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A Word from the Pastor during Pentecost

I read Money magazine. I don't know why. Perhaps it's because I'm getting older and at some point I know I'll have to think about what happens when I stop working. I'm not sure if what we have saved and what I'll be able to earn as a greeter at Walmart will be enough. So I've started reading these magazines to see if there's something I should be doing that I currently am not. There is...but that's grist for another conversation.

What I wanted to talk about today comes from the "Reader's Choice" column, wherein "ordinary" people write in their opinions about how to solve a particular problem.

This month, one of the questions folks were supposed to "chime in" on was this, "When out to dinner with friends, what's the most polite way to get the heavier drinkers to pay proportionately more for their share of the check?"

Well, as you can imagine, the answers were all over the map, some saying get separate checks, others suggesting the heavier drinkers skip dessert or adjust their menu, while others suggested the lighter drinkers order more expensive food to compensate for the discrepancy. Others still said "when the check arrives, cheerfully offer to pay cash for your fair share, including tax and tip, and perhaps your friends will get the point."

All of these were "reasonable" answers, if in fact this presents a problem for you. But one reader had a different kind of response, and when I read it, I liked it. He wrote, "Sometimes you order chicken, sometimes steak. Sometimes your friends order pasta, other times pork chops. What kind of friendship can't survive a few dollars here and there? On your deathbed, will you care more that you didn't save the extra \$10 or \$100 or that you spent that time with friends?"

There were perhaps six people who wrote in to help solve this problem, but out of the six, only one recognized the value of the time spent with his friends. Sometimes we can get all wrapped up in the minutiae of life that we fail to see the bigger picture. We worry about whether we're getting the short end of the stick when it comes to covering the tab for the wine and forget the fact that you can't put a price on certain things like friendship.

This is true in all things...even in church work. As we approach a new program year, in addition to paying attention to the nuts and bolts of what it takes to allow the church to work (budgets, buildings, personnel, etc.) we need to pay an equal amount of attention to why we exist and what our mission is AS the Church. Our "pearl of great price," our "treasure in the field" is the Gospel and the Good News of what God has done and is doing in our lives. This is our "raison d'etre," our reason for being and out of it, or rather, because of it, everything we do as a church, needs to flow from it. Our litmus test is not "What Would Jesus Do?" but rather, because of what God has done in Jesus, what then shall we do?

With the departure of Pastor Olsen, it's time to reassess our ministry and program. As we do that, in terms of personnel and asset management, we need to keep these things close at heart and mind.

Sincerely yours,

Pastor Charles D. Bang

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Dear Faithful People of Holy Trinity,

Since receiving the gift of being called as your pastor three years ago, I have become, what feels like, a professional gift receiver. You have shared your beautiful lives, your precious faith and your priceless love with me. I certainly did not merit the honor and privilege that you granted me as your pastor. Through all of you I experienced God's gift of grace and for that I will forever be mindful and thankful.

As I pack away my books and reflect on my time spent in your midst, I pray that I was able to give to you what God willed me to share. I tried to serve with all my strength and to love with all my heart and I know that a piece of my heart will always remain with you as a result. There is no clean way to "unplug" from a loving relationship, and in the tearing there is much pain. I know that many of you feel this pain also, and I truly regret being a source of your sorrow... Please forgive me. I find some comfort (and perhaps you will too) in the words of Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem In Memoriam.

I hold it true, whate'er befall; I feel it, when I sorrow most; 'Tis better to have loved and lost Than never to have loved at all.

I would especially like to thank everyone who dedicated their time, talents and treasures in organizing such a beautiful farewell gathering on Saturday, July 17th for me and my family. We were and remain completely overwhelmed by your love and generosity. I particularly would like to thank the organizers and the kitchen and clean up crews for working so hard and for doing so with joy. It was another undeserved, perfect gift from above.

