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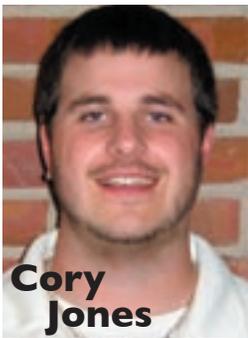
*Love.  
Transform.  
Serve.*

Welcome Cory Jones as Trinity's new Youth Program Director. Cory has experience, volunteer and professional, in youth work and event programming. One of his great loves is camp, and he has a huge heart for God and seeing students grow in their relationship with God. Cory loves meeting people and is a big sports fan! He is currently finishing his Masters of Arts in Theological Studies at Bethel Seminary.

Tom Thiets is Trinity's new Director of Missions. Tom has been at the forefront of our missions ministry; his expertise, passion and gifts are a perfect match to lead Trinity, as we find more ways to serve the world in the name of Jesus. In the past two years, Trinity's missions ministry has exploded and the need for a point person, leader, encourager and trainer arose – Tom's unique, strong and wonderful gifts are a great fit!

Karen Elowson has joined the Children, Youth and Family Team as department administration support. In addition to keeping track of all events available for children, youth and families, Karen is the key resource for registrations, financial transactions and online assistance. So whether you need to register for Sunday school, confirmation or an event, or you have a question, Karen is here to help.

Karen Gieseke has joined the staff at Trinity as Middle Childhood Ministry Director and Children Youth and Family Mentor/Coach. Karen will be overseeing Bible Explorers and Club 56, which encompasses children in grades 3-6 and their families. In the Children, Youth and Family Mentor/Coach position, Karen will support both families and youth staff in creating partnerships to nurture family faith journeys.



**Cory Jones**



**Tom Thiets**



**Karen Elowson**



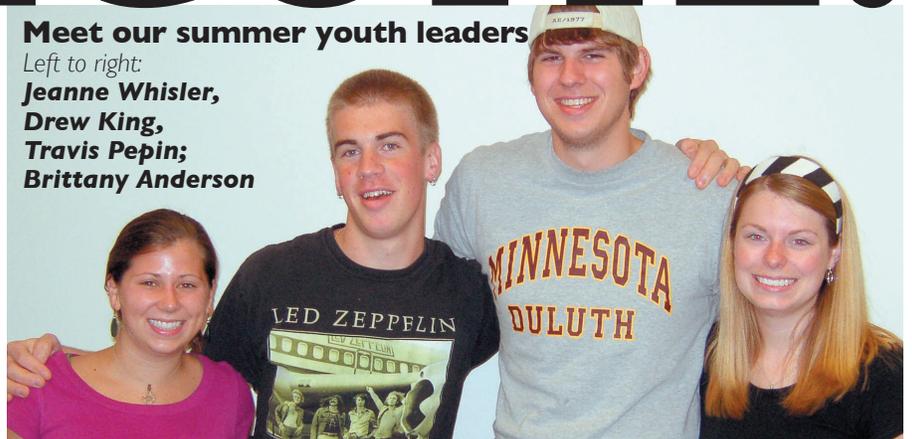
**Karen Gieseke**

# WELCOME!

Summer intern Jeanne Whisler hails from Mahtomedi and will be a senior at UW Lacrosse. Jeanne loves working on camp crafts and speaking Spanish. Drew King is our "creative media" guru, working with video and leading music at summer camps and The River worship services. Travis Pepin will be a sophomore at UM-Duluth. He is our church rock-star for the summer, leading all the Trinity youth worship bands. Brittany Anderson is a Luther College graduate. She loves patrolling the waterfront as head lifeguard and keeping her dad in line.

## Meet our summer youth leaders

Left to right:  
**Jeanne Whisler,  
Drew King,  
Travis Pepin;  
Brittany Anderson**



## worship opportunities

### July 7 & 8

- Saturday, 5 p.m.: Worship, Communion
- Sunday, 9 a.m.: Drive-In Worship
- Sunday, 10 a.m.: Worship, Communion, Nursery
- Sunday, 6 p.m.: The River (Grades 9-12 youth worship)

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## remember in your prayers

Please notify the Trinity office at 439-7400 if you or anyone you know has a prayer need, or when you or a loved one is hospitalized (the hospitals do NOT notify us of admissions), has a baby or a death occurs in the family. Please contact Jane Backe at 439-6006 or Jan Most at 436-7264 for prayer team submissions.

