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*A Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association Church
And a Good Shepherd Community Congregation*

Sunday Services: 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday Worship Services 6:00pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Sunday School for All Ages: 9:15am (Sept—May)

Sunday Radio Broadcast at 8:00am on WVAL 800 on the AM dial and streaming live on the internet at www.800wval.com Trinity’s Website: www.trinitysr.org



From the Pastor:

One of the thornier issues that has come to the surface during this election year and that has proven to be especially divisive - even among Christians - is the matter of immigration and refugee resettlement. Not only are people from "the outside" - the majority of whom don't share our Christian faith - coming into our country legally and illegally and taking our jobs, taxing our welfare programs, and refusing to assimilate and speak our language. Now there's the added prospect of terrorists sneaking in and wreaking havoc like they are in Europe. The virtue of welcome hospitality that has long marked us as the world's 'melting pot' is being severely tested by our need for safety.

How should we as Christians respond (or vote, since politics has forced this to become an election issue)?

Two thoughts for your consideration: one historical, one Biblical.

The United States once understood itself as a refuge with no distinction of religion, race or place of origin for immigrants. A bronze plaque on exhibit at the Statue of Liberty, calling America 'Mother of exiles', reminds us of America's nobler ideals. In part it reads:

*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

Through that 'golden door' once came all of our forefathers. They, too, longed to be free and worship as they chose. (It was recently brought to my attention that Trinity's first constitution of 1887 included By-law XI: *"We will not forget the German Language!"*) In recent years, the 'golden door' of liberty has also allowed the mission field to come to our doorstep. Where once we needed to send missionaries overseas to *make disciples of all nations,* now God is conveniently sending the nations to us. Trinity's outreach to the Anyuak tribe of Sudanese refugees would not be happening without our openness to saints from *"every nation, tribe, people and language."* (Be sure to read the DCO article in this newsletter)

Another thought to consider: the words of Jesus - the Judge on the Last Day - recorded in Matthew 25: *"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in . . ."*

Perhaps a better response to the refugee crisis facing the world today than "build a wall and keep them out" is the much more difficult solution of proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed, including working toward equitable employment/economic opportunities for all. Granted, it may require some sacrifice for us all. But isn't that what Christians do?

Pastor Paul Cloeter

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Summer Worship Schedule

A change will take place in our midweek worship schedule this summer. Beginning June 1st and ending August 31st, worship will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. instead of Monday evening, as in previous years. Also, this Wednesday service will be similar in theme to the following Sunday's worship, not the previous Sunday (as was the case with our Monday services). If you know that you'll be out of town for the weekend during the summer months, why not make Wednesday your "church day"?



DCO CORNER:



Sunday May 15th we will observe The Day of Pentecost. Pentecost has its roots in the Jewish festival called Feast of Weeks which began in about 1450 B.C. It is observed on the 50th day after the Passover Sabbath and every pious Jew would try to be in Jerusalem for this Feast. In 30 A.D. God transformed this Feast of Weeks to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This event is described in Acts 2:5-11, "5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

There are a number of things that happened on the first Christian Pentecost that are still happening today. The Jews were dispersed because of wars, persecutions and some traveled to other countries to establish businesses. Today, we have refugees and immigrants here in our community for those same reasons. Also, people came from Asia, Africa and Europe to Jerusalem and we have people coming here from the same continents. Finally, when people from "all nations" were together they heard the Word of God in their own language, believed and were baptized. As some of you observed at our 10:30 a.m. Worship service on April 17th when we had 19 Anyuak baptized in their own heart language.

On Sunday May 15th, Pentecost, Rev. Dr. Funghatou Lo has agreed to come and preach at both services and he will lead the Bible study. His sermon will be based on Rev. 7:9-10, "Reflecting the Revelation 7 Church on Earth as it is in Heaven." Dr. Lo is an ordained pastor in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He has served as a missionary in Indonesia and Cambodia and he has also been a professor of sociology with expertise in urban studies. Dr. Lo and his wife Kailia have two children. He is currently the Executive Director of Lutheran Intercity Network Coalition (LINC) Twin Cities, a non-profit dedicated to reaching the "Nations" (all ethnic groups). He will be encouraging us to continue to seek the opportunities here to minister to immigrants and refugees here in Central MN. God is bringing people to us so we can share Christ with them and come alongside them as they settle in to our community. We can also work with them to get their loved ones here through family reunification.

