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We do Christ

by Rev. Robert Flohrs

"We do Christ" was the theme of the AICEME (Association of International Churches in Europe and the Middle East) conference in Stockholm, Sweden, which took place from 27 April - 3 May 2010. It is a quote from Dr. Runar Eldebo, a Swedish theologian who was the speaker at the conference. Dr. Eldebo challenged congregations, pastors, spouses and church workers to be a community, not an institution.

He believes that Christian congregations in Europe should project themselves to non-Christians as "people in fellowship", and not just a group of people meeting in a building. He encouraged us to open our "borders" to the non-Christians of Europe.



The people in the group photo on the left shows most of the attendees of the conference. Seventeen congregations from Europe and the Middle East were represented. There were 33 participants made up of pastors and spouses. This is a very welcoming ministry support group, especially to Rita and myself, as "first-timers". We made some good friends and look forward to building on those friendships.

We took a passenger ferry from Stockholm to Helsinki and spent the day visiting churches and a community

center. The community center is part of the International Evangelical Church in Finland which worships at the "Rock Church". Their focus is to help immigrants adjust to life in Finland, and to give assistance to those who do not speak, read or write in the Finnish language.



The Rock Church in Helsinki, Finland



The community center in Helsinki

As God's people in mission at Trinity, we have the privilege and honor to serve Him, each other and our community. An ongoing question and challenge for us
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Trinity Lutheran Church was filled with joyful voices during winter and spring as choir members did their best to meet the expectations that have made music one of the key aspects of church life among the congregation.

Practice Makes Perfect under Dedicated Leadership

by Robert Colvin

A demanding schedule of learning and refining classical sacred music from such greats as George Frideric Handel, Niccolo Zingarelli, Samuel Wesley, Richard Farrant, and Carl Mueller required the utmost attention and dedication by Sanctuary Choir members. After a call for additional voices by interim music and choir director Jerrode Marsh, the choir grew to more than 25 members from 10 countries (Germany, U.S., Canada, Ireland, China, Slovakia, Poland, India, Trinidad, and Italy). New singers, especially men, are always needed and are welcome to join. (If you are interested, ask a choir member or contact director Marsh for more information.)



The combined choirs of Trinity Lutheran and Christ the King Episcopal churches provided sacred music for this year's moving Ash Wednesday worship service.



Extended choir rehearsal in March found singers with mouths wide open in order to project the best sound for demanding classical pieces.

March 13th saw an intense, half-day rehearsal under the direction of Dr. Marsh, including sectional rehearsals targeting separate voices with the help of Trinity soloist Kristen Rüsge. Rüsge also directed the choir during a packed Easter worship service. Michael McCown, tenor with the Frankfurt Opera, took over

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The choir provided music for worship services all during Lent. Under Marsh's watchful eye, the Sanctuary choir joined the adult choir at Christ the King Episcopal Church on Ash Wednesday to provide the musical background for a moving service which was jointly conducted by Carola von Wrangel, Rector of Christ the King and Pastor Robert Flohrs of Trinity Lutheran.



Choir director Jerrode Marsh gives singers a cue to make sure their entrance provides the power needed while practicing Farrant's Call to Remembrance.

Ten young people from three military bases affirmed their Baptism in a service of the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 9, 2010.

Confirmation in Worms

by Anita M. Waldner, Parish Worker

Confirmation services sponsored by American Lutheran Chaplains and Pastors have been taking place in Worms since 1958. Although there were no confirmation students from our own congregation this year, organizing and planning this annual service is part of Trinity's ministry. The confirmands traveled to Worms from the Lutheran Chapel, Warner Barracks U.S. Army Garrison in Bamberg; Christ Liturgical, Ramstein Air Force Base; and Good Shepherd Lutheran Congregation, Panzer Kaserne in Böblingen.

