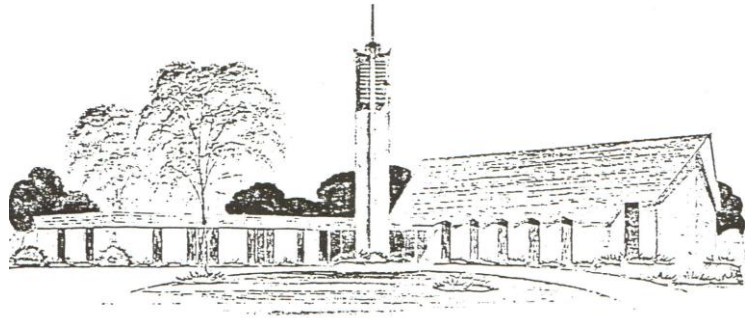


*June 2007*



## *Impressions*

I will remember this past April for a long time. We said goodbye to two very special people: Peter Senn and Dorothy (Queenie) Luedtke. The farewell services took place in the context of Easter. That was fitting, because Peter and Queenie knew that the God we worship is the one who walked with them and talked with them along life's winding way.

How much better our lives would be if we too were as conscious as they were of the one whose footprints grace the sand on the beach we call the journey of life.

Why is the season of Easter so important? Because it reminds us that life, death, and life beyond death are

three parts of a single whole. There are a few people who are betting that life has only two parts, not three. If you have ever really sensed the presence of God in your life, you know better. The secret is to act on that knowledge.

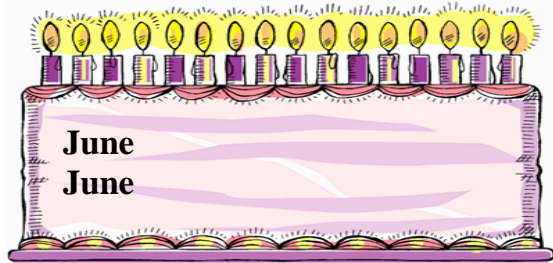
I already have my eye on May. Mothers' Day and Confirmation Sunday are around the corner. Join us Sunday morning if you do not do so already. You will be glad you did. We all need our spiritual vitamins.

~ Pastor John Hobbins

# TRINITY NEWS

## 80+ BIRTHDAY CLUB

Happy Birthday to the following who celebrate June birthdays:



## 50<sup>TH</sup> + WEDDING



## ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Fran & Annette Michels as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and Les & Dorothy Muehlius as they celebrate their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on May 29<sup>th</sup>.



REQUESTS  
FOR  
PRAYER

### Prayer concerns beginning the month of June:

Darlene Westphal, Eunice Guell, Paul & Patty Hayes, Ryan Schwartz, Julie Bialk, Ed Faber, Jane Klein, Howard Hayes, Bradley Beck, Sharon Dworschak, Irvin Cook (relative of Elna Look), John Weidner (father of Debbie Idzikowski), Miriam and Cathy Lewis (relatives of Jeanne Hinz), Jeanne Gilbert, Madelyne Rens, Tony Sabel, Tom Morgan, Mabel Ziegler, Kristina Stuart (sister-in-law of Pastor John), Jennifer Baudry (friend of Will & Diana Jewson), Loa Bosserman (Dorothy Bosserman's

daughter-in-law), Ned Thompson (relative of Gene & Marge Junger), Jodi Meisenheimer, Chris (Buerger) Sitter, and our members and friends in nursing homes.



## Vacation Bible School Needs You!

As we "lift off" for this year's Vacation Bible School, we are looking for a few wonderful volunteers willing to make this year's program great. Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 25-29 from 12:15 to 4:30 p.m. We need adults and older youth to help in the following areas:

- Lunch/Snack Prep
- Worship
- Crafts
- Games
- Storytime
- Music
- Assembly Time
- Prop Making
- Set Up/Clean Up

If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Jackie Scharfenberg at 920-269-7399.

Trinity  
Handbell  
News



On Easter there was a change in directorship, and if you're wondering why

... well, the director got delayed at the other church where she directs the Handbells. It was actually nice to sit back and let someone else do it. The group did a wonderful job.

On April 29th we performed at Onalaska UMC at the invitation of Pastor Scott - more on this in the June newsletter.

Our next and last performance for the season will be on Mother's day. We will perform "Lord, I Lift your Name on High" and we will be adding an interesting technique so you will have to come to find out what it is.

Keep on ringing,

Diana Jewson  
Trinity Bells Director



### *What's New In The Church Library?*

~ Lorraine Zastrow

Book Title: True Blue – a novel  
Author: Jeffrey Lee lives in Seattle where he has worked as a family physician for more than sixteen years.  
Category: Youth Book – 2007

Only 132 pages, this book can easily be read in one sitting. Those of you who have had to change schools because your parents moved to a different location may relate to this story better.

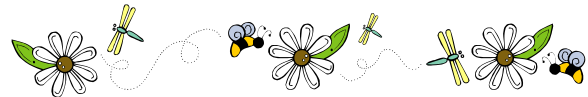
Molly literally hates being the new kid in school and Chrys hates being the weird kid. He hides under his ratty trench coat he wears to school every day. He and Molly both have secrets. An unlikely friendship develops when Molly realizes she and Chrys could team up on a science competition and possibly win. This encourages both of them to reveal their true colors.

True Blue is a touching story of being different and learning how two people spread their wings.

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Notice to UMW readers: Please note that you will receive credit for the 2007 Reading Program for books from 2003-2007. If our library does not have some of the books, you might check another public library in our surrounding area for availability.