Our Anyuak Choir will share some songs with us at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. After the service we will have a potluck. You are asked to bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name: A-J Salad, K-Z Hot dish, Dessert will be provided. The Anyuak will bring their ethnic foods so be sure and try something different like Injera bread dipped in Lamb & Okra stew with a dollop of Asida.

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VBS 2016 is "farm-tastic!" In *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. Registration is open for ages 3 years to those who have completed 5th grade, who will attend VBS from June 12-16, 6:00-8:30pm. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and *more*. Plus, you'll learn all about Jesus our Savior and how He is at work through us! Can't wait to see you there! To register call 320-252-3670, or e-mail office@trinitysr.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

(One form per child, please)

*Student First Name: _____
 *Student Last Name: _____
 Nick Name: _____ Age: _____
 Gender: Male Female
 Grade Entering: _____
 Home Church (if applicable): _____
 Allergies: _____
 Medical Issues or Special Needs: _____
 *Parent Name: _____
 *Address: _____
 *City: _____
 *State: _____
 *Zip: _____
 *Email: _____
 *Home Phone Number: _____
 Cell Phone Number: _____
 Other Phone Number: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____
 Emergency Phone: _____
 Alternate Pickup Name: _____
 Alternate Pickup Phone: _____
 General Information: _____

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

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LWML

Trinity
LWML will
meet on
Thursday,
May 12th
at 1:00pm in
the Fellowship
Hall. Please
join us for fun
and fellowship!
The MN North
District
Biennial Con-
vention will be
June 20-22 in
Willmar, MN.
The theme this
year is "Heirs
of God's
Abundant Love."

Trinity High School Youth Group—9th-12th grade

As the school year comes to a close, we are excited to get about the business of SUMMER!! Events on tap for this summer include: Twins game trip, Rox game with St. Cloud area friends, Valley Fair road trip, Lutheran Island Camp, and summer bible studies. Watch bulletins and newsletters for more details.

Due to the immense amount of activities, we will take a short break this month. We will not meet the last two Wednesdays in May. Enjoy the spring break!

Due to the growth of our youth ministry, we are looking to add some support roles.

If you have a heart for this area, **we need your help!** We need help with administrative, marketing, back office, advisory, etc. The time commitment is not overwhelming. **We have some great youth leaders working every Wednesday night and Sunday morning.** They are all volunteers and we need to step up and help them out. Please spend some time in prayer on behalf on this ministry. Contact Terry Kurash for more information.

Excitement is increasing as we prepare for the National Youth Gathering. We have special bible study time on Sunday mornings between services to help ready ourselves for the trip. Service projects, speakers, bible study, concerts, etc. are all a part of the experience. Looking forward to growing in our faith. The theme for next year is "**In Christ Alone.**" Watch for your opportunity to help support the youth through the next few months.

All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us in the youth room on Wednesday nights from 6-8pm. Bring a friend. A special note: **All 8th graders who have completed their confirmation classes are encouraged to join us.**

Make sure you are connected to the youth leaders via media of your choice. Facebook, twitter, instagram, email...

In His service, Youth leaders—Emily, Charlie, Brett and Leah

Worship and Music Notes

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! The joyous and most glorious message of Easter still resounds throughout our worship services and will continue as we look ahead to the festival of Pentecost, Holy Trinity Sunday and beyond!

This past Monday I realized that I've been serving at Trinity for six months now. I just want to take this opportunity to thank the MANY volunteers who so graciously give of their time and talents to sing, ring and play instruments during our worship services each week. What a wonderful blessing it is to be working with these amazing musicians!

Thank you for sharing your musical gifts to the glory of our risen Lord!