The service was held at the Magnuskirche, a Franconian church dating from 1141. It is claimed to be the oldest evangelical church in Southwestern Germany. Tradition says Martin Luther preached in the Magnuskirche during the Diet of Worms in 1521. Luther was summoned to appear before this Diet or parliament, which was the first one held by the newly elected Emperor Charles V. The Pope had already condemned Luther as a heretic, but there were those who wanted him outlawed by the state as well. Luther was asked to revoke his writings and teachings against the Roman Catholic Church. He replied: "Unless I am convinced, by scripture or plain reason, I cannot and will not recant. It is neither safe nor right to go against one's conscience. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

Chaplain (CPT) Christopher A. Conklin, U.S. Air Force, delivered the message. He challenged these young people to defend their faith as they go through life, much as Luther did at the Diet of Worms. With this historical background, Worms is a most fitting place for Lutherans to publicly reaffirm their faith. Chaplain (MAJ) David K. Jacob, U.S. Army stationed at Bamberg, and Rev. Robert J. Flohrs, pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Frankfurt, assisted in the worship service.

Photo by Rita Flohrs



Confirmands from military bases, flanked by Chaplains (MAJ) David K. Jacob from Bamberg (left) and (CPT) Christopher A. Conklin from Ramstein (right) in front of the Magnuskirche, Worms.

We do Christ

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is: How do we get the word out about Trinity to the English speaking community in the greater Frankfurt area, to both believers and non-believers alike? We want to be known as a fellowship community that cares about all people, just as Jesus encouraged His disciples and generations after them, to proclaim His saving Grace by "making disciples". Please pray about ways in which God will use us, individually and as a congregation, to reach people in our area.

Another quote from Dr. Eldebo really stuck with me: "I've never loved Jesus more than I do now." May each of us live in the joy of Christ's resurrection as we ask the Holy Spirit's guidance in our personal lives and the life of Trinity's congregation, to grow as a community of caring Christians as together "We Do Christ".

Pastor Flohrs

For several years now there has been a tradition of holding a Council "retreat".

Council Retreat

by Barbara McCown and Anita Waldner

For several years now there has been a tradition of holding a Council "retreat", so the outgoing Council members can share with the incoming Council members what their duties and responsibilities are. Jenna Myrczik, President, started the meeting with introductions of new and existing members of the Council. Documents such as the church Constitution and Committee Job Descriptions were distributed for explanation and discussion.



Cosi Roesch (Youth Co-Deacon), Zenobia Sathish and Carolin Johnson (Alternate Deacons) study hand-outs for the team building exercise.

The meeting was then turned over to members Stacey & Jeff Crosson who led a team building exercise. Stacey is a Director of Christian Education (DCE) in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and also a Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE). Jeff is in his provisional status of becoming a CFLE as well. They were both certified in 2009 to teach the curriculum, *Active Relationships*, which was the basis of their presentation. An *Introvert vs. Extrovert* exercise was used to determine the communication styles of the Council members. Further exploration into individual spending styles was discussed to help determine the possible financial spending style of the Church. Council members found this a very useful and eye-opening exercise. The Crossons are planning on offering a



Stacey Crosson summarizes from council input what Trinity's financial spending style is.

workshop on relationship building for the congregation sometime in the fall. They are dynamic team leaders and you won't want to miss this opportunity.

At the end of this session, Pastor Flohrs asked the Council to review and assess the current Trinity Mission Statement by asking: What impression or message do we want to give? Why are we doing what we are doing? What is our mission? Do we need a more concise statement or one that can easily be recited and remembered? This is a topic that the council will continue to explore in the coming months.

Pastor Flohrs also engaged the council in some visioning for Trinity and exploring the aspects of mission, unity, planning, and hard work through scripture passages. Where will we be in 1 year? 2 years? 3-5 years? The council has been challenged to consider what our future goals should be for Trinity.

