

TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

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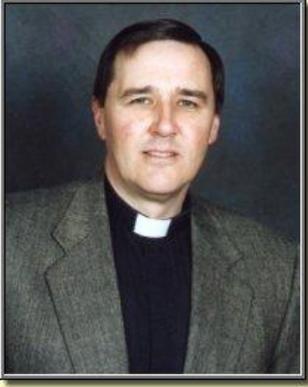
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FROM PASTOR BILL



Last Sunday (August 28) I was at home in the early evening and happened upon a long special on National Geographic Channel. It was a four hour, step by step, unfolding of the event that led up to and that happened on September

11, 2001. I ended up watching the majority of that whole program while caring for other things at the same time (yes, I am able to multi-task).

I think the aspect that struck me the most from replaying those events now a decade later is the grief that followed 9-11. Some people affected by that day experienced deeper and more long lasting grief – especially those who lost loved ones that day. The truth is that the whole nation was in grief over what was lost that day – lives, security, great symbols of our nation just to mention a few. It is fitting that we remember that day with appropriate events.

Grief though is not limited to great losses of a whole nation. Grief comes to us in every part of life. For we experience loss and change constantly and with those comes grief. In some cases it is minor. I still remember the grief of when my time in high school was over. I didn't really enjoy high school but when it was over I realized that a major transition was happening. It didn't last too long and when I started college it disappeared quickly.

Other grief stays with us and brings all of its friends to visit us – anger, denial, bargaining, tears and fear. Just as recovering from physical wounds and injuries takes time and isn't painless in the healing process so it is with grief as we heal from emotional loss and pain. Everyone has their own way of healing through the grief process but none of us are spared grief.

One of the interesting ways of dealing with grief comes at the end of the book of Deuteronomy. Here the great prophet and leader of Israel, Moses, dies in the wilderness. He has led God's people out from slavery in Egypt through 40 long and difficult years

in the wilderness. However, before the people enter the Promised Land, Moses dies. The book of Deuteronomy says that the people mourned the death of Moses for 30 days. Then it was over. I doubt that people just turned off their grief like a faucet. However, it seems that the people deliberately took the time to mourn their loss and then they went ahead because it was time to move on.

Again in 1 Thessalonians 4, Paul is writing to the God's people there and reminding them that even those who have died before the return of Jesus are still in God's care and that ultimately all of us – whether alive or dead when Jesus returns will be brought together with Jesus into the resurrection. And so Paul reminds them that even though they grieve they do not grieve as others who have no hope. That is the one thing we never let go of – amidst all of our grief through life we always have hope – the hope that all of God's purposes will be fulfilled. For God has the last word over all things even all of our grief.

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If you attend the 8:30 am service you will notice a change in the bulletins beginning this Sunday. We are switching from the "tri-fold" style to a single fold. The Prayer of the Day and the Scripture readings including the Psalm will be on an insert. We believe this will be a little easier to deal with than our present system.

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On October 1, we will offer a "Blessing of the Pets" service. It will be at 11 am and it will be outside. This service recognizes the value of our pets and that they too are part of God's creation. So if you wish, you may bring your pet that day and share in this service – which should only be about 20-30 minutes. We ask that these pets be of the "house variety" and that you care for them appropriately (on leashes, in cages, etc). There will be more information about this in the coming weeks.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill DeHass

CATCH THE VISION: GROWING TO SHARE!

The Rev. George F. Haynes will be our special guest on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. He comes to help us launch into Capital Fund venture. We are calling it, Catch the Vision: Growing to Share!

Pastor Haynes is a Stewardship Key Leader of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He is a specially trained pastor, not a professional fund raiser. He is a firm believer that “joy” and “thanksgiving” are, indeed key parts of our response to the amazing grace and goodness of God, and that giving is *fun!*

Pastor Haynes presently serves Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rockport, Texas. He has served four other congregations as well as being called as Coordinator of Stewardship and Evangelism for 13 years for the Southwestern Texas Synod and the Southeastern Texas-Louisiana Synod. His hobbies are sailing, fishing and crossword puzzles.

During the weekend he will be meeting with the Capital Fund Committee and the Council. He will preach on Sunday September 11 at both services. At that time he will be celebrating with us the incredible trust we have received from our Lord and the exciting invitation we have to share God’s mission with the world.

Word is – from those places Pastor Haynes has been – that this will be an inspirational, exhilarating weekend for every one of us. Don’t miss it!

WELLNESS TALK AT LUTHER RIDGE

“Protecting Your Joints”

Lutheran Home Care & Hospice will give a Health & Wellness talk on Thursday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. at The Fleck Center at Luther Ridge. The program is free of charge and open to anyone in the community.

Sunday School to Resume September 11

On Sunday September 11 our regular Sunday School classes will begin anew for the school year. On September 11 we will have a **Rally Day** with an all Sunday School program. After that each Sunday we will begin with a brief opening in the worship space and then everyone will go their classes. We have classes for all ages!

