' Class Ham Dinner
8 AM - W 9:30 - SS 10:40 - W 27 Whiskey Rebellion Heritage Festival	28	Quilters and Knotters 29	30 6:30 PM -SC 8 PM - AB	Event Key SC = Senior Choir AB = Adult Bells HTLCB = Band practice TOP = Tongues of Praise YOGB = Youth Bells		Worship Key W= Worship SS = Sunday School C = Communion PG = Prayer Group



SUMMER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Minutes Submitted by Kathy Bell, Council Secretary May 12, 2009

1) Steeple report – Larry Shober reported on the steeple repair progress. We requested Reese Brothers give us an estimate for the steeple outside repair. Current estimate is \$120,500. A motion was made by Kathy Bell and seconded by Shirley Largent to accept the steeple project proposal.

Pastor Harmon reviewed the steeple funding proposals. A motion was made by Jim Suder and seconded by Lee Woida to present the steeple funding proposal to the congregation. Scheduling a congregational meeting was passed by a motion from Kathy Bell and seconded by Jim Suder.

2) There will be a Sexual Task Force Assembly on June 4, 5 and 6 at the Blair County Convention

Center. Pastor Harmon will be attending.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Meals on Wheels requested our congregation supply desserts the week of July 20. A motion was made by Kathy Bell and seconded by Jim Mowry to give a money donation of \$175 to Meals on Wheels in lieu of making desserts.

2) Ryan Phillip is requesting to organize an Art Show for his Senior Project. A motion was made by Pastor Harmon and seconded by Darlene Hillegass to approve the Art Show.

3) Kirk Dull’s position on the Board of Managers is open. Council understands that Rocky Ohler may be willing to fill this position. A motion was made by Kathy Bell and seconded by Darlene Hillegass to ask Rocky if he would be willing to accept this position.

4) It was reported that we have had a number of false alarms to the fire department generated from our kitchen’s oven use. Discussed options in bringing our exhaust fan into safety code compliance. The fan must always be utilized while using the oven to prevent further false alarms. With common practice a fee could be charged from the

fire department should future false alarms occur. Mike Countryman will present this problem to the Property Committee.

PASTOR’S TIME

1) Pastor Harmon reported that there is a surplus of \$170 in Thrivent funds available. A motion was made by Darlene Hillegass and seconded by Kathy Bell to put this money towards a much needed computer for Pastor Harmon.

2) A motion was made by Kathy Bell and seconded by Dave Marker to change the Sunrise Easter Service to 6:30am. This will reduce the time until Sunday school starts.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Property – The Luther Haus apartment is in great need of electrical rewiring. It will reportedly be a difficult job. The apartment will be vacated in July 2009. The property committee is looking into finding someone to accomplish this task.

June 9, 2009

OLD BUSINESS

1) Steeple – Council discussed fund raising and progress display options. Steeple fund mailing envelopes was one idea to aide in fund raising. Creating a Steeple post rather than a thermometer could be used to display our fund raising progress. A motion was made by Lee Woida and seconded by Jim Mowry approving the mail envelope steeple fund drive.

NEW BUSINESS

1) The Faith Builders Sunday school class would like to do a fund raiser to help one of our church members who is in need

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If you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or anything else regarding our church, please contact your council representatives (below). They welcome your input! Our suggestion box is located at the rear of the church, if you’d prefer that.

Kathy Bell	267-4095	Jay Berkey	267-3517
Mike Countryman	267-3426	Darlene Hillegass	267-4433
Shirley Largent	267-4255	David Long	279-3014
Dave Marker	634-8563	Jim Mowry	443-3770
Jim Suder	267-4825	Nita Swank	267-6839
Brian Waydo	267-4348	Lee Woida	267-4420
Youth Representative: Lindsey Leydig			

Dear Pam [Moore] and friends: Thank you very much for helping out in the kitchen at the Frederick Rescue Mission. We so appreciate the time and effort that you made on our behalf. Thanks again for being such a blessing to us! Love in Jesus, Frederick Rescue Mission. *For God so loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7)*

Dear Crusaders Class: I want to take this time to thank the Crusaders Class for the graduation gift of the Bible and the sun visor clip. It was nice of the class to think of me. I also want to thank the church family for the support you gave me through the 12 long years of school and my scouting years. Especially to all who bought popcorn, flowers and whatever else I sold over the years. Thanks again, Eagle Scout Sam Popovich, Jr.