As I prepare to accept new challenges, I would like for you to please show kind love and support to Pastor Bang as he too faces new challenges. Give him your love and allow him to love you through this time of transition. I will be praying for you daily and while I will no longer serve as your pastor I will forever be your friend. Holy Trinity has much to rejoice about and I am excited to hear stories of your faithful witness and to rejoice with you. In closing I leave you with these words from Saint Paul:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:4-9)

Love never ends, (1 Corinthians 13:8)

Eric Olaf Olsen,

Your Friend in Christ

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..." (James 1:17)

Hunger-Thon 2010

This event was advertised as an opportunity to "Taste Hunger, Nourish Your Faith, Feed the City." All of that and so much more occurred between the 14th and 15th of May. This event, which took place right here at Holy Trinity, was attended by over 60 youth from 10 different churches.

"Taste Hunger"- During this overnight lock-in, the youth all participated in a 24 hour fast. For many it was the first time that they had skipped more then a single meal. The foregoing of food for 24 hours opened their eyes to the plight of millions around the world and thousands in our very own city. The youth were asked to raise 24 dollars as incentive for their fast. When we totaled what everyone had raised, we had collected over \$1,300.00! 90% went to Loaves and Fishes (a dining hall on the west side which feeds thousands every year) the remaining 10% will go to the Trinity Tower Lunch Bunch (a lunch program for low income seniors)

"Nourish Your Faith"- Every activity at this event had the potential to nourish one's faith. To start the night off, we began with a healing service lead by Pastor Olsen. All youth and adults went up during the anointing of oil and the youth broke out into spontaneous singing and formed a circle in which everyone was included. During the course of the night, the youth rotated between six stations. The six stations were a prayer labyrinth, music interpretation, hunger info and discussion, bible study in the



form of Lectio Divina, games/T-shirt making and a reading of the gospels in which the youth made it through the entire book of Matthew. Half way through the stations and to close the evening, we held vesper services lead by our very own Roger Griffiths.

"Feed the City"- Now one may think that our donations to the two food programs would be enough to check this one off and say we met our three goals. The youth would not be satisfied with just donating money. In the morning we woke up and all put on our white t-shirts we had made the night before. We marched over two miles down Main Street and Elmwood with two apple trees. While marching we told all those we encountered what we were doing in an attempt to raise hunger awareness in our city. Our destination was Concerned Ecumenical Ministries where we planted both trees. The trees were planted as both a symbolic and physical solutions to hunger in our city. They are in a public space where anyone who is hungry may grab an apple and be nourished. After marching the two miles back to Holy Trinity, we had an outdoor worship service with a praise band from North Park Lutheran Church right in our Main Street parking lot.

The youth were still not done. Following the service, we invited members of the community, one and all, to join us not just for the service but for a cookout following the service. We fed many members of the community who were thankful for a warm meal and an ear willing to listen. Finally after our guests had eaten, the youth broke their own fast and true fellowship took place.

There are so many individuals and businesses that deserve many thanks for making this event possible. I thank you and I thank God for your help.

Look out for Hunger-thon 2011!

Your Brother in Christ,

Jeremiah Smith

Saving Money On Perscription Drugs

If you take prescription drugs to treat a chronic illness, you could save money.

- 1. You must tell your doctor if paying for prescription drugs is a problem.
- 2. Ask your doctor about generic drugs.
- 3. Shop around local pharmacies for the best price.
- 4. Try pill splitting You can then get 2 doses of medicine for the price of one.
- 5. Check with EPIC, NYS drug assistance program. Your pharmacy has the applications or call me. (684-9165)

Not all pills can be split. There is no danger in splitting pills as long as your doctor agrees that it's a good idea for you. You must learn how to split pills properly. There are pill splitting devices but if your pill can be split, there will be a line in the middle of the pill at which you can split the pill. It should crack easily with the use of your fingers. Many insurance companies are in favor of pill splitting because it saves them money too. But the American Medical Association and the American Pharmacists Association oppose this practice. These organizations do acknowledge that many pills can be safely split if done correctly.

Generic medications have the lowest health insurance copayment. According to pharmacy industry sources, popular brand name drugs are planned to become available in generic form. They include Cozaar and Hyzaar to treat high blood pressure, Aricept to treat Alzheimer's disease, Flomax to treat enlarged prostate, and Effexor XR to treat depression. These generics could reduce health care spending by more than \$100 million this year.

