

Trinity's "Summer Community Outreach" to DePaul Hospital will take place Wednesday, Aug. 10. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m. and then we will deliver cookies, flowers and cards to the nurses' stations at DePaul. Please join us!

Financial Peace University course on personal finance will begin again on August 25 at 6:30. See Marty Ohme.

"I can't afford not to pledge - I have too many blessings." Trinity Member

Q&A
Q. Is my TLC pledge separate from my TLC for TLC pledge?

A. Yes - and should be

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Trinity Shares Ministry, Gift Baskets with Neighborhood Fire Station

As part of Trinity's "Summer Community Outreach," Candy Sontag and her helpers took a sloppy joe dinner to the firemen at the Thole Street Fire Station on July 13. Pastor Smith and about 15 from Trinity then visited the fire station to show Trinity's appreciation to those who serve the community. They presented the firemen with treat bags and cards with special messages. The firemen welcomed their visitors and gave the children quite a tour. This "Summer Community Outreach" is sponsored by the Christian Growth Board headed by Jane Miller. The next one will be to DePaul Hospital on Aug. 10. Please join us!

LEFT: Pastor Smith used the St. Florian Cross in his devotion focusing on how firefighters risk their lives for us, drawing a parallel with Jesus who gave his life for us.



ABOVE:
The firemen went all out for the children.

Pastor Smith led a prayer of thanksgiving.

Gabby and Ana helped carry the treat bags. Nick loaded truck. **RIGHT:** The Trinity crew and firefighters!



TLC for TLC Fund-raiser to Address Building Renovation, Future Ministry

Trinity's Church Council is launching a five-year fund-raiser to address the need for critical renovations to the church structure, especially the roof and bathrooms, as well as growing the ministry and mission of Trinity over the next five years. The project was approved by the voters in June and will be known as TLC for TLC - "Tender Loving Care for Trinity Lutheran Church."

Trinity is blessed to be mortgage-free. The sanctuary and a small Sunday School hall and kitchen were dedicated in 1945. Since then there have been several major additions - Belvedere Hall, North and South transepts, air conditioning, educational wing, parking lot, additional classrooms and offices on the parking lot side, and a new pipe organ in 1966. There were major renovations to the sanctuary during Trinity's 75th anniversary year, and then in 2005 major kitchen renovations as well as new flooring and stage curtain in Belvedere Hall. All of these projects were financed through special fund-raising efforts. Information will be forthcoming on Trinity's latest fund-raising drive.

Marty Ohme Designs Upcoming "TLC for TLC" Program

Many thanks to Marty Ohme who served the past two years as Stewardship chairman. Marty had an 8-month tour of duty in Kuwait with the U.S. Navy last year but returned to resume his duties as Stewardship chairman. He completed a thorough study of Trinity's financial situation and come up with a plan to address concerns about Trinity's financial future.



He's the architect of the "Tender Loving Care for Trinity Lutheran Church" (TLC for TLC) fund-raiser which addresses the need for building renovation as well as growing the ministry and mission of Trinity over the next five years. TLC for TLC was approved by the Congregation at the June Voter's Meeting. Marty has shifted his focus to serve as Trinity's coordinator for the Financial Peace University course on personal finance, which will begin again on August 25 at 6:30.

New Stewardship Board

Serving on the new Stewardship Board are Sharon Plawin, chairman; Darrell Kristo, church treasurer; Carolyn Bauers, church financial secretary; and Johanna Bradley who will co-chair the "TLC for TLC" campaign with Sharon. Please feel free to address comments and questions to them concerning stewardship and the church's finances.



Many Thanks to Barbara Miller for Designing This Newsletter

Barbara Miller is sharing her time and talent with Trinity's Outreach and Stewardship projects with her publishing, photography and design skills. She designed this new Stewardship Newsletter and a number of brochures for Outreach and Trinity Lutheran School. Barbara honed her graphic and photographic skills when she served as a Public Affairs Specialist in the U. S. Coast Guard and received formal training at the Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Md., relying on natural talent otherwise. Her husband Nathanael serves in the U. S. Navy and daughter Katrina attends Trinity School. The family joined Trinity last summer. Check out her fire station photos on the special displays.