Serving Him in song, Ruth Immerfall,
Contemporary worship leader
ruthimmerfall@gmail.com (320) 291-9293

**Good Shepherd and Prince of Peace Fundayfest**

Inter-Generational Event
Sunday, May 22nd at Good Shepherd
Community Campus, 11am to 3pm
1115 4th Ave. N. Sauk Rapids, MN

Buy your tickets at Trinity TODAY!

In advance: \$8 each, \$20 family
limit
After 5/9/16: \$15 each, \$30
family limit





Middle School Dodgeball

Wednesday, May 18th from 6:30—8:00pm
At Prince of Peace.

Pizza and Soda provided!

Contact Terry Kurash for more information: 251-4071

If you need a ride, meet at church at 6:00pm.

SALT AND PEPPER SHAKINGS

We had a phenomenal turnout for our AARP driving class in April. Thanks to all of you that took the class! On May 10th we will be having Ashley Kibutha, nutritionist from Coborns speaking on GMO's in our foods. This looks to be a very informative session. This will be at 6:30 pm. On May 19th we will be meeting at church at 9:30 am to go to Milaca to tour the Heggies Pizza factory. This is the kind of pizza that the youth sell every year for their fundraiser. Now is your chance to see the place where these delicious pizzas are made. They will also have free pizza for us at the end of the tour. There is no cost for this event. Please see the sign up sheets for both these fun activities on the kiosk. Look for some fun events ahead for the summer months.

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There was a long tradition of bringing a "freewill offering" to the Feast of Weeks festival, Deuteronomy 16:10, "*Then celebrate the Festival of Weeks to the LORD your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the LORD your God has given you.*" At the potluck a freewill offering will be received for our future trip to South Sudan/Ethiopia. This will be an information gathering trip, for a few leaders from Trinity and from the Anyuak congregation, to determine how we can assist the local churches in Africa without creating a dependency.

Craig Cooper, DCO

Gabriel's Box Project **Fund Raiser**

Creative Crafts with a mission will be holding a door offering on Sunday, May 8th to raise dollars for our Gabriel's Box mission project.

This project provides memory boxes for parents who experience a loss of a baby.

Whether through miscarriage, stillbirth or shortly following birth, its goal is to

provide items and information to help provide some comfort



in their time of grief. There will be a display table in the narthex showcasing the items they receive along with our scrapbook filled with heart felt notes from parents and caregivers. There will also be a limited supply of ribbon crosses for sale between services. Thrivent will be providing some project funds. You are also welcome to place a gift in the offering plate at any time with Gabriel's box in the memo. Thank you for your consideration of this meaningful ministry.

Newcomer Service



We subscribe to the Newcomer Service in St. Cloud (www.newcomerservice.net).

This service is dedicated to assisting those new to our area to settle into their new community. Each month we get names of new residents in Sauk Rapids. These newcomers are either visited or phoned. We share with them what we believe and extend an invitation to join us for worship.

In 2015 188 homes were contacted. 92 of those contacts indicated that they either already have a church or they were not interested. 30 new residents were not able to be contacted. 66 were people who expressed some interest and some of those were added to our newsletter mailing list and also received an invitation to our new member class. Over the years we have received a number of new members from the Newcomer Service.

Watch for "newcomers" on your block and welcome them and invite them to church. If you would like to be involved in this community outreach, please contact me.

Craig Cooper, DCO



"More Than Enough"

Planned Giving Stories for Christian Stewards

For some time now, stories under this column heading in our newsletters have shared various ways in which Christian stewards are able to plan their charitable giving and at the same time receive the benefit of tax savings.

Estate planning options such as charitable remainder unitrust, charitable gift annuity, donor-advised fund, bequest and life insurance are all ways to carry out our desire to continue support for God's kingdom work beyond our death. If each one of us would include a portion (a tithe, for example) of our estate in our will or trust for our ministry together here at Trinity, there would in the future be "more than enough" to meet our needs.