The younger children will be using material from “Group” publishing.

The adults will still meet in the room on the south end of the building. On September 18 and 25 **Gaither and Marie Dean** will be leading two sessions: “**How God Came Alive in Your Life**” and “**A Time When You Were Surprised by God**”.

The Confirmation Class will begin on September 11 as well. It is for young people grade 7 and up who desire to be confirmed members of the church.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Pastor Bill will be training new acolytes for the 8:30 am service this month. If any young person is interested in being trained, please speak to the pastor as soon as possible. There is no minimum age just the ability to care for all the tasks of the acolyte (lighting and extinguishing candles, caring for the offering and assisting with Communion).

SIMPLY GIVING

Trinity now has an account through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans which allows people to make their church offerings through automatic payments. If you choose to use this service, your offerings can be deducted from a checking or savings account and deposited directly in Trinity's account. These can be made monthly, semi-monthly or weekly.

Again – this is purely a voluntary program for your convenience. It is free to you and to the congregation.

If you would like more information, please see Carol Swart, our Financial Secretary. She is overseeing the program. Application forms are available from her and they are on the table below the bulletin board in the fellowship space.

Teaching Parish

We have applied to Gettysburg Seminary for another Teaching Parish Student for the school year. We will not know if we will be assigned a student until the second week of September. The Seminary must wait to determine the exact amount of students before assigning them to congregations

Teaching Parish is for first year students. Each student spends Sunday morning in a congregation for observation and participation. Various folks from the congregation are asked to host the student for lunch and conversation each Sunday.

As soon as the Seminary notifies us, I will be passing the information along to you. If we have a student, he or she will be with us on September 25.

ITEMS TO SAVE

Please continue to save postage stamps. The "Stamps for Missions" program is ongoing. One pound of stamps provides a Bible for someone. When you cut them leave about 1 inch around each stamp. Please continue to save your used cell phones, ink cartridges, Campbell soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. There is a box in the kitchen for all these items. Thanks to all!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – September 2011

Sept 4 Pentecost 12 -- 8:30 & 11 am –Holy Communion
Ezekiel 33:7–11 Psalm 119:33–40
Romans 13:8–14 Matthew 18:15–20

Sept 11 Pentecost 13 -- 8:30 Service of the Word
11 am Holy Communion
Genesis 50:15–21 Psalm 103:[1–7] 8–13
Romans 14:1–12 Matthew 18:21–35

Sept 18 Pentecost 14– 8:30 and 11 am Holy Communion
Jonah 3:10–4:11 Psalm 145:1–8
Philippians 1:21–30 Matthew 20:1–16

Sept 25 Pentecost 15 - 8:30 Service of the Word
11 Holy Communion
Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32 Psalm 25:1–9
Philippians 2:1–13 Matthew 21:23–32

Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship at 8:30 AM followed by a fellowship time

Sunday School at 10:00 AM (except September 4)

Worship at 11:00 AM

CELEBRATION DAY

The Auxiliary to Lutheran Social Services will hold its 22nd annual Celebration Day Flea Market at the Luther Ridge Retirement Community on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this event at Luther Ridge. There will be activities and entertainment for children and adults as well as many flea market tables, craft vendors and of course delicious homemade food under the tent! Come and bring friends for a day of fun as we celebrate the arrival of fall. This special day is sponsored by the Auxiliary to Lutheran Social Services and all proceeds benefit programs in Franklin and Fulton Counties

Craft and party vendors are needed to participate in this event. Register by contacting Anna Nelson at 762-6621 between August 29 and September 15.

Pies, cakes, cookies, fudge and other sweet treats are needed for the food stands. Food donations can be dropped off at Luther Ridge on Celebration Day.

AROUND THE CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2011

- 1 – Praise Band Practice – 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.
- 4 - Worship with Holy Communion – 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Fellowship time following worship
- 5- Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
- 6 - Outreach Committee – 2:00 p.m.
- 7 –Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 8 – Praise Band Practice – 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.
- 10 – Steering Committee – Rev. George Haynes,
Stewardship Key – 9 a.m.
- 11 - Worship – Service of the Word – 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship time following worship
Sunday School Resumes – 10:00 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
- 13 - Christian Ed. – 7:00 p.m.
- 14 – Greencastle Homemaker’s Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- 15 – Praise Band Practice – 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.
- 18 –Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Fellowship time following worship
Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.
- 20 – Bunco – 6:30 p.m.
- 22 – Praise Band Practice – 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.
- 25 - Worship – Service of the Word – 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship time following worship
Sunday School for all ages – 10:00 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
- 29 – Praise Band Practice – 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

AA Meetings are held every Monday and Friday nights
at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.