In 2011, more highly advertised drugs are expected to become available in generic form. They include Yaz for birth control, Actos for diabetes, Lipitor to treat high cholesterol and Prevacid for treating heartburn.

AS ALWAYS, CHECK WITH YOUR PHYSICIAN FIRST AND REMEMBER YOUR PHARMACIST HAS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR MEDICATIONS.

This information was obtained from Consumer Reports and from the Vice President and Chief Pharmacy Officer for Univera Health.

Prayer Chain Needs New Members

Would you like to involve yourself in a Holy Trinity activity? Consider joining the Prayer Chain. Each month a list of people for whom to pray is sent to your home. Usually there are between eight and ten names on the list. We pray for people of all ages who are facing surgery, mental and physical illness, and a variety of life transitions. There are no committee meetings for the Prayer Chain and only one annual meeting. We have received wonderful feedback from people who feel our prayers have helped them. We would love to have you be part of the Prayer Chain.

Members of the congregation can request prayers by speaking with the pastors or by calling the church office (886-2400).

Gail Camilleri will be coordinating the prayer chain starting in September. She may be reached at 695-8764.

Thank you to the following faithful prayer chain members for 2009-10:

Janet Archer, Gail Camilleri, Karen Clancy, Sister Donna, Carol Greismann, Deanna Haddath, Melissa Haller, Jeanette Heiss, Betty Hutcheson, Karen Koehler, Jennifer Lindemann, Alberta Matusik, Merrijann Miller, Margaret Pagano, Judy Ronald, Helen Santi, Ruth Schmidt, Karen Stoelzle, Herta Wittkugel, Barb Wozniak. * Jean Roesch served until her death in April, 2010.

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Blooming Christians

Suggested Bible Reading

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

-Matthew 25:14-29 (NRSV)

EACH spring a rhododendron bush in my backyard is covered in frilly pink flowers. Not all the buds open at the same time, however. For a while, fully unfurled and half-opened blossoms share space with tight, green buds that give no hint of opening. But I know that warmed by sun, nourished by soil, and refreshed by rain, those green buds will bloom in due time.

Christians also bloom at different times. Some serve visibly and eagerly in the church as deacons, teachers and leaders or with the hungry and homeless in the community. Others, like half-opened flowers, reluctantly agree to help on committees. Then there are those whose growth is less obvious to us. Like unopened buds, they need the warmth of fellowship, the nourishment of God's word, and the refreshment of love in order to bloom.

We cannot hurry the spiritual growth of others any more than I can force my rhododendron to bloom. But we may provide a climate for growth by inviting people into our homes, by discussing current issues from a biblical viewpoint, and by letting the love of God flow through us to meet their needs.

Shirley Brosius (Pennsylvania, USA)

Prayer

O God, help us to bloom as faithful disciples in the world around us. Amen.

Thought for the Day

How am I nurturing others in the faith?

A Message from Synod Assembly

We are a resurrection people who pray first, walk together and change lives. This sentiment was very much in evidence at the Twenty-third Assembly of the Upstate New York Synod. I was fortunate to be one of three representatives from Holy Trinity at the assembly which took place at the Rochester Convention Center on June 6-8.

For those of you who may not know, the Synod Assembly is a gathering of lay representatives and pastors from all 180 congregations that make up our Synod. Every church may send two or three lay representatives and all clergy may attend this annual meeting. A number of things happen at the annual assembly which are extremely important to the functioning of the greater church, including everything from adopting the Synod's budget to voting on ELCA statements.

The theme of this year's assembly was "Called to Joy". The theme was examined with Bible studies throughout the three days, during which we took a close look at Paul's letter to the Philippians. Bible study with over 300 individuals in one room is a very unique experience. Yet the size and scope of it all did nothing but enhance the impact of what we were learning.

Attending this gathering was truly an eye-opening learning experience for me. I think it is far too easy for those of us at large congregations to forget or not think about the greater church. As one of the largest congregations in the Synod, we have the opportunity to have a larger impact. I would urge each and every one of you, especially our council members, to learn and discuss how Holy Trinity can take on a more significant leadership role in our greater church. A good way for you to start is by asking the council to send you as one of the representatives from our congregation to next year's Synod assembly.