Photos by Robert Colvin

Deacon for Property

Spring Clean-up Day

by Greg Petersen

Trinity held its semiannual clean-up day on the 17th of April. Volunteers of all ages turned out, rolled up their sleeves and helped make our church shine. As usual, this shows how members of Trinity “punch above their weight” and get an amazing amount accomplished. There were dozens of individual clean-up and repair tasks that this energetic group of volunteers completed by noon on a blessedly sunny, spring Saturday morning.



Paula Fears-Fischer looks over the reorganization of the materials used by Sunday School.



Christoph Marsh checks in with Greg Petersen on what's next on the project list (while refueling on a cookie, of course!)

On behalf of the entire Trinity congregation and as Property Deacon, I extend a sincere THANK YOU to each one of you who pitched in.

Building Repairs/Improvements

The Church Council is collaborating with the Evangelisch Kirchlicher Hilfsverein, the organization which owns the property, to plan repairs and improvements to the church building (befitting the age of the building and our use of it). Projects under consideration include: assessment of the roof, heating and electrical systems, as well as improvement of the sanitary facilities (bathrooms and kitchens).

Please contact me if you:

- are interested in helping with these projects;
- possess the skills or expertise required to make these improvements;
- have contacts who are skilled in these areas and may be willing to help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Petersen
Deacon for Property



Rita Flohrs gives the windows a special sparkle!

I had just returned from a transatlantic flight. As I wheeled my luggage into my bedroom, my doorbell rang. There stood my neighbor. I had only met her once, over a year before. I didn't know her name. She was terrified.

Being in the Right Place at the Right Time

by Dee Wanner, Evangelism Deacon

We are here with the American Consulate and were assigned to this apartment, which is the smallest dwelling I have ever lived in. It's so small that much of my stuff is in a basement storage, which floods and molds. More of our belongings are inconveniently stored in another building. My apartment is next to a busy, noisy highway. I have often said to God himself and anyone who will listen, that with His infinite resources He surely could have placed me somewhere bigger. How irritating to be stuck here.

This neighbor's door is just one step away from mine. Something was terribly wrong. Her speech wasn't right. Years ago I worked as an English to English interpreter at a dental school where I interpreted for people with speech impediments due to nerve damage from gunshot wounds, stabbings, car accidents, cerebral palsy, cancer and strokes. It seemed that my neighbor might have been having a stroke and she was hysterical with fear. I brought her in to find out more. I wrote down her name and found out her husband's last name was different. Due to years of being around this Consulate, I knew how to find him fast and even though he wasn't at his desk, I told him the bad news.

Meanwhile, I told my husband to call the ambulance. We've been in Europe for 25 years and my kids were born here. As a family of five, we've had our share of emergencies for simple fractures, compound fractures, bone-deep lacerations, blistered eyeballs, etc., so my hospital German is pretty good. Unlike most of my Consulate neighbors, I know what to bring, what to ask for, and how to explain that we are privately insured. I have numbers and addresses for the Consulate in my head. I went to the woman's apartment next door and found her purse, her IDs, and prescription heart medicine.

When the ambulance arrived, I rode with her to the hospital. She was so scared. She was losing muscular control again. The monitor numbers were going berserk. "Could blood pressure go that high?", I wondered. Although I didn't know her, I asked her if she wanted me to pray for her. She said yes. I admire people who pray eloquently. My prayers just sound dumb, but now wasn't the time to think about what people thought of me, so I forged ahead, praying simply for the doctors and nurses to diagnose correctly and for her husband to be calm as he followed in his car, thanking God for the ambulance and the EMTs, thanking Him for placing her in good hands, thanking Him for being with us in this time of need and telling Him to let me know how I should help. I asked for healing. She looked at me, small tears rolling down her face, and mumbled "God's will". The numbers on the monitor improved dramatically as she felt calmer.

At the hospital they whisked her away for tests. I sat and spoke with her husband. I told him that the medical care in Germany is state of the art and that from my family experience here, I trust it completely. I assured him his wife must be in good hands now. He became calm enough to smile a little.

