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Holy Trinity Staff

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WHAT'S WITH THE BRIGHT TEAL BAGS?

What's with the bright teal bags you see some people carrying? These bags are filled with information about Holy Trinity and are given to first time visitors as they enter the building. Now you are sitting in the pew behind them and you notice the bright teal bag. There it is—your clue. These are first time visitors who do not know anyone. Will anyone speak to them? Who will it be? Will anyone notice them? Of course, they are carrying that bright teal bag. So you walk over to them; greet them; and welcome them to HTLC. Then you invite them to join you at coffee fellowship so you can introduce them to your friends. Perhaps you will ask them out to breakfast, brunch or lunch. You share with them how you became connected at Holy Trinity and what it is you love about being a part of this wonderful congregation. These people now have a connection – someone they will think of as a new friend. They are no longer strangers, but are now encircled in the body of Christ. Why? -- Because you noticed that bright teal bag.

Of course you don't need a bright teal bag to initiate a conversation with someone you don't recognize. The goal is for first-time visitors and for all people that come to HTLC is that they find something of significance in our worship and fellowship. The unspoken assumption is that there is something worthwhile and God-inspired going on in our worship services, something transformational is happening in and through our congregation. When we use our hands and voice to reach out in love to those around us, then they have truly interacted with Christ in the very place they come to meet him. Most people yearn for connections to be made at church. It doesn't matter whether they have just begun worshipping

here or have been members for years. Friendship, a warm smile or handshake tells people that they have value and significance here.

Certainly, you may feel a bit uncomfortable greeting someone you don't know. But someone else might feel uncomfortable sitting in the pew wondering why no one ever reaches out to them. So you might just say, "Hi, it's good to see you today. Perhaps I should already know your name, but could you tell me so that I might remember next time we meet." Then if they tell you they are visiting you can offer a helping hand with the order of service or invite them to fellowship. If they say they've been members here since the age of dawn, then you can say, "I'm sorry, I should have known." Being a church where we celebrate

God's love and forgiveness, you will most likely be forgiven for not recognizing someone you might have already met. It's difficult with four services. You aren't expected to remember everyone's name or face. But after you exchange introductions you might invite them to fellowship time with you. Either way you have a new acquaintance that day. And, more importantly, you have opened the door of hospitality. Any discomfort you feel is sure to be short-lived. Even the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, when was it we saw you a stranger and welcomed you...?"

So let's open our hearts to hospitality and move toward becoming an even warmer and welcoming congregation as God's Spirit works in our lives.

Pastor Patti Webb



Please join us for a
Retirement Celebration Potluck
Sunday, June 14, 12:30pm
as we thank Pastor Dean and Bev Baer
for their 30 years of ministry at Holy Trinity.
If your last name begins with:
A-G bring a dessert / H-R bring a salad / S-Z bring a side dish
Please sign up at church on the insert or call the church office.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!

Some positions for standing ministries areas have opened up and we are asking that you prayerfully consider if this is something you might feel called to do.

Evangelism Standing Ministry Area is in need of both a **Chair and Chair-elect**. Both positions involve meeting monthly with the ministry team. The chair position will be through January 2010 and the chair-elect will become the chair in 2010 and remain through January 2011. For more information please contact Pastor Patti Webb at 964-4348 x. 14 or patti@htlcankeny.org.

Worship Standing Ministry Area is in need of a **Chair-elect**. You would meet monthly with the ministry team. The chair-elect will become the chair in 2010 and remain through January 2011. For more information please contact Pastor Rick Biedermann at 964-4348 x. 13 or rick@htlcankeny.org.

Synod Assembly is June 12-13 and we are looking for 4 **delegates** to represent Holy Trinity along with the pastors.

Weekly lay ministry positions are filled by **phone callers** who call each week for ushers, greeters, readers, sound system techs, communion servers, welcome center hosts, and office phone answerers. Lists of people who have signed up to serve are provided. If you enjoy talking to people on the phone and have some free time in the evening, please consider this ministry position. For more information, please contact the church office.

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 Yes! I am interested in serving God in this manner. Please contact me for the following position(s):

- Evangelism Chair
- Evangelism Chair-elect
- Worship Chair-elect
- Synod Assembly Delegate
- Lay Ministry Weekly Phone Calling

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CONFIRMATION CORNER

Laurie McClure, Confirmation Director

We have now completed Confirmation for this year. Many thanks to all the small group guides who shared their gifts with the youth of our church. We hope to see all of you back next fall.