In all that we do here at our beloved home church, it is important that we focus not just on the fact that we are members of Holy Trinity but that we are members of Christ's Church.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

Jeremiah Smith

Vital Congregations Initiative

The committee has been busy implementing the program during the past few months by interviewing the council and committee members. Plans for the upcoming months are to continue the interview process to other congregational members. It is hoped the process will be complete by the end of 2010, in order to provide the leadership of the congregation a compilation of the ideas the members have expressed about Holy Trinity.

If you wish to schedule your interview before you are contacted by one of the committee members, please call: Pat Longergan, (655-4916) Gary Thomas, (430-0866) or Barb Wozniak. (839-4611) Other committee members are: Sue Bundt, Sue Fayle, Sr. Donna Font, Carol Griesmann, Herb Hough, Guy Huber, Jeremiah Smith and Pat Ulrich.

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Council Recognitions on Sunday, June 6...

Paul Bauchle

Today must be the day to remember legacies and to celebrate multiple generations of service to the Lord and His Church. I must bring to our memory Paul's Dad, Richard. Dick was on church council when I came to Holy Trinity and he helped found and chaired my Pastoral Relations Committee for several years. When Dick died, his family and this Church lost a true saint. His skill set, his devotion, his kind and gentle way, his stick-to-it-tive-ness and all the rest made him an icon in my remembrance. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree, and I must say, that on its downward decent, it also picked up a few commendable traits of its own. Paul Bauchle has been an extraordinary leader for this church, with much of his tenure as Council President occurring during the hardest economic times since the Great Depression. He has kept his head and our heads up high; he has been our leader, our cheerleader, our conscience, our guide, our motivator, our example, our friend. He has built a great church council and leaves office with a great team in place, for which those who remain are thankful. Paul has led by example, sacrificing personal time and work time and even Sabres tickets, to be here for whatever function demanded his presence and support. He and Karen, our first lady, have been gracious hosts, showering us with their warm and genuine hospitality, opening up their hearts and their home to many of us. Their generosity in all things sets the bar at a high level and while we may not be able to reach the bar they set for us, we most certainly can offer them our thanks. Would you please join me by rising, and thanking Paul, his wife Karen and family as well as all our outgoing council members for their dedication and service.

<u>Tom Johnson</u>

There are people who do a lot and there are people who talk a lot. Some of those who talk, do also do, but as we all know, some people spend more time talking than doing. Tom Johnson is the antithesis of that, he spends very little time talking and much time doing. He has been the quiet presence on Church council, only talking when he had something to say and always adding something when he did. Thanks to Tom, our decisions have been better decisions, thanks to Tom, council was always represented, at work days, at property concerns, at VBS, over at Trinity Tower, on the Board there, with his children and grandchildren everywhere. And perhaps most important, at least to me, always with a good word, a great smile, a positive attitude, a helping hand. Would you please join me, in thanking a devoted, faithful, kind, loving, articulate, intelligent, thoughtful man of God.

Shirley Lawrence

Shirley is not here today, she is moving her daughter to North Carolina, something about which she is not thrilled. But I wanted to talk about her nonetheless because she has been a valuable and trusted colleague in this place. She first joined the church, with her mother and father, when they came from St. John's Church. The children were in confirmation and Ruth Kinmartin, her mother, was very active in so many things. I remember when she invited the LYO to come and spend the day at her condo in Ellicottville and took them all skiing and tubing. I knew then, that she and Bill were extraordinary people. I mean come on, the whole LYO in your condo? That's true faith. She became active in our concert ministry and joining church council, worked on fellowship, and personnel, eventually becoming church council secretary. Following former chairperson Jim Van Slyke, Shirley always made a point of remembering the staff at the holiday, creating lovely and delicious gift baskets for each of us. She always thought of us, and now we have the chance to thank her. Would you join me, in thanking her for her ministry in this place.