Dear Holy Trinity: Thank you for helping me go to Camp Sequanota. I had a lot of fun. I got to canoe, hike and climb boulders. I met a bunch of new friends and learned new Bible stories. I had a lot of nice counselors. One of my favorite things to do was sing songs. So, thanks for helping me go to Sequanota. I hope I can go again. Sincerely, Maeve Kreinbrook

This year's matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans went to our youth sponsors for Compassion International. Funds raised from the rummage sale earned \$750 for the youth to help with two sponsorships from the Dominican Republic. The remaining \$550



was earned from the bake sale at the Berlin Grove's 4th of July picnic. This money was put into the Mission Fund. Taken from the mission trip devotions: I thank God for you for supporting these important ministries. Thank you also, to all the volunteers who put together these fundraisers. And I thank God for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Matching Funds. This has helped our community and congregation for many years and our hope for many more years. -- Lorrie Shaw *P.S. I would like to put together another work day for the home in Central City. Please let me know if there is any interest in attempting this.*

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for all of the concerns, cards, love and most of all prayers offered for us on the very premature birth of our son, Colton David Custer, born March 27, 2009, and weighing 1 pound 9 ounces. On July 4 he tipped the scales at 6 pounds. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for all of our Christian friends. -- Colby, Amanda and Colton Custer

Dear Knotty Knotters: Thank you all for making the walker caddy and donating it to Harmar-

ville. I have used it and have gotten comments on how nice it is. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Barbara Eskay, Washington, Pa.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of our staff team here at Sequanota I am happy to write this letter of thanks for your recent gift. Your contribution will assist Sequanota in many ways. Please keep the Sequanota ministry at a special place in your daily prayer life. In Christ's service, Pastor George Mason, Executive Director.

Dear Church Members: Thank you for your congregation's gift for counseling in Somerset. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity and support of the services we provide. Sincerely, Pat Savage, President/CEO
ALSM

Thank You notes may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 507 Main St., Berlin, PA 15530, or emailed to htelc@verizon.net.

Open some doors

When the book of Acts (see 16:25-26) reports that Paul and Silas sang in the Philippian jail at midnight, it doesn't record whether they were basses or tenors. It doesn't even report if they sang on key. It simply says they sang. And as they sang, there was an earthquake and the prison doors were opened.

Many of life's doors open more easily when we sing. So why not open some doors by joining the choir?



Be transformed

It's Labor Day weekend — a time to rest from our labors. But this is also an opportunity to reflect on our daily work and discern whether our effort is thankless and uninteresting or something that gives us deep and lasting satisfaction. God intends for our work to be much more than a job, much more than a daily grind. It should be, instead, a vocation — which means, quite literally, a “calling.”

In Romans 12:2, Paul challenges us with the words: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

The apostle's advice, then, is to be transformed by the renewing of your minds. Paul says be transformed by discovering what the Lord God is calling you to do.

—Homiletics

Church Council Summer Meeting Highlights

(Continued from page 8)

of house repairs that are beyond their financial abilities.

2) The Fidelis Sunday school Class would like to do some outreach to members who have not attended in a while.

MINISTRY REPORTS

1) Property- We are currently working on obtaining bids for Luther Haus re-wiring.

2) Deacons -We are still exploring options for our church picnic. Some ideas were Summer's Best 2 Weeks and Camp Sequanota.

July 14, 2009

ACTION ITEMS

Congregational/People concerns – Jane Scurfield is requesting that our church consider supporting people from our congregation to attend the Shoe Box Trip held in December in Charlotte, N.C. A motion was made by Kathy Bell and seconded by Nita Swank to place an article in our bulletin to determine if there is sufficient interest. If there is interest council will address it in future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Steeple loan report – the loan

application is in progress. Additional needed information is being compiled. We have received \$7,934 in commitment forms.

2) Luther Haus re-wiring project – We are still pursuing bids for this work. Phil Martz reviewed the job but has not yet offered a bid.

3) Doug Bell has found an instructor who will instruct English as a Second Language to Mexican immigrants in our area. This would be offered by our church as an outreach service.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Faith Builder's Sunday School Class are proposing an informal worship service be offered on the second Saturday each month starting August 8, 2009 at 5:06pm. It is referred to as BYOB, bring your own Bible. The hope is that this service may reach out to people who are looking for a different/low key type of worship. A motion was made by Kathy Bell and seconded by Nita Swank to approve this service.

Have a comment or suggestion? E-mail the Church Council at htelc@verizon.net or place a note in our suggestion box.