Confirmation students can take sermon notes all summer. These sermon notes will be counted and applied to next year's 15 notes that are required.

Acolytes for May 23 & 24

Saturday May 23	5 30pm	Molly Blasberg
Sunday May 24	8 00am	Marina Boes
Sunday May 24	9 30am	Collin Bond
Sunday May 24	11 00am	Seth Boyer

Acolytes for May 30 & 31

Saturday May 30	5 30pm	Taylor Brannan
Sunday May 31	8 00am	BJ Bunting
Sunday May 31	9 30am	Marriah Kiesau
Sunday May 31	11 00am	Riley Davis

Acolytes June 6 & 7

Saturday June 6	5 30pm	Tim King
Sunday June 7	8 00am	Jordan Dooley
Sunday June 7	9 30am	Alyssa Dyer
Sunday June 7	11 00am	Hayley Benson

Acolytes June 13 & 14

Saturday June 13	5 30pm	Chris Flynn
Sunday June 14	8 00am	Alex Geren
Sunday June 14	9 30am	Hadie Gorgas
Sunday June 14	11 00am	Nathan Haiwick

Acolytes remember to find a substitute this summer if you are unable to acolyte at your assigned time. Look for a new acolyte schedule coming in the mail mid June.

You are invited... Sign up soon!

Program: **Using Dale Carnegie Principles in the Church**

Presenter: **Debi Garner**, Ankeny

When: **Tuesday, June 16, 12:00-3:00** (Beginning with lunch, \$4 per person, paid at door.)

Who Is Invited: HTLC Members, Ankeny Presbyterian Members, and others they wish to invite (**Limit of 40**)

Where: HTLC Fellowship Hall

R.S.V.P. to Joy Fowler at jimjoy866@aol.com or **963-7993** by **June 9th**.

We are very fortunate to have Debi Garner of Ankeny volunteer her professional expertise and talent in designing and facilitating this motivating, entertaining, and interactive program. The lunch will include pulled pork barbecued sandwiches, coleslaw, chips and finger desserts. If you prefer not to participate in the lunch, arrive at 12:45 for the program. When you R.S.V.P. to Joy, please let her know your decision about lunch.

2009 CONFIRMANDS

Luke Adams
 Melanie Akers
 Jacob Alleman
 Gail Beech
 Lauren Benson
 Elizabeth Blackmer
 Patrick Bunting
 Anna Cardamon
 Brianna Christensen
 Daniel Cole
 Ashley Courter
 Cole Debner
 Miranda Fiene
 Joseph Flynn
 Kory Gioffredi
 Dillan Glock
 Connor Gray
 Nicholas Haiwick
 Zach Hastings
 Luke Higgins
 Kevin Hyler
 Ben Johnson

Lucy Johnston
 Mark Junod
 Erica Kirgan
 Marcus Kirstein
 Jacob Klinker
 Luke Klinker
 Travis Kruger
 Emily Lambertz
 Tucker Lehman
 Kristina Linden
 Brock Lundquist
 Kayla Meyer
 Byron Miller
 Christine Morrow
 Maddie Muhlenbruck
 Alex Nissen-Pickard
 Daniel O'Brien
 Nicole Peterson
 Brooke Pierce
 Sarah Purdy
 Alisha Rasmussen
 Maggie Riley

Jacob Rullestad
 Lindsey Sampson
 Matt Schabacker
 Courtney Schultz
 Chelsea Soppe
 Jason Stolle
 Tiffany Sutton
 Tara VanLengen
 Julia Wiener
 Taylor Yarbrough





At a glance...
Middle School
May 31, 3pm—play disc golf at Heritage Park. Grab your Frisbee and meet us at church for a couple of hours of disc golf fun!
Mission Trip is scheduled for June 24-28 to the Quad Cities area.

High School
May 23 Pizza Fundraiser—come to the church on Saturday at 10am to make pizzas. Pizzas will be ready for pick up on Sunday.

May 24 5pm Fun & Games at the LightHouse—we're going to play Monster Croquet (with prizes!) and eat together. Bring a drink, side or dessert and I'll bring the pizza. We will be playing outside so bring sunscreen or bug juice if you need/want it.

Questions? Contact Anne at 964-4348 x. 23 or anne@htlcankeny.org.

