

Council President's Report

June 8, 2009

Thank you for providing this opportunity to lift up the following:

1. The participation of Council members at the annual Confirmation Dinner on June 3rd was outstanding! Everyone pitched in to help with preparing, serving and cleaning up the dinner attended by about 85 persons. This was a wonderful witness to our youth!
2. Trinity Church has received a beautiful certificate from the Lower Susquehanna Synod acknowledging our congregation's general mission support of \$99,371.97 given in 2008 for synodical and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
3. Please prayer for the success of the 22nd annual assembly of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, June 11-13 at Messiah College in Grantham. Trinity's voting members will be Josephine Freund and Ryan Hannigan. The keynote speaker and Bible study leader will be Pastor Michel Foss, author of the "Power Surge" book read earlier this year by Trinity's leaders.
4. Did you notice in the June 3rd "Carings & Sharings" electronic newsletter from the Synod that Barbara Ann Barry will be ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on Friday, June 12th at 7:15 a.m. in the Grantham Brethren in Christ Church? Barbara, better known to Trinity as Barbara Pond, served as our vicar several years ago and has now received a call to be pastor of Quickel Lutheran Church in York. The ordination is open to all who wish to attend and several Trinity members plan to be there.....please join us!
5. The Call Process Task Force has now been formed and will be meeting in mid-June to discuss the process by which Trinity's Pastoral Call Committee will be formed in 2010. The Task Force will report to Council next fall with a recommendation on number of members for the Call Committee and an appropriate process for the selection of those members. Members of the Task Force are: Charles Armstrong, Craig Erdman, Barbara Kriebel, Bert Weaver and Doug Bonsall (ex officio).
6. Although Council does not traditionally hold formal meetings during July and August, this year we will have two special events during those months. On Monday, July 13th, Council members, staff, committee chairs and committee members have been invited to participate in a review of the church calendar for 2009-2010 and of progress in the development/implementation of mission statements for each group. On Monday, August 10th (rain or shine!), Council members and their families will enjoy an evening of food and fellowship at a picnic hosted by Roland & Josephine Freund at their home near Carlisle. As this latter date approaches, directions to their home will be provided to you and you will be asked to respond with the number from your family that plan to attend.

Thank you for your continued service.

Peace,

Doug Bonsall
Council President