### Known to have been hospitalized/support in prayer

- Sonia Caudle • Hazel Carlson • Susan Langness • Chuck Claus • Doug Amos

### Births

- Jaxon Charles Joseph Benson, son of Alesia & Chris Benson

### Baptism

- Alexander Kenneth Bush, son of Jacob & Tessa Bush

### Sympathy is extended to..

- Jenny Rivera whose father, Bob Utecht, passed away.
- Robert Johnson whose mother passed away.

### Altar Flowers

- July 8: Given by Carol Taves
- July 14 & 15: In memory of **Gordon Handevitd**, given by wife Kay and family
- July 14 & 15: In memory of **Char Nelson**, given by husband Ken Nelson

## treasurer's corner

As I study the January – May financial numbers for Trinity, I am intrigued by the impact of the number three. Our budgeted amount for contribution income for 2007 is about 6.6% more than total contributions for 2006. That does not seem like a very large number. Our 2007 contributions, as of the end of May, are tracking about 3.6% ahead of last year – that is good news, and there again is the number three. Now, if I look back at the summer of 2006, I see record amounts of contributions. Putting some faith into our projections for the rest of the year, I can see another record-breaking summer of contributions followed by strong fall and year-end levels of giving. I think that faith projection easily covers that small 3% and maybe even more. Here are the 2007 amounts for contributions, other income and expenses shown through May:

	2007 Year-To-Date
Contribution Income	\$741,144
All Other Income	\$205,400
Total payments for payroll & expenses	\$1,029,771
<i>(Exp. = just under 2% of YTD budget)</i>	

Keep in mind that Trinity offers a variety of automated giving options that can assist you in keeping your contributions steady throughout the year or to make contributions when you are not able to attend worship. Please contact the Church Office or the Trinity website for details. Reminder: We are accepting food shelf contributions every Sunday at drive-in worship.

– Jeff Anderson, treasurer

## trinity transportation

### Sunday van schedule

Trinity's van will be available during the Sunday 10 a.m. worship service. A van ride is available for members or non-members lacking other means of transportation. Please call the Church Office (439-7400) between 9 a.m. Wed. and 4 p.m. Thurs. to reserve your seat each week. Estimated pick-up times at senior residences if you have reserved a seat are:

- 9:15 a.m. – Boutwells Landing
- 9:25 a.m. – Raymie Johnson
- 9:35 a.m. – Croixdale
- 9:40 a.m. – Oakridge
- 9:45 a.m. – Rivertown Commons

## worship attendance

### June 23 & 24

5 p.m.	48
9 a.m.	337
10 a.m.	139

### June 30 & July 1

5 p.m.	46
9 a.m.	374
10 a.m.	184

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## The heart goes to God the hands go to work

*Men & Women Needed* to work side-by-side with our brothers and sisters in Piedras Negras Mexico, Nov. 4-10. Projects include boxing food and Bibles to give away, sorting clothing, blankets, school and medical bags, "tuning up" bicycles, assisting in the sewing area where quilts are created, and spending time with children whose mothers come to sew.

For more information about the 2007 trip, or if you have questions about how you can join in supporting Mano Amiga's mission work, please contact Sandy Kotval at 439-1168 or email her at [sjkotval@comcast.net](mailto:sjkotval@comcast.net)

Trip applications are also available at <http://www.trinitylc.org/globalmissions.aspx>

## Katrina Rebuild with a servant's heart!

Summer news: A second adult Katrina trip will be Jan. 12-20, 2008. We want to spread the news so empty calendars can be filled with an opportunity to share our servant hearts, our construction skills, and our listening ears with our Mississippi neighbors. If you've considered sharing your talents with others who are still in the rebuilding stages after the Katrina hurricane, please know that you are invited to come along! More details will come this fall. For additional Katrina opportunities or if you have questions, contact Kristie Anderson at 439-9133 or [jkjsa@hotmail.com](mailto:jkjsa@hotmail.com)

## Groceries for Good Causes to double giving

Trinity participates in the "Groceries for Good Causes" program through Kowalski's supermarket. Next time you shop at Kowalski's, simply leave your receipt in the cubby box near the exit marked "Trinity Lutheran Church." The amount of the purchase doesn't matter, just the number of receipts collected, so please remember to leave your receipt.