HTLC Holy Trinity Loves Children

Jonette Knock~ Director of Children's Ministry~ jonette@htlcankeny.org ~ 964-4348 X16

Announcing the Church School Mission Project Results... Church School students gave books and money to help replace the Preschool book collection at the flood ravaged **New Hartford Library**. Right before Christmas, Pastor Biedermann was able to deliver a huge box of books and a check for \$1500 to buy books for the Children's Library in New Hartford that was destroyed while we were having VBS last summer.

In 2009, Church School Students got to choose where their mission money went. One mission was local, the **Red Rock Food Pantry** here in Ankeny. Over \$903 was raised by children that chose to give their money to that mission project. The other project was international. Children supported **Heifer Project International** with over \$1014 in missional giving.

After Easter the students all voted for the animals they wanted to send overseas to help others. The result of the "election" is to send

- 3 Trios of rabbits
- 1 Water Buffalo
- 2 Llamas
- 2 Pigs and
- 2 Flocks of Chicks

The Church School students were very excited about their giving and getting to decide weekly where they gave their money engaged them in thinking about giving to others and how their dimes and dollars could make a difference.

The Decorating committee for VBS is looking for a number of items to set the scene for **Camp E.D.G.E.** If you have any of the following items, and would be willing to let us use them for decorating please contact Jonette Knock or Kristi O'Connor: Please don't bring items if you haven't talked to Jonette or Kristi, so we don't end up with too many...

- 2 four person tents
- 2 4'X4' "pup tents"
- 20 stuffed animals: squirrels, rabbits, frogs, snakes or other
- outdoor animals (no specail "lovies")
- 20 birdies to put in trees (not expensive porcelain birds)
- 10 artificial Christmas Trees (old ones will work)
- 2 CD's of "nature music"

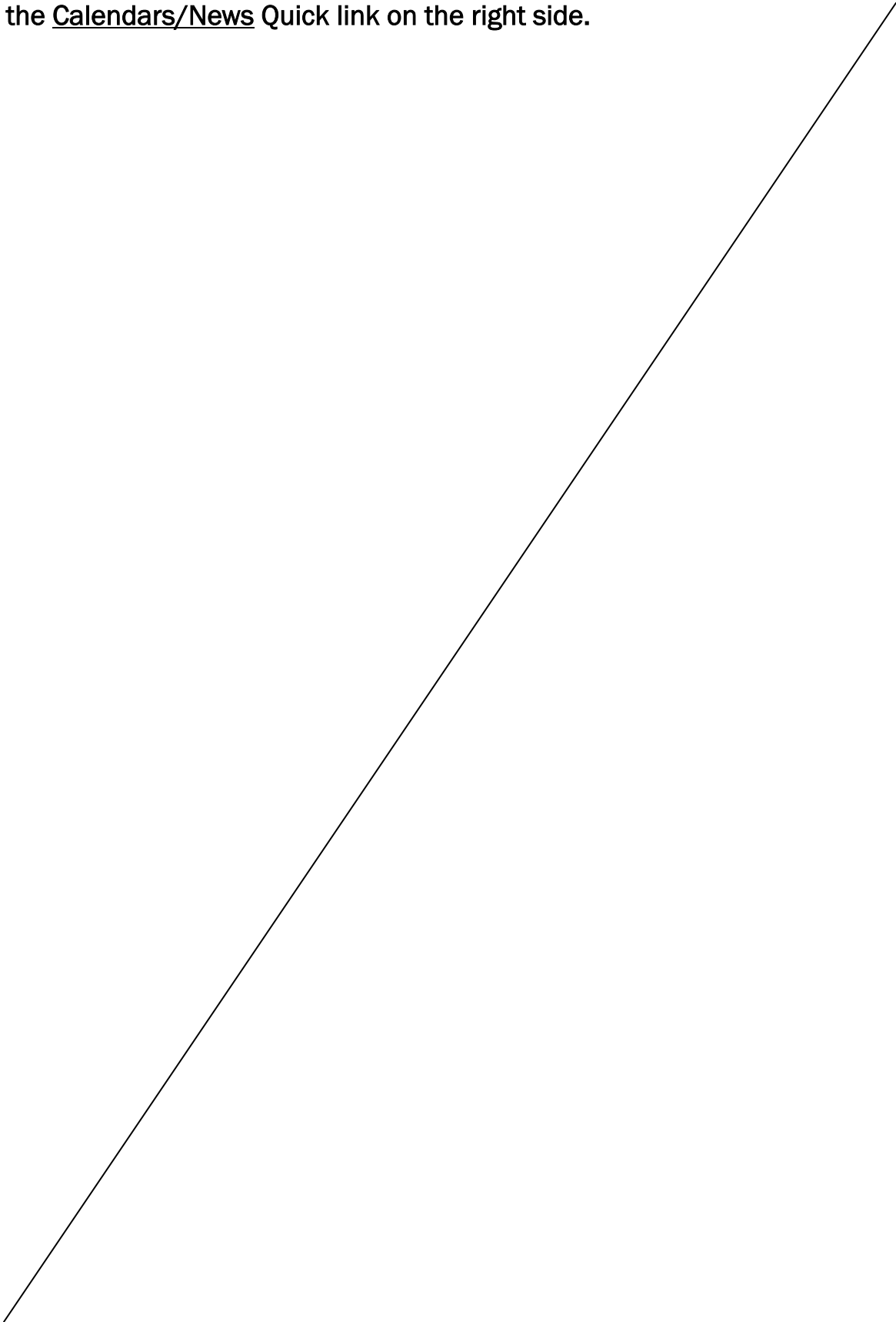
Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere) is being held at HTLC evenings, June 7-11, 6-8:30PM and mornings June 8-12, 9-11:30AM. If you haven't registered your children or would like to assist with VBS please fill out a form from the table in the narthex or check out our website