After a few hours I was back home. I marveled at how God had placed me in the right place at the right time. How miraculous that my life experience and talents were just what was needed for God's child that day! While with His resources he certainly could have placed me in a bigger apartment, I would then never have been where I was needed so desperately at a particular point in time. My mind was on a bigger apartment; His mind was on a bigger purpose. I felt humbled by God's plan.

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Philippians 1:6 "I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finished on that day when Jesus comes back again."

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

I figured out I'm never too old to be reminded of something I once knew, and never too old to be put in my place!

God is good. His Plan is great. Let the Spirit work through you. You will be in the right place at the right time.

Your friend in Christ,
Dee Wanner

P.S. My neighbor is fine. She was in the hospital for about two weeks. She will be on blood thinners the rest of her life to help prevent another stroke. The doctors said getting to the hospital so fast made the 'quality of life' difference.

The Trinity youth are becoming more active!

Trinity Youth Have Some Fun!

by Donette Reis

No, they haven't started a new sports team, but they have had several activities in the past few months, enjoying Christian fellowship and each others' company while having fun.

In March a small group of teenagers accompanied by youth leader Zenobia Sathish and youth deacon Cosi Roesch headed over to the Eissporthalle after church for an afternoon of ice skating. A few more kids were able to make it to Oberursel's Magic Bowling! in April; the laser lights and fluorescent black lights along with good music and snacks set the scene for a fun evening of bowling.

Kids from 7th grade through high school are invited to join in the fun when we announce our next events. Come and get to know the rest of Trinity's youth and bring along a friend, too! Of course, all youth are also welcome to join in the interesting discussions with Pastor Florhs starting at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, upstairs in the church office, which will resume in September.



Zenobia Sathish (Youth Leader) Vanessa Marsh, Alice Wanner, Mitchell Monreal, Tobias Reis and Cosi Roesch (Youth Co-Deacon), take a break from ice skating to pose for a snapshot



PhillGoo Ho, Tobias Reis, Vanessa Marsh, Cosi Roesch (Youth Co-Deacon) and Mitchell Monreal, wet their whistles between bowling frames.

Trinity's Outreach and Concern

Six Letters from Kenya

by Peter Brinkmann, Deacon for Outreach and Concern
With our Outreach Funds, we do not change the world. But we do make a difference in the lives of a few people by giving them hope and greater perspective for their future. For the past three years one of our outreach projects has been to cover the school expenses for the six children of a Kenyan couple, Mary and Joseph Odhiambo, with a stipend of \$1,500 each year. This family's need was brought to our attention by our former pastor, Sam Wolff, who supervises the disbursement of these funds. Both Mary and Joseph are HIV positive, and they do not have the means to pay the school expenses for their children. Without this support, their children's futures would be very dim. Faced with the inevitable fate of losing both parents in the near future, the alternative for these young people is that they would not be able to attend school at all, augmenting the number of street children roaming around the slums of Nairobi. With our assistance, they are able to stay in school; two of the children have made it to the entrance examination for university education.

Each child responded to this support, by writing a letter of appreciation to express their profound thanks. It is almost embarrassing to see how such a seemingly small amount of money can have such an impact on their lives. I am quoting from their letters, slightly editing their English. The originals can be viewed on the Outreach and Concern bulletin board at the back of the church. Please take the time to read them in their entirety.

I would like to thank you for paying my school fees. Last term I was the third position with 420 marks. I performed very well. Please, if you go back to Germany buy me a school bag.

When we lived in the slums of Mothare, I did not have any hope that I would reach the standard five, but with the glory of the Lord, I performed very well and now I

have a lot of hope that I will do well in my examinations and reach the University.

Shadrack Odhiambo, 10 years old

I am glad to write you this letter. I am happy that you paid my school fees this year. In our end term exams, I was position 15 out of 85. I promise that I will work hard next term. I would like to stop here by saying a big thank you.