## JESUS Delivers schedule

July 7, 14 & 28; August 4, 18 & 25  
If you would like to organize a group to serve either on an OPEN date listed above or a special date of your choosing, contact Peter or Cary Bolstorff at [peterbolstorff@scelimited.com](mailto:peterbolstorff@scelimited.com) or [caryjbolstorff@comcast.net](mailto:caryjbolstorff@comcast.net), or 439-8342. A mission trip leader will organize everything from directions to meal plan, to a list of things to do; all you have to do is show up with open hearts. For complete details about the JESUS Delivers ministry, visit [www.jesusdelivers.info](http://www.jesusdelivers.info)

## Early Childhood Ministry Director job opportunity

This full-time position includes the vision, planning, program development and supervision for all ministries serving children and families, ages pre-birth through grade 2. Ministries include: Hearts of the Home for Moms ministry, Mom's Day Off, Nursery, weekly programming, and family events. Contact TJ Anderson, Director of Children, Youth & Family at 439-7400, ext. 120, or at [tanderson@trinitylc.org](mailto:tanderson@trinitylc.org) for more information. Download a complete job description at [www.trinitylc.org/jobopportunities.aspx](http://www.trinitylc.org/jobopportunities.aspx)



## Pick up your worship pack now!

*A few bags are left for you to take to the cabin, on vacation, on road trips or around the campfire in your backyard.*

Enhance and expand your worship life this summer. Connect with God all summer long, no matter where you might be, with Trinity's summer pack, "Worship Where You Are." Pick up your summer pack after worship or in the Church Office.

## Interested in joining Trinity?

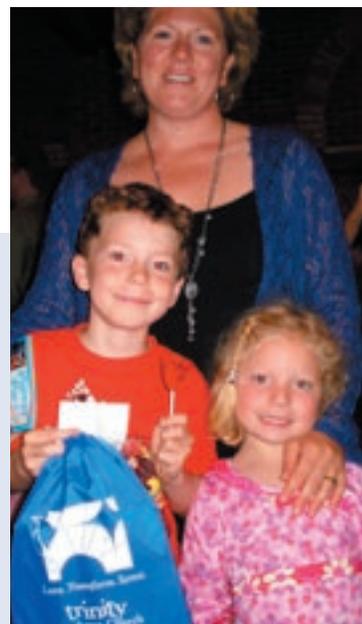
Have you been worshipping at Trinity, taking a class, participating in a mission trip – and wonder how to partner with Trinity in a deeper way? Membership at Trinity is an intentional act that joins us with one another to partner and steward our God-given gifts, talents, and time for the sake of carrying out God's mission in the world. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Trinity at this time, please contact Diane Rollie at [drollie@trinitylc.org](mailto:drollie@trinitylc.org) or 439-7400, ext. 141. Membership forms can also be downloaded from our website at [www.trinitylc.org/membership.aspx](http://www.trinitylc.org/membership.aspx)

## Singles' Connection event

*Sun., July 15, 4 p.m.*

*Valley View Park pavillion*

Hope you can join us for a potluck and outdoor games get-together. Please bring a dish to pass and any games you have. In case of bad weather we will meet at Applebee's. Put Sat., July 28 on your calendar, when we will meet for 5 p.m. worship and then head to Pier 500 in Hudson, WI. All singles are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Huftel at 715-386-2698 or [jahuftel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jahuftel@sbcglobal.net)



### **Are you thinking about a summer vacation, but haven't gotten around to planning it yet?**

Would you like to take a relaxing vacation that will feed your soul, renew family relationships and nurture your faith? Have you always wanted to travel to the Black Hills? Are you available July 14-21? If so, family church camp at Outlaw Ranch in Custer, SD is the perfect family vacation. A few spots have opened up for families for a week of fun and relaxation in the beautiful setting of the Black Hills. If you are interested, call Kris Linner at 439-7400, ext. 107 or go to [www.losd.org](http://www.losd.org) to learn more about camp.

### **Sr. high six-week challenge**

Grab a group of friends and a leader to take the six-week challenge! The six-week challenge is a six-week small group that goes through the "World Tour" small group booklet. You will discuss and dream about what God could use you to do in this world and learn about the first world changers for Christ in the book of Acts. Books are available in the Youth Center all summer. Start the six-week challenge this week and then be done in time for Florida Beach Camp! Contact Cindy for more information or help with finding or starting a small group at ext. 137.