At this time, an effort is being made to form a committee here at Trinity that will be charged with two goals: 1) assist members in understanding ministry opportunities and tax benefits that result from implementing their own legal estate plan; and 2) overseeing Trinity's Endowment Fund, including the encouragement of its use both in terms of receiving and distributing its assets. If you are interested in serving on, or finding out more about, such a committee, please speak with Pastor Paul.

Bequests

One way to support Trinity's mission is to leave a bequest. A bequest is a gift made to charity in your will or trust. One significant benefit of making a gift by bequest is that it allows you to continue to use the property you will leave to charity during your life. Another benefit is that by making a bequest you are able to leave a lasting legacy.

There are a number of ways you can make a bequest. You can leave what is called a specific bequest; that is, a gift of a specific asset such as real estate, a car, other property or a gift for a specific dollar amount. A specific bequest could also involve leaving a specific percentage of your overall estate to a charity.

Another kind of bequest is called a residual bequest. A residual bequest is one that is made from the balance of an estate after the will or trust has given away each of the specific bequests.

There are no limitations on bequest gifts. Bequests may be made for a general or specific purpose. All bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes. If you have a taxable estate,

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Do You Know About Thrivent Action Teams?

Here's how they work. Think about an unmet need in our community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team, leader must be a Thrivent Member, in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- ❖ Promotional banner.
- ❖ Invitations and thank-you cards.
- ❖ Thrivent Action Team T-shirts.
- ❖ A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

Team Leaders can have 2 community projects a year

See the *newsletter insert* for more details and feel free to contact DCO Craig Cooper for more details.

Lutheran Student Fellowship

What is Lutheran Student Fellowship?

Lutheran Student Fellowship is an organization directed by students for students. Christian students who dare to live the Gospel in the midst of college life.

LSF is fellowship, warm and lasting friendships with people with whom you have one thing in common, your Faith in Jesus Christ!

Join us on weekdays:

Monday: 4pm Bible Study and Supper

Tuesday: 9am Survey at Garvey

Wednesday: 9am Atwood Survey

Thursday: 11am Bible Study and Lunch

Friday: 9am to 9pm Drop in time (call first)

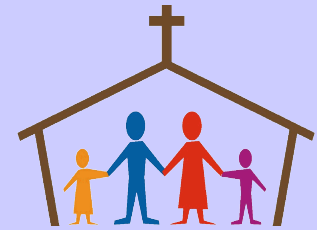
Barb Hertling: 320-259-1577

Prince of Peace News

It's hard to believe that the final month of school has arrived! The end of April brought National Volunteer Appreciation Week and we want to thank our tremendous volunteers for their support, hard work, service and dedication to our school throughout the year. The list is so lengthy but definitely worthy of praise and thanks for all you do. Thank you to our class librarians, lunchroom monitors, mystery readers, Junior Achievement leaders, committee members, photographers, athletic coaches, robotics coordinators, CSB nursing program faculty & students, karate instructors, front desk helpers, classroom parents, field trip chaperones, recycling organizer, school board members, handymen/women, interior decorator, label counters, set designers/painters, yearbook creators, …… Thanks to each and every one of you for gracing Prince of Peace with your time and talents, and enriching the lives and educational experiences of our students. God Bless You! We also wrapped up a busy month of activities including MCA testing, Presidential Fitness testing, and concluded with our annual Legacy Benefit Dinner – "Embracing God's Children". An extra-special Thank You to the many volunteers that made this event a success facilitated by Bobbi Trisko and committee, and to the Holy Cross Men's Choir for their musical entertainment!

May will bring many exciting events at Prince of Peace as we approach the end of the school year including:

- * track meets for grades 4 – 8
 - * spring field trips
- * softball and baseball season
- * Spring concert – May 19th
- * FundayFest at Good Shepherd – May 22nd
- * 8th Grade Graduation – May 26th



Our current enrollment for the 2016/2017 school year is 107 students in Kindergarten through Grade 8. We are grateful for this increase and we would love to have more students! Prince of Peace Lutheran School is a "GRACE PLACE TO LEARN" and we invite anyone with school-age children to stop by for a visit and check us out! You can contact Pastor Dave Strohschein (admin@princeofpeacels.org) or 251-1477 for more information or to schedule a time to meet and tour the school.

