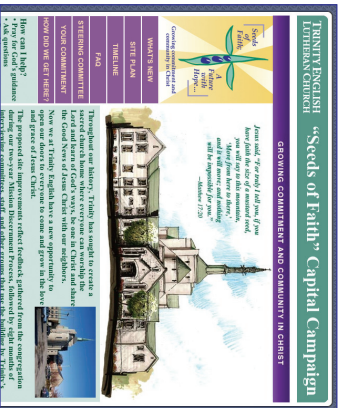


Growing commitment and community in Christ



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New Website Area Debuts

Go to the Trinity website and click on the "Seeds of Faith" link, to find a new area developed especially for the "Seeds of Faith" campaign process.

What's there? Plenty!

- Downloadable background summary information on the Mission Discernment Process, which began in June of 2005.
- A historical timeline.
- Specifics of the proposed site plan and list of improvements.
- Current listing of Steering Committee members.
- Frequently asked questions and a way to submit your own.
- Dates to remember.

This special site area will continue to grow, expand and update throughout the "Seeds of Faith" campaign process — so be sure to "bookmark" and check back frequently for recent updates.

"Seeds of Faith... A Future of Hope" Campaign Begins to Take Root

There's a new team at Trinity. Not a basketball or hockey team but a Spiritual Awareness Team...and we need your prayers!

Trinity's "Seeds of Faith" campaign has two components; stewardship and faith raising.

Our hope is to enlist (and unite) the prayers of the entire congregation to make this campaign successful in the eyes of God.

The Spiritual Awareness Team has a couple of projects in the works. First on the agenda is a daily prayer calendar that will be distributed on April 6th. Each day (for a month) will have a theme, Bible verse and prayer for you to use.

Second on the agenda is a prayer vigil. Please consider signing up for a 15 minute

block of solitary, quiet, prayer time to further reinforce our project and whatever needs you may have. Look for more details in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.

As discussed in our Adult Bible Study class with Pastor Hamlin, "God is the owner and we are the managers." We must all pray to be good managers with stewardship and faith raising.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

For more information, contact Tammy or Jeff Kummer, Prayer Coordinators, home e-mail address, JeffK@locl.net, or 260-248-8345.

Timeline updates:

- Feb/Mar 2008 – Q&A brochure and Question Card distributed to congregation.
- Feb/Mar 2008 – Adventure in spiritual discovery, enlightenment and enchantment helps Trinity members of all ages grow in a deeper understanding of Biblical stewardship.
- Feb/Mar 2008 – Well contractor will drill a "test" well. This first well will help provide size, depth and flow data needed for improvements or the design of a new system.

- Mar 2008 – "Seeds of Faith" dedicated website area debuts.
- Mar 2008 – "Seeds of Faith" communications kiosk debuts on Palm Sunday in Wagenhals Hall.



Trinity Players perform "Man on the Street"

On March 6 and 9, the Trinity Players performed a stewardship drama, "Man on the Street," at the beginning of our worship services to help spark conversation about pledging to the capital campaign. The actors who participated were (from left to right, back row) Andrea McKenna, Stephen Parker, Louis Wuelher; (front row) Robert Hobby, Hannah Hobby, Elizabeth O'Brien, Chad McKenna, and Dianne Giannakoff.



Members Share Their Perspective...

Unlike many members of Trinity, my wife, Jennie and I did not grow up in this church. We have been members for eight years but hope that, perhaps, this might someday be said of our children — Madisen and Grant. While our time at Trinity has been relatively short, this church has been an important part of our lives. There are several specific aspects that hold special significance to us.

As an architect, I have a deep appreciation for the building itself — the classic forms, timeless materials and attention to detail that are inter-woven into it. I am pleased that the design of the new expansion is sensitive to the character of the existing facility. It is also good to see it will become more accessible to members and enter the 21st century in terms of heating and air-conditioning systems. As I sit in the pew before a service, I can't help but appreciate the vision and commitment made by the families that came long before my family to continue this legacy for future generations that will follow us.

Grant, Jennie, Pat and Madisen Pastorick

But we didn't join the church because of the architecture. We joined to be part of a body of believers who want to serve God and grow closer in their personal relationship with Him. At Trinity, Jennie and I have had opportunities to participate in classes, seminars and workshops that have helped us identify and build upon the unique gifts God has given us. We have also had opportunities to use these gifts to serve in a variety of roles within the church. We believe the upcoming capital campaign is another step in stewardship that God is using to build our faith and bring us closer to Him by sharing the blessings he has given to us.

The more we have been involved with the church, the more great people we have met and come to call as friends over these last eight years. We both agree, that this is where the real treasure lies within Trinity. We are thankful for so many of you and appreciate the support and encouragement you have given to us. We are excited that the expansion will provide further opportunities to build the sense of community within the church.

It doesn't take long for a visitor to recognize the storied history of our church. I am thankful that the talk in the church these days is not merely about its past accomplishments, but about our future as well. Through our recent discernment process and development of our new mission statement, I believe God is preparing this congregation to be used by Him in new ways throughout our community. I hope each of you will join our family as we take this journey of faith to see what God has in store for us — as individual believers and as a congregation. — Pat & Jennie Pastorick

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life." — 1 Timothy 6:18-19

We have been at Trinity for over 20 years and have been richly blessed as part of the Trinity family. We both have been involved in group activities at Trinity and especially enjoy participating in a wide variety of Bible classes through which our faith is continually nurtured.

Currently, we have children and grandchildren who are also actively involved in the Trinity family. Looking to the future, we realize that the proposed physical changes to Trinity are necessary to ensure that these future generations continue to enjoy the blessings of the Trinity faith community as we have over the past twenty years. — Vince and Helen Muntzinger

God has richly blessed me throughout my seven years at Trinity Lutheran Church. I am blessed by the magnificent edifice in which we praise and worship

our even more magnificent God. I am blessed by the pure and powerful notes our musicians raise heavenward to God's glory. I am blessed that as I sometimes walk through hours darker than I ever knew life could hold, God uses Trinity's ministries to reveal to me the Gospel light, the light no darkness can overcome.

The Gospel light is revealed through the Pastors' deep compassion and care as well as through the faithful and personal ministry of Trinity's entire staff and membership. I am now blessed by Trinity's "Seeds of Faith" campaign which offers me an opportunity to respond to these blessings and the many more I cannot begin to count or recount. The campaign allows me to make a fitting financial sacrifice to help ensure the continuation of both a physical structure and a faith community through which God's priceless blessings will continue to flow to all God's people. — Ragna Urberg