www.htlcankeny.org .



CALENDAR

Calendar page—to view the calendar go to www.htlcankeny.org and click on the Calendars/News Quick link on the right side.



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

Elaine Haugen, 515-964-4348 x.18, elaine@htlcankeny.org

A Thank You Note from Cedar Rapids for the April Mission Trip of Holy Trinity and Ankeny First United Methodist Churches.

We just want to say thank you again to both of you and your congregations for all the support you are giving to Matthew 25 and the people of Cedar Rapid's flood-impacted neighborhoods. Courtney and I never feel like we have enough time to spend with volunteers when they are here and we always feel overwhelmed by their generosity. What is amazing is that over the last several months with little or no direct asking from us, your churches keep showing up with supplies and great spirits of service.

This trip a few weeks ago was no exception. The ten boxes of donations you arrived with will be given out to neighborhood kids on June 2. We can't wait to see their reactions. The signs you painted and the money you donated for the Cultivating Hope project have already started having an impact. We had one girl that attends a local church paint a pot with her friend. They very specifically asked that the pot be placed next to a flooded home near the river that won't be rebuilt. It turns out that was where the girl lived before the flood and she wanted some sign of hope to continue to exist in near her house. We have already started hearing from others out in the community that the small gardens we have put in are a great sign of hope and a big part of what is needed. On May 16, when your donations turn into 200 decorated pots full of flowers and each with a "Cultivate Hope" sign hand painted by your church members lining the streets, people are going to be overjoyed.

These are just a couple of ways your donations will be touching lives. Then there are the houses you helped work on while here. What incredible work you did. I hope that following these projects you were able to return home with a feeling of accomplishment and a yearning to keep sharing the story of what is happening in Cedar Rapids with others.

We did want to touch base with the two of you about two other items really quickly. First, if you are still thinking you will work on a truckload of donated furniture to come over in June, please let us know so that we can start making arrangements. Second, we would absolutely love to have some youth from First UMC and Holy Trinity attend our Matthew 25 Mission Camps this summer. These camps will run July 5-10 and 12-17. They are open to youth in 6th-12th grades. I think they will be life-changing experiences for youth and a great chance for kids to hear the story of how important local mission work is. The cost is \$200 per person and we do ask that one adult be present for every five youth. Let me know if you have any questions about this.

Again, we want to thank you and your churches for stepping out in faith to help those Jesus calls us to befriend in Matthew 25. You truly are the hands and feet of Christ, showing the world the love of Jesus. May God be with you in your own community so that others might be served.

