

**Director of Learning Ministries
Council Report
September 2009 (for the October meeting)**

September and the coming of fall. So come already. As I write, it's still eighty degrees outside.

This month our Church School resumed its programs, fully. All the Sunday Church School classes, for all ages, resumed along with new offerings. A new parenting class started plus new classes in Affirmation of Faith (the new members class sponsored by the Evangelism Committee and led by Judy Collins) and Affirmation of Baptism. Pastor John Brock is again coordinating the Affirmation of Baptism Class with Adrienne Brady returning as lay coordinator.

On the twentieth, we made room, literally, for the Blood Bank. The church also received Dave Clark and Michael Youse as guests from the Lutheran Camping Corporation. Dave Clark will come back to Trinity this year to conduct a Special Topics Class about Nawakwa and the Imagine Campaign, a plan to develop facilities and programming on camp land newly purchased.

September 27 was Bible Sunday and Seminary Sunday at Trinity. On Bible Sunday, we present Bibles to our fourth-graders during the 8:15 service, who then attend a class during the Church School hour on using the Bible. This year, Vicar Tom Holdcraft led the Bible class.

For Seminary Sunday, two guests came from the nearby seminary that Trinity heartily supports. Two staffpersons visited this year: the Rev. Dr. Maria Erling and Rev. John Spangler. They preached at our services and led a Special Topics Class.

Also on the twenty-seventh, a unique discussion was arranged by *The Lutheran Adult Forum*. The subject was the summer churchwide assembly of the ELCA, and the class was moved to the Chapel so that more folk could be invited and attend.

Trinity Preschool Playgroup enjoyed its first weeks of school this month. Heather Rose has started her fourth year as director with new and returning teachers.

On Wednesday, September 23, a Koinonia Rally took place. Our aim is to offer insight, resources, and support for the Koinonia groups that currently meet and new groups that might form. Actually, after the rally a new group formed in the room. Vicar Tom led an informed discussion on the healthy life of small groups.

And the fall Sup and Study series commenced on Wednesday, September 30. Once again, Trinity cooks are providing the suppers. And we have three classes to offer: a class on making smart and faithful financial choices, a class by Pastor Brock on The Confirmation Class You Never Had (Part 2), and a class studying and discussing the spiritual novel *The Shack*.

The Educational Ministry Committee met on September 22, Jack bush chairing. We set or reinforced an agenda that has in it proposing a fire drill during the Church School on Sunday morning, planning and proposing new (safe, clean) carpeting in the children's areas of the church, and offering Advent Wreathmaking as a new, annual tradition for the Trinity family.

There is much more happening in learning ministry at Trinity, but I must end my report. For myself, I gave Temple Talks in September, taught in the Affirmation of Baptism and Sunday Middle School Classes, helped moderate the Koinonia Rally, and coordinated Sup and Study.

Respectfully and gratefully submitted,

Christopher