Rebecca Odhiambo, 9 years old



The Odhiambo family in Kenya.

I would like to thank you for all the sacrifice that you have done in paying my school fees, buying my books, uniform and other items. Due to that, I have crossed from one level of education to another. From being a pupil, I am now a form one student in Onjiko High school. In the first term examination, I was position 13 out of 420.

Thank you very much and may God bless you.

Felix Owino, 15 years old

My ambition is to be a nurse. That's why I like studying Biology and Mathematics. I would like to be somebody in

the society. I would also wish to help somebody in need. And I would also wish to change lives of some people living in the society.

Thank you for the support that you have given to us. You have really changed our families' lives. I did not know that one day I would be at school. But because of you, I am now at St. Theresa's Girls Secondary School.

Hellen Achieng, 19 years old

I am really working extra hard and praying to God so much to achieve my grades that is a B+ grade. I know that with a B+ grade I'll be able to study accounting and be one of the greatest accountants, in the whole world.

Our final national examinations will be in early October. I am working seriously to be readily prepared when it comes. Please may you keep me in your prayers every

day. I believe that with God everything is possible.

Mercy Achieng, 18 years old

Let me take this opportunity just to thank you for all the efforts you have put into my education, that is from my primary level till secondary education. It has always been my wish and hope that you'll maintain the same spirit of generosity in the days to come. More so, I'd like to request for letters from you guys there in Germany so that we can enjoy ourselves by sharing our different ideas about our hobbies, countries.

Am always ambitious that one day I'll be an officer of Ecotourism and Environmental Management to be able to sustain our disappearing environment.

Francis Otieno, 20 years old

Practice...

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choir directing duties on Sundays when director Marsh was called to duty playing the organ.

Lamplight Kids and Little Lamps received a rousing round of applause on February 14th after singing *Jubilate, Sing to God!* These choirs also sang anthems at Sunday worship services during Lent. Brenda Reckelberg, Kristen Rüsches, and Martin Stoewer, as soloists, also provided a musical backdrop for worship services during the spring. Trained opera singer Barbara McCown sang moving and memorable verses on Good Friday and Easter of *Were You There?*. The church's Worship Band provided special music on April 11th.

A highpoint for the Sanctuary choir and the entire congregation was the baptism of choir alto Sabine Spitzl on April 18th. The entire choir provided support along with Godparent, Helga Weckemann-Hart (Sabine's other Godparent, Cindy Steinbach, was in the U.S.), as Pastor Flohrs baptized and confirmed her

before the assembled congregation. This was followed by the choir singing *In the Valley Flows a River* from Douglas Nolan. That afternoon the choir assembled at the Marsh's home for a delicious potluck dinner under sunny skies to celebrate Spitzl's sacred event.

Photos by: Katharina Kastening



Sabine Spitzl anxiously anticipated her baptism with excitement, joy and a little nervousness

Building camaraderie between members both in the church and in the community is part of the ministry of Trinity Lutheran's Christian Life deaconship. A number of events during winter and spring brought members together to experience the warmth of fellowship in a Christian community.

Activities Abound for Christian Life Participants

by Robert Colvin

Honk! at the English Theater

In January, a combined Christian Life and Ecumenically Active Together (E.A.T., the ±50s group from four of Frankfurt's English-speaking church congregations) event saw almost 30 members attend a production of the 2000 Olivier Award-winning musical HONK! at the English Theater. The musical adaption of Hans Christian Anderson's story "The Ugly Duckling", with music by George Stiles, featured Trinity's own



Umm, yummy, was the reaction of Christian Life participants eating tempting treats in a nearby pub, after attending a special production of HONK! at the English Theater.

Katharina Kastening in a lead role, playing the Mother Goose. This proved to be a perfect way to welcome in the New Year. During the intermission, Trinity participants gathered together in the theater's pub for a glass or two of cheer. Following the rousing matinee and minutes-long applause, the group retired to the confines of the Chicago Meatpackers restaurant for early dinner, drinks, and fellowship.