Happy Birthday
For those celebrating birthdays in
September

- 5 - Karen Herrmann
- 11 - Bergen Stevens
Sydnie Weller
- 12 -Bruce DeMaster
Stacie Wolfe
- 14 -Steve Berger
Thomas McCullough
- 15 - Tracye McKenzie
- 18 - Chris Litton

- 20 - Charles Freshman
- 21 - Bill DeHass
- 22 - Robert Goetz
- 23 - Evan Weller
- 28 - Thatcher Stevens
- 29 - Cathy Cline
Dave Cline
Olivia Dodson
- 30 -Chloe McKenzie

Worship Assistants for September

8:30 AM

Lay Readers:

- 4 – Bruce Wesley
- 11 – Marie Dean
- 18 – Rachelle Gehr
- 25 – Megan Louder

Ushers:

- 4 – Andy and Rachelle Gehr
- 11 – Andre McKenzie and Bud Wolfe
- 18 – Ralph Burdick and Betsy Fisher
- 25 – Richard Miller and Darrell Swart

Acolytes:

- 4 – Logan Cline
- 11 – Sarah Wolfe
- 18 – Reece Barbuzanes
- 25 – Kristen Louder

Greeters:

- 4 – Ralph Burdick
- 11 – Jack and Nancy Dunn
- 18 – Don and Carol Swart
- 25 – Bud and Donna Wolfe

Nursery

- 4 – Nancy Freshman and Stacie Wolfe
- 11 – Linde Cessna and Deb Cline
- 18 – Jen Barbuzanes and Mary Thomas
- 25 – The McKenzie Family

Communion Presenters:

- 4 – Betsy Fisher, Rob and Alice Marsh
- 18 – Doris Burdick, Evelyn Pensinger and
Donna Wolfe

Communion Assistants:

- 4 – Richard Miller, Don Swart and Darrell Swart
- 18 – Tracye McKenzie, Deb Miller and Bud Wolfe

11:00 A.M. Service

Ushers

4 – Dot Potter
11 - Dale Thatcher
18 – Cameron Schroy
25 – Peggy Potter

Comm. Assistants

4 – Cameron Schroy
11 – Donna Wolfe
18 – Trisha Davis
25 – Bobbi DeMaster



*Happy Anniversary to those Celebrating
Anniversaries in September*

*6 – Ralph and Doris Burdick
Jim and Kandee Spain
11 – Jason and Karen Knode
12 – Dave and Stacie Wolfe
24 – Harry and Cindy Gsell
30 – Mark and Brooke Burnette*

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR SEPTEMBER

The Special Appeal for September is designated for Lutheran World Relief. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for Special Appeal or use the white envelope in the pew rack and mark it “Special Appeal”.

YOUTH GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

THE JR./SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP is still selling continuous discount cards that include discounts from 17 local businesses. This money goes to pay for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012. They sell for \$5.00 each and are good until December 31, 2011. See Cameron, Megan, Rachelle, Andy or Don for your discount card today!

LITTLE LAMBS youth group will 'kick-off' their meetings with a picnic on September 18th. ALL youth in grades K-5 are invited to attend. This will be a family picnic; coordinated by Deb Cline. ALSO, there will be a planning meeting to set the 2011-2012 schedule on Sunday, September 11th during Fellowship time. Look for more info shortly.

USED BOOK SALE

The annual Used Book Sale will be held on November 3rd, 4th and 5th. We will start to collect books right after Labor Day. Please save any books you might want to donate until then. Just a reminder we cannot accept Encyclopedia's, textbooks, Reader's Digest or any books which smell of smoke or are musty. Thank You!

FELLOWSHIP TIME

WE NEED PEOPLE to provide snacks and cold drinks for Sunday morning fellowship time. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship room if you or a couple people would be willing to provide snacks.

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

People to care for small children in the church's nursery during worship. Two people are assigned to the nursery each week. Please see Donna Wolfe if you are able to help.

LIFE

(Living Independence for the Elderly) Lutheran Services, Inc. is enrolling participants and welcomes you to call or visit to learn more about this new ministry of Lutheran Social Services. LIFE Lutheran Services, serving residents of Franklin County is most simply “an alternative to a nursing home” making it possible for eligible individuals to remain independent and live safely in the community for as long as possible through coordinated delivery of a comprehensive array of health and social services. Coordinated by an interdisciplinary team, services are primarily provided in the LIFE Center located on Fifth Avenue in Chambersburg and supplemented by in-home support and referral services. All services emphasize holistic care and an improved quality of life. LIFE Lutheran Services provides transportation to and from the LIFE Center and medically necessary appointments for those participants enrolled in the program. The address of the LIFE Center is 840 Fifth Avenue, Chambersburg, PA. For directions or more information, please call LIFE Lutheran Services at (717) 264-5433 or go online at www.lifelutheranservices.org. Tours of the Center are available to the public Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.