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the estate tax charitable deduction may offset or eliminate estate taxes resulting in a larger inheritance for your heirs.

In order to make a bequest, you should speak with your attorney. To assist you and your attorney, further information and confidential consultation about bequests and how they might benefit you can be had by contacting either Mr. David Priebe, retired business attorney (612)508-4640; or Mr. George Miller (800) 482-5022. Both David and George are Gift Planning Counselors for the MN North District - LCMS.

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What's Happening at Trinity in May 2016?

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 8:00am Worship (HC) Z5 9:15am Bible Class & S. S. 9:15am Youth Bible Study 10:30am Worship Z1 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 2:00pm Immerfall Piano Recital	2 5:30pm Salt & Pepper Planning Mtg (Lcf) 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (Y)	3 10:30am Bible Class 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W) 7:00pm Celebration Ringers	4 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 8:30am Finance Team Mtg 6:00pm HS Youth Night (Y) 6:00pm Adult Choir Practice	5 9:00am Sewing and Crafts (F) 6:30pm Brownie Troop Mtg. 7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	6 9:30am Parish Workers	7 9:00am Altar Guild PRC Walk for Life 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal(W)
8 Mother's Day 8:00am Worship Z2 9:15am Bible Class & S. S. 9:15am Youth Bible Study (Y) 10:30am Worship (HC) Z3 12:00pm Anyuak Worship (M,Y) 4:00pm Creative Crafts	9 6:00pm Bev's CC (CM) 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (Y)	10 6:30pm Sandwichers CC (Scf) 6:30pm GMO Presentation 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W) 7:00pm Celebration Ringers	11 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 6:00pm HS Youth Night (Y) 6:00pm Adult Choir Practice	12 1:00pm LWML (F) 5:30pm Lay Ministry Mtg. (Lcf) 7:00pm Leadership Team Mtg. (Lcf) 7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	13 9:30am Parish Workers	14 9:00am Altar Guild 1:00pm St. Cloud Prison Bible Study 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal(W)
15 Pentecost Sunday 8:00am Worship (HC) Z4 9:15am S. S. & Youth Study 9:15am Bible Class 10:30am Worship Z5 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 4:00pm Rehwaldt Piano Recital	16 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (Y)	17 10:30am Bible Class 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W) 7:00pm Celebration Ringers	18 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 6:30 - 8:00pm Middle School Dodgeball @ POP	19 9:00am Sewing and Crafts (F) 9:30am S&P Pizza outing 6:30pm Prince of Peace Spring Program @ Trinity 6:30pm Brownie Troop Mtg.	20 9:30am Parish Workers	21 Armed Forces Day 9:00am Altar Guild 7:30am Childcare Aware Training (FH,K) 1:00pm Anyuak Birthday Party (FH,K) 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal(W)
22 Trinity Sunday/ Bible Sticks Door Offering 8:00am Worship Z1 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Youth Bible Study 10:30am Worship (HC) Z2 11:00am GS & POP Funfest 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 4:00pm Creative Crafts	23 6:00pm Bev's CC (CM) 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (Y)	24 10:30am Bible Class 6:30pm Sandwichers CC (Scf) 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	25 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS	26 7:30pm Bible Study @ Benton County Jail 7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	27 9:30am Parish Workers	28 9:00am Altar Guild 6:45pm Traditional Music Rehearsal(W)
29 8:00am Worship Z3 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Youth Bible Study (Y) 10:30am Worship Z4 12:00pm Anyuak Worship (M,Y)	30 Memorial Day 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous (Y) (Office Closed)	31 9:30am Parish Workers (Newsletter) 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	Notes:			
Room Reservation Key O=Overflow Room CDC=Child Development Center	W=Worship Space F=Fellowship Hall	Scl=Small Class Room Lcl=Large Class Room	M=Music Room Y=Youth Room	Lcf=Large Conf Room Scf=Small Conf Room	CM=Care Ministry K=Kitchen	