Botticelli Exhibit at the Städel Museum:

Special Guided Tour by Britta von Campenhausen

Highlighting the Christian Life activity in February was an hour-long tour, conducted by art historian and church member, Britta von Campenhausen, of the special Botticelli painting exhibition at Frankfurt's Städel Museum along the Main River banks. Although one could spend an entire week looking at the many pieces in this collection, this tour concentrated on a number of key works, the artist who created them, and their meaning in Renaissance life. The evening tour found church members getting V.I.P. treatment. Britta must have said the magic words because the eager visitors were able to enter the museum without having to wait in a long line and could access the pictures without difficulty. Britta, who has provided previous museum tours for Christian Life events, donated her time and preparation despite her busy family schedule.



Wielding a hefty cooking spoon during preparation of a Lent soup-supper are (from left) Church Council President Jenna Myrczik and Evangelism Deacon Dale Wannier.



Getting strength from a hearty soup during the traditional Wednesday evening Lent soup-suppers are (from left) Pastor Robert Flohrs and Gunter Stemmler.

Wednesday Evening Soup-Suppers during Lent

Pastor Bob Flohrs continued the tradition of Wednesday evening soup-suppers during Lent. Before the worship service each Wednesday, individual members (Paula Fears-Fischer, Jenna Myrczik, Rita Flohrs, Cosi Rösch, and Bob Colvin) provided a simple but tasty soup dish in the Z-room. Over supper, participants reflected on the meaning of Lent in their lives today and got to know each other better. Pastor's vesper messages concentrated on the bodily suffering imposed on Christ (his hands, feet, legs, etc.) on our behalf.

Easter Potluck Breakfast

Bright and early on a cold Easter morn, faithful and hardworking helpers Cosi Rösch, Sabine Spitzl, and Christian Life Co-Deacon Lorenz Vasanth set up tables



Art historian and church member Britta von Campenhausen guided interested Christian Life members on a tour of the Botticelli exhibition at Frankfurt's Städel Museum.

in the sanctuary with colorful decorations for the traditional Easter Potluck Breakfast. The tasty treats provided by church members ran the gamut from a spicy Albanian soup, baked ham, various egg dishes, fruit and cheese, to sweets that beguiled early morning risers. Under the direction of church secretary Sabine Janowitz and Pastor Flohrs, children from the congregation drew pictures on postcards with the message: "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" They then attached the cards to helium-filled balloons that were set adrift to fly over the Rhine-Main metropolitan area. Several post cards were returned with thanks from residents of communities far from Frankfurt. With the help of church members, the church was cleaned up quickly and back in shape for the worship service.



Aspects of life in Judea during the Roman period were highlighted on a joint Christian Life-E.A.T. tour of the special

Frankfurt's Bible Museum Tour

The final Christian Life/E.A.T. event of the spring was a tour of the city's Bibelhaus Museum in Frankfurt-Sachsenhausen. Following Sunday worship, a group of Trinity parishioners flew out of the church to catch a bus and then transfer to an U-Bahn to join up with participants from St. Leonhard's Roman Catholic Church and Christ the King Episcopal Church for the special exhibit "Judea and Jerusalem". Many of the exhibited items were supplied by the Israel Antiquities Authority. Under the direction of divinity student and guide Sven Lichtenecker, the viewers were able to handle eating utensils, barter and coinage, as well as try on clothing and jewelry from that time period.

Photos by Robert Colvin

Active minds and interest in Christian togetherness are keeping those 50-something members of Ecumenically Active Together (E.A.T.) spry and energetic.

Seniors Finding Fellowship Among Other Denominations

by Robert Colvin

Drawn from Frankfurt's four English-speaking congregations (Trinity Lutheran, Christ the King Episcopal, New Hope Methodist Fellowship, and St. Leonhard's Roman Catholic churches), the group undertook a number of activities together during the spring.