### **VBS helpers sought**

*Aug. 13-16*

Vacation Bible School and Day Camp are diving into the Great Bible Reef on Aug. 13-16 and we need volunteers like you (completed seventh grade & older) to make it a swimming success! Fill out a volunteer form in the Youth Center or contact Lindsay at [lstolen@trinitylc.org](mailto:lstolen@trinitylc.org) or ext. 138.

### **Need yard work help?**

Summer Stretch students will be spending a morning helping families in the community with their yard work needs on Wed., July 25. If you or someone you know needs an extra hand and are willing to have students help out, fill out a postcard, available in the Church Office, or call Cindy at ext. 137. You can also contact Cindy via e-mail at [cjones@trinitylc.org](mailto:cjones@trinitylc.org)

### **It's not too late to sign up for Florida beach camp!**

*Students having completed grades 9-12  
July 29-Aug. 4, \$350*

Here's what we are doing in Florida:

- Powerful worship experiences
- Relevant teaching
- Guest speaker – Former NFL quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel
- Jet skis; beach sports
- Boat ride/see the dolphins
- Tons of fun in the sun!

Registration forms are available in the Youth Center. Contact Sara Stenstrom at ext. 145 with any questions!

# the River World Tour

## Youth Worship Grades 9-12

*6 p.m. Sunday Nights*

*Luther Hall*

We are about to embark on a wild ride at the River. We will be talking about how God is at work in countries all over the world! Come experience talks, music and food from around the world.

### **July 15– The River welcomes**

**Lauren Redpath!**

Come for a great night of worship and fun led by Lauren Redpath. Lauren is an amazing young artist and worship leader. All senior high students are welcome and are encouraged to bring friends to this great event.

### **You can still sign up for Summer Stretch!**

Students are able to sign up for just one week of summer stretch or do all five! One week of Summer Stretch is \$25 and the whole summer is \$100. Students who have completed grades 3-8 are welcome to join us for a day of service and adventure. We meet July 18, 25 and Aug. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up online or in the Youth Center.

### **Children's Ministry Coordinator opening**

*25 hours per week*

Enjoy working on a passionate team of ministry leaders who love to provide opportunities where children can meet the Spirit and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus each Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. This position will be responsible for coordinating registrations, curriculum development, recruiting lay leadership, and building relationships with children and their families from week to week. Please contact TJ Anderson at [tanderson@trinitylc.org](mailto:tanderson@trinitylc.org) or ext. 120 to apply. To view the complete job description, please visit <http://www.trinitylc.org/jobopportunities.aspx>



## prayer corner

Lord Jesus –

You are the blessed one – the beloved son of God in whom God is well pleased – the beginning of creation of God. Before the world began, you were giving. You are the living bread, the manna of God come down from heaven. You are the brightness of God's glory – displaying the character of God to us – steadfast love, mercy forgiveness, compassion, faithfulness. We bless your name as your people. Amen.

## July 7 - July 20 calendar

### Fri., July 7

5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Center

### Sun., July 8

9 a.m. WORSHIP at DRIVE-IN: Houlton, WI  
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY  
10 a.m. Baptism Class: Garden Room  
6 p.m. The River Youth Worship (Gr. 9-12): Luther Hall

### Mon., July 9

7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi Class: Luther Hall

### Tue., July 10

9:30 a.m. Leah Circle Meeting: Claus' Cabin  
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conference Room

### Wed., July 11

8 a.m. Pilates:Gym  
10:26 a.m. Trinity Women's Golf: Cimarron Golf Course

### Fri., July 13

7 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library  
6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal-Martin/Pohl: Worship Center

### Sat., July 14

3 p.m. Wedding-Martin/Pohl: Worship Center  
5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Center

### Sun., July 15

9 a.m. WORSHIP at DRIVE-IN: Houlton, WI  
10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY  
4 p.m. Trinity Singles: Valley View Park-Oak Park Hgts..  
6 p.m. The River Youth Worship (Gr. 9-12): Luther Hall

### Mon., July 16

7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library  
6:30 p.m. Congregational Council meeting:  
Office Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi Class: Luther Hall  
7 p.m. WELCA Leadership Team Meeting: Living Room

### Tue. July 17

9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion  
9:45 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Communion  
10:30 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion  
1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conference Room  
7 p.m. Adult Mexico Mission Trip meeting:  
Garden Room