God's Peace,

Clint and Courtney

Co-Executive Directors, Matthew 25 Ministry Hub

Have you been affected by a job loss? Ankeny First United Methodist Church is ready to help as you transition to a new position! Whether you have recently lost a job, or just want to be ready in case it happens, our new Job Transition Support Network is the place for you. We have assembled a team of experienced people to help facilitate the Network, but the energy, direction, and mutual support come from you! Our sessions will be held at Ankeny First United Methodist Church, 206 SW Walnut, Ankeny on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, in room #317. We hope you'll join us for fellowship, support, and networking (and yes, coffee)! For more info, contact Dick Webb, Director of Health & Caring Ministry, at 515-964-4249 or dick.webb@ankenyfumc.org.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library "News" Some wonderful books have been donated to our library, so please **check them out**: *Love, from Grandma; How to Stay Christian in College; P.S. I Love You, Celebrating the Beauty Within; Joy for the Journey; And God Created Angels; Live Like a Jesus Freak; Promises for a Jesus Freak; You Are Special and Tell Me the Secrets by Max Lucado; Tell Me Why; Ten Stupid Things Women Do to Mess Up Their Lives; Extreme Encounters; God Always Has a Plan B.*

The Shack is a fictional story written by William Paul Young and begins with these words: *Who wouldn't be skeptical when a man claims to have spent an entire weekend with God, in a shack no less?* In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant, *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question: **Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?**

Bringing Up Boys by James Dobson, Some sensible advice and caring encouragement on raising boys. A must-read book for anyone involved in the challenge of turning boys into good men.

The Measure of a Man by Sidney Poitier, Legendary actor tackles a great subject—life itself—with this spiritual autobiography. This book questions what foundations guide our own lives.

WE CAN! Update

"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday." —Isaiah 58:10

AMEN! Doesn't it feel great to know that we almost quadrupled our goal for the WE CAN! Campaign? Thank you to all including church school children, Confirmation kids, Girl Scout group, Can-Can "dancers" (!), counters, and packers who helped provide 3,835 food items for hungry people in our community.





Holy Trinity Lutheran Church—June 2009

517 SW Des Moines St. Phone: 515-964-4348
 Ankeny, IA 50023 Fax: 515-963-0830
 Email: info@htlcankeny.org

Worship hours:
 Saturday 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

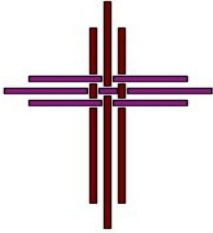
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 Wednesdays 4 and 6 p.m. and
 Sundays, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 21 Ascension Picnic & Worship Service 6pm
- May 23 Pizza prep for pizza sales 10am
- May 24 Pizza Pick-up (between services),
Seasons for Wholeness 9:30am, HS Fun &
Games at the LightHouse 5pm
- May 25 Memorial Day—office closed
- May 27 VBS Orientation at 10am or 7pm
- May 30-31 Healing Services at all services,
Pentecost Weekend—bring a friend
- May 31 Middle School Disc Golf Outing 3pm
- June 7-12 VBS week
- June 12-13 Synod Assembly at Wartburg College
- **June 14 Pastor Dean's 40th year ordination and
retirement celebration**—details on pg. 1
- June 16 Dale Carnegie program & lunch in FH 12pm
- June 17 Women's Salad Supper 6pm
- June 28 Semi-Annual Meeting 10:20am

COLLEGE GRADS 2009

Kelsey Shay, daughter of Paul Shay and Marcia Swinney-Shay, is graduating, with honors and distinction, from St. Olaf College with a Bachelors degree in Exercise Science and a concentration in Biomedical Studies. Next fall she will travel to Aberdeen, Scotland to begin work on her Masters degree in Molecular Exercise Physiology.

Stacy Lorenz, daughter of Gary & Becky Lorenz, recently graduated from the University of Northern Iowa. She received a degree in Marketing with a minor in Business Communications

Melinda Johnson graduated from Iowa State University Friday, May 8. She received a Masters in Business Administration and a Masters in Information Systems.

Steven Biedermann, son of Pr. Rick and Nancy Biedermann, recently graduated from Wartburg College with a BA degree in Religion. He will be attending Luther Theological Seminary in the fall.

Matthew Tapper, son of De and the late Lee Tapper, graduated from Drake University with a Masters in Public Administration.

A letter was received from Pastor Billy Graham Msangi of the Usangi Lutheran Parish in Usangi, Tanzania. The letter is posted on the bulletin board in the usangi center, just off the narthex.



Mark your Calendar!
Women's Salad Supper
Wednesday, June 17

6:00 p.m.
 Invite a friend!

Bloom Where You Are Planted!