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Ellie Monday

When I came to Holy Trinity 27 years ago, Walter and Doris Stroman were larger than life figures around here. Walter was chair of the property committee forever, and even worked in the church office as our business manager for a time. One would be hard pressed to find a more devoted churchman than Walter and a more loving and caring woman than his wife, Doris. Well, they are both now with the Lord, but while they were with us, they passed on their DNA to Ellie and all that good love of the church stuff that was epitomized by her parents has taken root in her. Ellie leaves council with our sincere thanks for her presence and participation in so many aspects of our work here, not the least of which included Chris Ed, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, confirmation ministry, and so much more. Her daughter, Amanda, who also has inherited a good bit of the I love Church gene, leaves for college this fall, and so Ellie, with all that new found time on your hands, I'm sure we'll find some new jobs for you around here, but for now, please accept the thanks of a grateful congregation and its pastor. Would you thank Ellie.

Paul Nikischer

Paul Nikischer is the nicest guy you'll know. If that could be said of me, I'd be the luckiest man on the planet and would settle for that being the only adjective I need. But if you take that "nicest guy adjective" and combine it with devotion, dedication, quiet strength, profound faith, genuine sincerity, a vulnerable-ness borne of trial, and a steadfastness borne of a lifelong and deep relationship with God and Christ, you would have a better picture and a truer one of this wonderful man. On council, Paul was one of those people who truly listened to what others had to say before forming his opinion and when finally offered, always had something significant to say that resulted in a better decision each and every time. I will miss his calm and competent manner, his gentleness in all things, his concern for others and his genuine faith. Would you please offer your thanks to Paul for his faithful service.

Barbara Wozniak

It was Palm Sunday 1983, her father was co chair of the call committee that interviewed me in Liverpool. So I go as far back as one can with the Pellnat family. To say that Barb's family members have been support pillars of the church over all these years would be a gross underestimate of the value of the ministry and participation of her family. Barbara has played a significant part in that legacy. Barbara leaves Church council, the Vice Presidency and her many other roles including her role as chief advocate for the Women of the ELCA after many years of devoted service. I know for a fact that she will remain as active as ever, once she has left office and so I do not need to spend any time this morning lining up her next job. Every person on council seems to play their own individual role. Barbara's has been to be the mission developer, always asking the question, what is the mission of the church? From prayer shawls to Stewardship, from fellowship to knitters, from WELCA bible study to Sunday school, Barb has endeavored, time and again, to make sure we keep our focus on the church. This gets hard to do from time to time, but it is the most essential part of everything we do. Today, I would ask that you thank Barb for all she has done for all of us and most especially for the Church.

Come join us, as we *Make a Joyful Noise* to.....

Praise the LORD! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150

Vacation Bible School at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church August 23rd – 27th, 2010 8:30am-12:30pm *Grades K-6*

We will begin with breakfast and end with lunch. In between, we will explore music, song, dance, and story as we come together to praise the Lord.

Please complete the registration form on the reverse side and send it to:

Susan Bundt Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1080 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14209

Any questions???? Call me at 716-207-2974 or contact the church office

Pleas	e complete a registration	form for each child and send it to
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Parents' Names:		
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Phone numbers:	Home	Cell
Home Congregat	ion:	

L.Y.O. Update

I find it hard to believe we are fast approaching my one year mark as Youth Director here at Holy Trinity. What a joy filled whirlwind the past year has been. I can only hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. There is no greater place to be doing youth ministry then right here at Holy Trinity and I thank you for the opportunities you have and continue to give to me.

In June we said farewell to our senior class. They were Anthony, Sara, Emily, Graham, Matt, Andrew, Amanda and Stephanie. This group of seniors was by far the most active group the youth group has seen in a long time. It is not easy to take time out of your hectic senior schedules to come to youth group events, but you all chose to make those sacrifices. I could not have asked for a better group of leaders to help with my transition into my role as youth director. I thank each and every one of you for your contributions to the success that the youth group experienced this year. Know that you will all continue to be in our thoughts and prayers as you move into the next step of your lives.