May Birthdays

Name	BirthDate
William Adkins	14-May
Karl Anderson	13-May
Nicole Bastian	2-May
Matt Beck	25-May
Destanie Benson	4-May
Austin Besser	31-May
Tanya Boettcher	18-May
Zachary Bratland	7-May
Anne Cham	4-May
Taenaesha Cooley	26-May
Connee Cossairt	24-May
Louise Erickson	11-May
Linda Feuling	24-May
WilliamFeuling	17-May
Diane Gooch	3-May
Edna Grabuski	20-May
Jan Gratke	17-May
Carly Hackett	23-May
Mary-Lou Haehnel	12-May
Layla Hallerman	2-May
Alivia Hejhal	22-May
Dean Henkemeyer	4-May
Eli Huinker	8-May
Ginger Jarnot	9-May
Allie Johnson	6-May
Joshua Kaeter	2-May
Jason Kardell	9-May
Emily Kath	10-May
Halley Keske	4-May
Patricia Kjorlien	1-May
Marie Knapek	16-May
Leona Kula	18-May
Amber Kulow	14-May
Cassidy Kulow	15-May
Joshua Kutzorik	5-May
Corrine Lanz	21-May
Nicholas Lindquist	27-May
Helen Lovelett	29-May

Matthew Lurken-Tvrdik	21-May
Spencer Lyness	5-May
Thomas Machula	17-May
Jordan Mendel	10-May
Jan Middlestadt	10-May
Dennis Miller	8-May
Michael Milner	30-May
Joseph Morey	17-May
Josh Morey	25-May
Darlene Nastrom	22-May
Vicki Neils	14-May
Marvin Neubert	8-May
Cameron Ngo	22-May
Britney Nieters	8-May
Emily Novak	23-May
Cham Obang	14-May
Obang Ochan	24-May
Akway Okello	7-May
Te-jwock Oman	31-May
Charolang Omot	16-May
Obuuy Omot	3-May
Chokoni Philip	18-May
Alberta Pierce	20-May
Elaine Poepping	29-May
Emma Prow-Dockendorf	16-May
Aaron Reginek	23-May
Frank Riehm	8-May
Aaron Ringsmuth	11-May
Natalie Ringsmuth	20-May
Grace Roesch	26-May
Garrett Sarazin	22-May
Ronald Schaefer	28-May
Janice Schleicher	25-May
Brendan Schwartz	4-May
Colten Sigurdson	27-May
Inette Smith	25-May
Elaine Sowa	1-May
Jacob Stanearth	2-May

Kathleen Stueve	29-May
Janet Tucholke	30-May
Duane Unke	17-May
Mallory Jane Voge	19-May
Payton Voge	19-May
Marlene Vogel	10-May
James Volkers	31-May
Joanna Volkers	13-May
Tim Volkers	18-May
Delores Wainright	25-May
James Wainright	5-May
Madison Walker	5-May
Tiarah Watson	30-May
Paul Wegner	1-May
NylaWendt	7-May
Michael Wiese	5-May
Darlene Williams	11-May
Paige Woitalla	5-May
Cody Wurdelman	24-May
Cody Zoellner	1-May



Military BibleStick Testimonies



The Military BibleStick is a Great Tool for Ministry

“The BibleStick has been a great tool,” said a National Guardsman who recently came home. “During our Iraq deployment, we had six troops come to Christ and another 15 baptized. I was able to supply them all with the BibleStick.”

God is Really Using the Military BibleStick

“I saw God use these tools to reach our men and women deployed to Afghanistan. Since my deployment I have moved to a remote site in Europe. There are no ‘English speaking’ churches outside of the chapel. Again, God is using the BibleStick to reach people far from home with the Good News. Thank you so much for making these available to our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen worldwide. God is using you!”