### Wed., July 18

8 a.m. Pilates: Gym  
8:30 a.m. Summer Stretch

### Fri., July 20

7 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library



## Thank You Trinity!

As our family makes a move to Northfield, Minnesota, I would like to share a big thank you for the privilege of journeying with your families during this past year. It has been a wonderful year for learning and growth. May God continue to bless your summer days and may each new day bring you into a deep and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

*Abundant joy and blessings,  
Julie Cohrs*

## care ministries

*With Pastor Kris Linner*



My younger brother, David, was in the Gulf War. I remember the gnawing anxiety and fear that our family lived with. Those feelings quickly resurface as I think about all the families that have sent their loved ones off to Iraq or Afghanistan.

I feel helpless as I watch the painful good-byes of parents and children, husbands and wives that are televised. So, I do what I always do when I feel helpless, I pray. I pray for our service men and women who are thousands of miles away from home, strangers in a strange land and living in harms way everyday. I also pray for those left behind who live with the anxiety of the unknown and the fear of a knock at their door. Prayer is action. Prayer is doing something in the face of our helplessness.

Recently I heard of something else we can do. The Military Family Support League, a Stillwater-based non-profit dedicated to helping the families of deployed soldiers, is sponsoring an informational meeting for all interested in helping military families. The main speaker, Karen Pavlicin, will discuss her latest book, "Life After Deployment," a nonfiction book that captures tender and moving stories of military families during their reunion. The focus of the event will be to discuss what families may expect when their loved one returns from military duty. If you are interested in attending the meeting on Sat., July 21 from 10 a.m.-noon, you can call the Military Family Support League at 1-866-949-8721, ext. 123 to make a reservation for the lunch which will be provided. Despite your political stance on the war, please remember to pray for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and their families.

Dear Members of Trinity,

Thank you very much for your support of my studies at Luther Seminary. I am pleased to announce that this spring I completed my M.A and graduated in May. While at Luther, I have been studying the intersections of religion and popular visual media in western societies. In my thesis, "Images of Terror," I developed a theological approach to the New York Times' photojournalism of the September 11 terror attacks.

Through my studies and teachers at Luther, I have had the opportunity to engage in some exciting learning around the world. In the spring of 2006, I was invited to make a presentation on "Cult Brands and Christianity" at the Christianity in a Consumer Culture Conference here in Minneapolis. In July of 2006, I had the opportunity to attend the International Conference on Media, Religion, and Culture in Sweden where I presented a paper on using popular television series as opportunities for discussing matters of faith. Additionally, I was able to attend the American Academy of Religion meeting in Washington D.C. in November, 2006 and it was a joy to attend a conference of 11,000 religious academics and to learn from some incredible people.

It has been an incredible gift to be able to attend Luther and it has given me an opportunity to focus my learning and to grow in many wonderful ways. Thank you for your generous support. Your prayers, encouragement, and scholarships have made it possible for me to engage my studies, and to complete my degree.

I hope to continue my research in religion and popular visual media with the goal of obtaining a PhD. While I will not start a program immediately as I am waiting for my wife to finish her Doctorate in Pharmacy, I am excited to continue my studies, and to eventually research and teach at a college or university. Thank you again for your incredible support, it has been a great gift and a blessing.

*With Many Thanks, Ryan Torma*

# “TOOL TIME” at the Drive-In!

## Tool Collection & Bratwurst Feed

Sunday, July 29, 9 a.m.

Drive-In Worship Service  
*Houlton, WI*

The Mano Amiga Border Trip missionaries travel to areas around Piedras Negras, Mexico, delivering food and clothing, and teaching women to sew and quilt. At the end of class, some of the women receive a new sewing machine to take home. Unfortunately, the homes that many of them go back to have walls made of plywood and old pallets. Roofs are made of tar paper, tarps, and old blankets. Windows are broken. A few basic tools and building supplies can fix a leaky roof, plug a drafty wall, or repair a broken window. A \$70 bin of tools and home repair materials can help keep a family warm and dry. If you would prefer to purchase your own TOOL TIME bin of supplies, or wish to donate gently used tools, bring your donations to the Drive-In Worship Service on July 29, or contact Mark Gieseke at 439-0146 or [mkgieseke@msn.com](mailto:mkgieseke@msn.com) for drop-off.