What has the LYO been up to these past few months?!? It is no short list but here are a few of the things we have done. Our very own Youth group hosted an event called Hunger-thon 2010 (an article on this specific event is also in the newsletter) which was a huge success. Both the plant sale and Allentown parking sale went off without any major hiccups. A BIG thank you to the Parks' for the year round work they do with the plant sale. The proceeds from those fundraising events will go towards the youth group's trip to New Orleans in 2012 to the national youth gathering. We had a very successful pancake breakfast for camperships to LCLC thanks to all those who attended!

The youth group is currently looking to the future as we discern what direction we would like to move in as a youth group. To help with this I will be conducting one on one interview with each and every youth group member just as the vital congregations committee will be doing on a congregation wide level. As we move into the upcoming school year, the youth group looks to be even more mission work minded. If you know of a youth that would be interested in joining us on our journey or have a suggestion of a project for our youth group, contact myself by cell phone (716) 228-3596 or by email jpsmith4@buffalo.edu.

Grace and Peace,

Jeremiah Smith

Cherish Our Children

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In the service of Baptism as it is presented in the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal, the congregation is asked, "People of God. Do you promise to support (child's name) and pray for them in their new life in Christ?" Cherish Our Children fulfills that promise that we make as a congregation at the baptism of our children. Over the next few months you are going to be hearing more about the ministry and how you can become an important part in connecting with a child of the congregation, lifting them up in prayer, asking God to be with them, to protect them, helping them to feel loved and supported by fellow members at Holy Trinity.

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Confirmation Camp



I was fortunate enough to attend confirmation camp just a few weeks ago with Pastor Olsen and the confirmands from Holy Trinity and Parkside. We had great weather and were truly able to enjoy God's beautiful Earth at the gorgeous campus of Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. In our time at camp we bonded with one another and came closer to God.

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To all members of our congregation who supported them, a note of thanks and gratitude from our campers Kara, Tim, Tre, Kirk, Kenric, Joslynn, Emily, Jeremy, Josh, Jon and Chris. Whether you prayed, bought candles, ate some pancakes or made an outright donation, we thank you for allowing them to attend this very special place. Camps such as LCLC can truly shape the future of a youth and change the course of their faith journey.

Look in the next newsletter to read personal accounts from the campers about their experiences from their time at camp.

Thanks be to God! Jeremiah Smith

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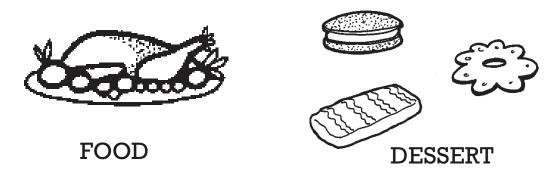
SEPTEMBER 2010

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S 18th ANNUAL Chicken BBQ

- **WHEN:** Sunday Sept. 12, 2010, 11:30am to 1:00pm
- WHERE: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1080 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14209 (near North St.) Easy Parking Available
- PRICE:
 Adults (1/2 Chicken) -- \$8.00

 Children (1/4 Chicken) -- \$4.00

 Patron (1/2 Chicken) -- \$25.00
- MENU: BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Rolls and Butter, Dessert, Beverage



Help provide decent homes for people in need while treating your family to a wonderful meal.

To purchase tickets please send a check (made payable to Habitat for Humanity -Buffalo) and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Ms. Sue Fayle, Trinity Tower, 33 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209. Please indicate the number of adults and children. To reserve tickets at the door call Sue Fayle at 882-4348. For additional information call Carol Weil at 839-1881 or Chuck Rojek at 634-0263.

Take-out-dinners can also be purchased in advance or reserved at the same price.

THE 2010-2011 ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

The series begins September 26 and will include presentations from many of the organizations and institutions which enrich the lives of the people of Western New York, including the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library and the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

This year we will also be highlighting the New Testament theme of Non-violence, focusing on themes such as peace, domestic abuse, hunger and poverty.

Dave Ulrich will provide an overview of the series and the fall schedule of presenters at the first program on September 19.

All programs are in the Fellowship Room, beginning immediately after the early service, generally about 9:35 am.



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