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Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I can't believe it's already been nearly a year since my family and I moved into the little white house behind Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Creston, IA. But what a year it has been. Already so many wonderful things have happened. We've had some hurdles to jump over, and accomplished quite a lot, all of it because of God's grace to us in this place. I also can't believe the school year is nearly upon us. (By the time you read this letter it will be!) That means it's time for Sunday school, confirmation, and other education programs at Trinity to begin again in earnest.

That's what I'd like to talk to you about today. Education is one of the highest priorities at our church. This is because it is a command of our Lord to teach the faith. His words, often called the Great Commission, say that very thing.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV)

Jesus is standing on the mountain about ready to leave his disciples and ascend up into heaven. He tells them exactly what he wants them to do next. "Go therefore" means while you are going about your everyday life... While you are working, and playing, and living... Make disciples. What exactly is a disciple? The best definition I can think of is a learner. Disciples of Jesus learn about Jesus. So Jesus tells us, as we live every day we are to be about making learners. How? Jesus doesn't leave that up in the air either. We are to make disciples by baptizing and teaching. The two things are linked together. Baptizing and teaching is the work of the church. It's the work we are to be about. That's what we do every Sunday. We gather together to be taught by God's Word. We gather together to live in the forgiveness of sins won for us by Jesus on the cross. Every time we hear of God's forgiveness to us we are living in our Baptism. Luther says it this way in the Catechism.

Fourth - *What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Disciples are baptized and live in their baptism.

We are also to be teachers of disciples. While we live every day we are to make learners by baptizing and teaching... everything... Jesus tells us to teach and learn His Word.

My dear Christian friends, fellow learners of Jesus Christ, we have many opportunities to be learners at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Every Sunday we receive God's Word and Sacraments in worship. Every Sunday we have the opportunity to study his Word even more closely in bible classes. Our children have great teachers ready to teach. The adults gather also to go in depth in God's Word. Soon LifeLight bible studies will begin (both evening and afternoon classes every week). And, if you want, I would gladly do a five session bible study in your home. Live in your Baptism and a Learner of Jesus.

God's Richest Blessings

Pastor Watt.

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Rally Day and Family Festival
September 13, 2009

Join us for a day of fun and fellowship. We will celebrate all of our education programs at Trinity and kick off our Sunday school year. We will also be recognizing our teaching staff.

10:00 am Outdoor Worship Service
11:00 am Potluck with games to follow

Meat will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

A Measure of our Response to God's Love for July

	Attendance	Communed	Offering
July 5, 2009	56		\$2,803.20
July 12, 2009	86	79	\$2,726.25
July 19, 2009	66		\$1,492.25
July 26, 2009	64	62	\$2,323.30
Totals	272	141	\$9,345.00

Fellowship Hall Rent in 2009 —\$235

Circle Meetings

Rachel Circle will meet Tuesday September 8th at Cindy Nelson's (2380 Jaguar Ave.) at 7:00pm. Meet at the church if you want to carpool. Please join us for fellowship.

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday Sept. 9th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be "*The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail*" from the summer quarterly, pg 22. Please join us for fellowship



Starting September 16th the Senior Youth will be meeting at 6:00pm and a second opportunity to meet will be on Sunday September 20th at 6:00pm. You are welcome to come to one or both. Wuanita Watt will be leading a different topic each night. Please join us!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:15 -Opening (May be later on communion Sundays)

10:30- Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

11:20- Classes dismissed

We will work hard to adhere to this schedule Beginning the week after the Family Festival.

OFFICE DEADLINES

Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday at noon.
Newsletter Deadline for the October "Chimes" is **Friday September 18**



LifeLight Bible Studies

This fall our study will be a just released course focused on "**MARK**".

Please join with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we study together to gain in-sight on God's Word and Promises.

The Gospel of "Mark" speaks to us with the apostolic authority of both Peter and John. Discover new insights and re-discover old ones as you open the Scriptures and dig deep into them. LifeLight is an exciting exploration of the Bible! As we study God's Word, LifeLight examines Bible words and phrases, provides background information on culture and historic events, and provides numerous opportunities for Christians to apply the Bible to their lives today.

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- ◆ individual daily **home study**
- ◆ **discussion** in a small group
- ◆ a **lecture presentation**
- ◆ a **review sheet** of the week's study

LifeLight encourages a level of commitment that will bring participants to each of the nine weekly classes having read the assignments and attempted to answer the study questions (this daily reading and study will take 15 to 30 minutes per day for five days.)

Our study of **MARK** will begin Monday evening, September 14th and Tuesday afternoon, September 15th. Mike Lang will lead both classes. For more information, please talk to Mike or Janette Lang, or contact the church office. Let us know if you wish to participate, so we can give you the lesson materials before the first class meeting. God comes to us in His Word and through the Word, God brings us to and keeps us in saving faith. Please join us.

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Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

September 6 Mark 7: 32-35
“Sign Language”
 Does God really care? Need a miracle? God cares, and He gives us our miracle in the person of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Listen on the Web at www.lutheranhour.org
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September 13 James 3:8-10
“A Big Mouth”
 Cruel words can wound and kill. The World of Christ brings healing, forgiveness, and life.

(For updates, check www.lhm.org)

September 20 Mark 9:34-35
“When do I Get What’s Com’in to ME?”
 Life is unfair. When do we get what we deserve? Jesus said “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and the servant of all”

Time	Call	Frequency	City
6:30 a.m.	KFAB	AM 1110	Omaha
6:30 a.m.	KWBG	AM 1590	Boone
9:30 a.m.	KJAN	AM 1220	Atlantic
9:30 a.m.	KDLS	AM 1310	Perry
7:30 a.m.	WHO	AM 1040	Des Moines

September 27 Isaiah 44:5
“Tattooed”
 Satan wants to mark us with a new name that will entice us into seeking fulfillment through material things.

The Lutheran Hour comes to you through the outreach of the International Lutheran Laymen’s League

September Assignments

ACOLYTES

6 - Hannah Watt
Jacy Eklund
13 - Alex Brown
Dorian Peterson
20 - Devon Peterson
Danielle Riley
27 - Kessler Thomas
Jay Wolfe

USHERS

Eric Eklund
Norm Schroeder
Steve Bradley

ORGANISTS/PIANISTS

6 -
13 -
20 -Janette Lang

FINANCE TEAM

Jay Bochart
Chuck Bowman

27 -

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Walt & Nelda Herzberg
Charlie & Paula Bowman

ELDER ON DUTY

Jim Nelson

FINANCE TEAM

Jay Bochart
Charlie Bowman

BIRTHDAYS

1. Lela Keeler
2. Ezekiel Craig
3. Larry Craig
5. Ed Hanson
6. Bill Magers
8. Jo Ehm
9. Mary Keeler
10. Mike Lang
11. Denise Riley, Amanda White
14. Ruth Chase
15. Mike Ballard
16. Frances Bird, Karl Peterson
18. Devon Petersen
19. Ben Roghair, Aric Stream,
Adam Bochart
20. Angie Stream, Ron White
25. Nadine Scadden
26. Brian Scadden, Betty Herr



Wedding Anniversa- ries

5. Bob & Betty Mason
Ed & Leshia Stoll
6. Chuck & Julie Lang
8. Jim & Mindy Kaufman 25th
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