The Military BibleStick is Perfect for Soldiers

“The format of the Military BibleStick is perfect. Soldiers can listen to the Bible while they are waiting for meetings or missions to start. What a booster shot for morale and spiritual edification.”

The Military BibleStick is Attractive to Young and Seasoned Marines Alike

“I wanted to let you know the MP3 Bible Sticks arrived this week. I set them out for services yesterday and today and most of them are gone already. They are a very hot item; so easy and convenient and a medium that is attractive to the young Marines and more seasoned alike. Thank you.”



Deployed Warriors Receive the Comfort of God Through The Military BibleStick

“We have successfully disseminated 50 BibleSticks to Sailors and Marines deployed across the globe and have found that family members of these deployed warriors also receive the comfort provided by the Holy Word of God! This ministry has, undoubtedly, been the catalyst for much peace and comfort amidst the devastation brought on by war. May God richly bless your continued service to our country and Lord.”

Soldiers Hear God’s Word Through the Military BibleStick

“Listening to the audio Bible really helped me to understand the emotions in the Bible. I can read the words over and over, but to hear the word spoken to me really puts it all together. Thank you.”

The Military BibleStick Goes Everywhere

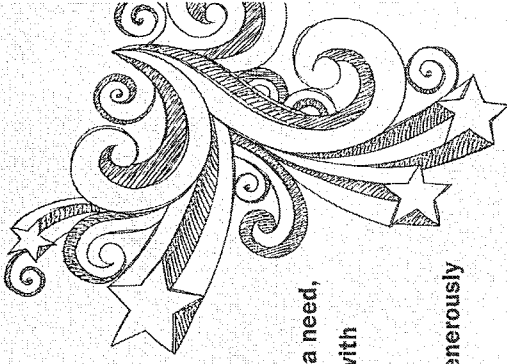
“The Military BibleStick is great. It enables me to listen to it at my convenience: on long drives, in my room, office, or the gym while working out.”

Our opportunity to donate is coming up! On Sunday, May 22nd, we will have a door offering after each worship service. Please plan now to give generously!



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Let's Talk Thrivent Action Teams

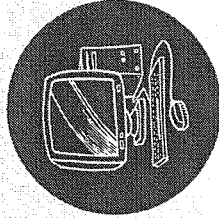


Thrivent Action Teams make it easy for you to bring people together to make a positive change in your community! When you see a need, apply to lead a volunteer team—and bam! Once your idea is approved, a Thrivent Action Kit is delivered to your door. It's packed with everything you need to help make your project a success. It even includes \$250 in seed money to help get your project started.

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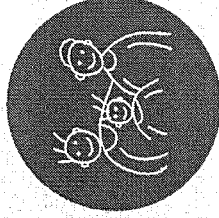
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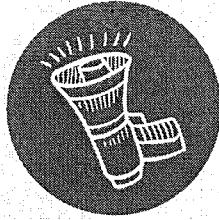
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Watch your doorstep for your Thrivent Action Kit.



Lead your project.



Come back and share your story of success with us!

Fundraiser Ideas:

- Host a chili/BBQ cook-off to raise funds to donate to your favorite organization.
- Hold a community rummage sale/garage sale.
- Organize a 5k fun run for families.
- Host an open house fish fry.
- Coordinate a car wash.

Service Project Ideas:

- Collect books and media to start a library at your church.
- Host a blood drive.
- Hold a neighborhood food/toy/supply drive.
- Create care packages for missionaries.
- Have an Easter egg hunt and invite your local community.

Educational Event Ideas:

- Hold a basic budgeting workshop.
- Teach a "how-to" class or workshop on a relevant topic, e.g.:
 - Parenting 101.
 - Cooking on a budget.
 - Self-defense.
 - College planning 101.

GUIDELINES

Involve others: Form a team of volunteers to help you with your project.

Think "seed money," not "gift" or "grant." Use it to help kick-start your project!

Be creative: One Thrivent Action Kit will be provided per project, so be creative. Come up with your own great idea to make a difference!

Share your success: Share your stories, photos and volunteer team info with us after your event.

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