Under the leadership of Rector Carola von Wrangel of Christ the King and organized by Madeline Mochi from



E.A.T. members storming the castle walls during the Medieval Easter Market.

St. Leonhard's, the first E.A.T. monthly Bible study took place in March. Besides E.A.T. members, the small but interested group also welcomed youth who took part. The second E.A.T.-organized Saturday afternoon Bible study took place in late April under the direction of Pastor Kevin Seckel of New Hope Methodist Fellowship.

Christ the King member Monica Müller-Römer organized a car-pooled outing on Saturday, March 27 to a Medieval Easter Market within the confines of the Ronneburg Castle near Langenselbold. Despite cold and wet weather, the group enjoyed a day full of historic costumes, interesting market stands, and tasty treats. Even having to have one car pulled out of a



Smiling faces following an interesting day of experiencing life in the Middle Ages.

muddy field by a tractor couldn't dampen the enthusiasm for the experience.

Beer and mellow Scotch assortments from Scotland, Easter decorations from Bohemia and the Lausitz (near Poland), as well as a castle museum tour provided the right atmosphere for an entertaining E.A.T. event.

Photos by Wilfried Kastening



A pick-me-up of a dram of brandy wine, in this case Scotch at the Medieval Scottish beverage stand, warmed E.A.T. participants.

"You may say that there are still four months until harvest time."

Evangelism

by Dee Wanner

We are currently planting flowers and garden vegetables and looking forward to enjoying them all summer and late into fall. Now is also the time to plant seeds of faith and information. Due to the economic downturn, we will certainly have fewer newcomers to Frankfurt this year. However, there will still be some newcomers, so it's important to let them know that our Trinity Lutheran Church family welcomes them with open arms. We offer Christian fellowship, support, and beautiful music and worship, but we also offer the comfort of receiving information about the area in the English language that can help people get settled here.



Before.

Are you able to post Trinity Lutheran Church information on a website, in a newsletter, or on a bulletin board? Does your firm or school have information for newcomers? For example, do they have a list of English language churches in the area? Is our church on that list?

The basic information you need to post something is this: Trinity Lutheran Church, Nibelungenallee 54, 60318 Frankfurt, phone: 069-9563-1066, email: info@trinity-lutheran.de, website: www.trinity-lutheran.de. We have been serving many denominations and nationalities for over 50 years and

we welcome everyone.

There are also some handouts on the table at the back of the sanctuary which you can post on bulletin boards or leave where appropriate. Take a couple of the business cards that have information about Trinity, too. Keep them with you to invite people to Trinity.

Planting and harvesting for our Lord-- how exciting! Here's what the Bible says. It seems God's Word is talking to us right now, in May and June 2010!

John 4:35-36 (Contemporary English Version):

35 "You may say that there are still four months until harvest time. But I tell you to look, and you will see that the fields are ripe and ready to harvest.

36 Even now the harvest workers are receiving their reward by gathering a harvest that brings eternal life. Then everyone who planted the seed and everyone who harvests the crop will celebrate together."



After.

Church Council

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Alternates	Carolin Johnson Zenobia Sathish

Trinity's Mission Statement

Our mission is given by Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to Matthew:

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

We seek to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God; the One who, through His death and resurrection, offers us eternal life with God.

We are a family which strives to walk ever closer with the Lord, showing His love to each other and those around us.

*Congratulations
Jana Nygaard and Eric Wanner*



Married May 8, 2010

Summer Reading

Check out a book or video or DVD from the church's library which are the materials on the shelves in the Z-room. You can borrow any of these materials for as long as you like, we just ask that you remember to return them - especially before you move back to your home country. Signing materials out is simple. Locate the form provided on the shelf and fill in all the requested information. Then sign the materials back "in" when you return them.

Happy reading/viewing!