Thanks  
~ Lorraine



### *Gwen's Pen*

The third in a short series on my parents' parenting

Disobedience and Trust

"I would not wish it on you for more than a single day, but I would like you to have a child who behaves like you did just so you would know what it was like," Mom once said. But this "Pen" isn't about her difficult daughter.

You'll notice from my previous articles that my memories depict my brother, Gaius, as a perfect child. And he was! So with his permission, and in fact, with some of his own words, I recount an incident of not my, but my brother's disobedience, which oddly enough, manages to point up his goodness.

He was nearly 13 and we were at our summer cottage in the hills surrounding a small lake. Gaius was hanging out on one of

the piers watching Mr. Outerbridge prepare his small sailboat, and soon Gaius was helping. Of course, he was offered a ride when all was ready and because he had always wanted to sail, but had had the opportunity only a time or two in his life, he was elated. But our family rule was clear: No boating or swimming without specific parental permission until we had earned advanced swimming badges.

To obtain permission meant a fifteen-minute climb up the hill and back ... too long to ask Mr. Outerbridge to wait. *Mom never needed to know*, he thought. Our cottage had a view of the lake, but it was about a half mile up the hill, too far to identify boaters. And so he buried his conscience ... and the deed was done.

No, there was no mishap. He had a great time. But as he climbed the hill back toward home after the sail, he was uneasy and kept reassuring himself that Mom could not know. So why was he worrying? Mom met him at the door in her apron. Her first words were, incredibly, "Gaius, have you been out on the lake?"

*How did she know?* he thought. *How could she know? But she did.* He has always been and still is painfully honest.

"Yes," he admitted. Mom sat down, drawing Gaius beside her and put her arm around him. His first question was "How did you know?" Mom had been idly scanning the lake with binoculars that afternoon when she saw a spot of red on a sailboat. Gaius had worn his red shirt for the first time that day.

Mom carefully explained why obedience and the trust it involved were so important to his safety and to her peace of mind. "If I can't trust you to obey me, I can't give you any freedom," she explained.

Mom was stumped. She couldn't think of a way to illustrate the consequence through punishment. So, for a moment, she let him

be the parent, asking him what he would do to teach trustworthiness.

Gaius had no answer and although it was perhaps not the best suggestion, the only one he could think of was to submit to a spanking with Dad's leather soled slipper. It was a hard spanking and Gaius cried. Not because of pain. Not because of shame ... but because he knew how much heartache Mom was feeling. And he had done it to her.



## **Educators Needed for 2007/2008**

There will be a turnover in staff in the Sunday School for the coming year. Because of this, we will need people willing to step forward to teach for several Sunday School classes. We are looking for teachers for K4/K5, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades, and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades. A curriculum is provided and any support you may need.

Interested people should contact Jackie Scharfenberg at 920-269-7399 or Pastor John.





## ***June Birthdays***

- 2** *Les Unferth*
- 3** *Allyn Guay*  
*Jerry Klein*  
*Andrew Oechsner*
- 4** *Melissa Oechsner*  
*Cole Strassman*  
*Arlene Unferth*  
*Joshua Wroblewski*
- 5** *Victoria Bloch*  
*Jeff Schultz*
- 7** *Caitlyn Strassman*
- 9** *Dustin Fester*  
*Roland Haass*  
*Marlin Towne*
- 10** *Kathy Lavarda*  
*Michael Luedtke*  
*Brenda Michels*  
*Lee Oestreich*  
*Don Unferth*
- 11** *Nancy Andrews*  
*Brian Meyer*  
*Duwayne Wolf*
- 12** *Faye Beck*  
*Nicole Lehner*  
*Margaret Muehlius*
- 13** *Joey Donald*  
*Anna Hobbins*
- 14** *Bruce Bintzler*
- 15** *Sumruay Tepmungskorn*  
*Jeff Unferth*  
*Carol Will*
- 16** *Cassie Beck*  
*Izak Johnson*

- 17** *Ken Jagow*
- 18** *Dan Dewhurst*  
*Amanda Ditter*  
*Larry Seyfert*
- 19** *Giovanni Hobbins*  
*Jessica Marschie*  
*Bill Rosenkranz*
- 21** *Barbara Rowland*
- 22** *Kalen Luedtke*
- 24** *Dorothy Bosserman*  
*Devin Kruz*
- 25** *Pam Birschbach*  
*Drew Zimmer*
- 26** *Wayde Beck*  
*Syd Henke*
- 28** *Sydney Scharschmidt*
- 29** *Aaliyah Kaelin*

## ***June Anniversaries***

- 1** *John & Pam Donald*
- 5** *Bruce & Debbie Bintzler*  
*Ward & Jeanne Hinz*
- 6** *Chuck & Darlene Westphal*
- 7** *Glenn & Jackie Eichstedt*
- 8** *Doug & Chris Kuen*
- 10** *Jeff & Dawn Faber*
- 11** *John & Elaine Muentner*
- 13** *Steve & Sandy Faber*
- 14** *Ralph & Sharon Germain*
- 16** *Andrew & Melissa Oechsner*
- 17** *Chuck & Mary Rhein*
- 18** *Marlin & Lois Towne*
- 20** *Pat & Kim Emmer*
- 24** *Aaron & Brigitte Handevidt*  
*Jon & Becky Thill*
- 27** *Robert & Julie Scharschmidt*  
*Will & Diana Jewson*
- 28** *Joshua & Jessica Marschie*
- 29** *John Hobbins & Paola Benecchi*
- 30** *Ray & Ardis Wellso*