Here's how you can help our soldiers in the war zone

FOOD STUFFS

Canned fruit — small with flip tops
Cereal bars, granola bars, trail mix,
Pre-sweetened powder drinks, instant coffee, tea bags
Beef jerky or Slim Jims
Bag nuts, potato sticks, cans of chips, crackers
Snack cakes, packs of gum, bite-size chocolates
Hard candies, mints in tins or rolls,

licorice and Tootsie Rolls

PERSONAL HYGIENE/

MISC. ITEMS

Baby wipes, small packs of tissues, combs, lip balm, cotton swabs, nail clippers
Travel size toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo, small razors
Eye drops, adhesive bandages, cough lozenges, sunscreen (30 to 50 SPF)

Flip flops/shower shoes and anti-fungal products for feet (creams, powders)

Gloves and white crew socks
Writing paper, envelopes (no postage stamps)

AT&T Universal Phone Cards
Playing cards, small hand-held games and batteries

Air fresheners -- No aerosol products

Youth Ministry Minutes and Scheduled Events

As Submitted by Jeff Moore, Youth Director

The meeting took place 8 p.m., August 5, 2009. Members present were Pastor John, Lorrie Shaw, Julie Leydig, Denise Leydig, Pam Moore, and Jeff Moore. Pastor John opened in prayer

— meet in Garrett—ride to Rockwood and back.

hotdogs, s'mores, mountain pies, singing (really!) possible camp-over until Saturday morning. Mountain pies for breakfast.— tents, sleeping bags, etc.

at the — fire and food, then singing and Bible study. Lee says all are welcome!!!

“Essentials of Discipline”- Focus on the Family. Biblical guidelines for parents. Currently scheduled for

Pre-registration required. See sign-up sheets on bulletin board or call Church Office — 267-5014

- anyone needing a hand, with leaves or other chores, sign-up and schedule for some able-bodied youth to give a hand around the house. See bulletin board.

A day-camp at Holy Trinity scheduled for

Watch for details. We will need jr. and sr. high youth to take care of stations and chaperone.

Other ideas discussed had to do with

for Christmas season — some ‘bugs’ yet need to be worked out — the emphasis here



FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

being the over-abundance of fund-raisers, and attempting to do so with-out there always being another project going on. We would ‘Love’ for the youth fund-raisers to actually provide a service for the one on the donation end. We are very open to anyone’s guidance and/or input on this subject.

the dates are set, . The earlier we schedule and acquire tickets, the ‘cheaper’ they are. The more the merrier!!! We need campers (not the people, dwellings, some say), I’m fine in a tent. We do need people!! Any questions— talk to Emily, Brianna or Jessica. . .or Jeff or Pam.

—we will start again the Sept. 12, 9 am - noon at the church. Letters will be forthcoming, the new group of 7th graders will be getting info also and a meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 6, during Sunday school. We are researching Camp Sequanota confirmation camp-2010 to use in our program.

— we have the names of the new leaders from Pastor Tom and plan on coordinating and being involved with them and their youth ministry. Set aside evenings, and we will do our best to keep you up to date.

. Although the movie was not confirmed until the last second, we had a fabulous turnout (about 60 people) at the

Rhoads’ theatre. The chosen movie was a thriller, and the facilities were excellent. Keep aware for the next movie event.

There are several items on the planning block, but I would like to meet with the involved youth and get some input on a youth service, Winterfest, Virginia Beach LYE, junior and senior high youth events with the Lutheran church. I hope to do this during Sunday school, so please be sure to attend.

. I hope to plan a Saturday in the January-February time-frame where I can get a group of parents and youth together to do some long range planning, goal setting and program clarification.

— Advent cookie bake?? Caroling after barn service?? . . .???

JEFF MOORE is our Youth Director. He can be contacted by phone at (814) 267-5703 or by e-mail at jeffmoore_htelcyouth@verizon.net

Youth Bells

Youth of God Bells will be starting the first Sunday in October at 6:15 pm. All youth starting 2nd grade and up are welcome to play. Call Lorrie Shaw at 267-6541 for more information.

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If you are unable to help with worship on the day you are assigned, please first try to find someone to trade dates with, then call the Church Office at 267-5014 to let us know if you need a replacement. Thanks!

Head Usher: Mike Countryman

Altar Guild: Jay & Emily Berkey

*C = Communion

DATE	TIME	USHER	CHILDREN'S BLESSING	LECTOR/WORSHIP ASST	USHER
10/10/16	8 AM	*C Kane McKenzie	NA	*C Kerrie Broderick	*C Jim Broderick, Dave & Susan Long
	10:40 AM	*C Brianna Leydig	Maria Mowry	*C Andrea Kreinbrook	*C John Beachley II Team
	4 PM	NA	NA	NA	*C Mike Countryman
10/17/16	8 AM	Emily Philip	NA	Jeff Moore	Norman Croner and Lee Woida
	10:40 AM	Emil Kiesnowski	Susan Straight	Carolyn Rastrelli	Katie Bell and Tracey Kiesnowski
10/24/16	8 AM	Wade Walker	NA	Deb Cook	Doran and Sue Walker
	10:40 AM	Jason Ocker	Lee Woida	Sue Clites	Scott Clites and Jim Mowry
10/31/16	8 AM	Chance Straight	NA	Bruce Landis	Ron & Kathy Yoder
	10:40 AM	Kordell Leydig	Pastor John	Lani Holland	Craig & Julie Leydig