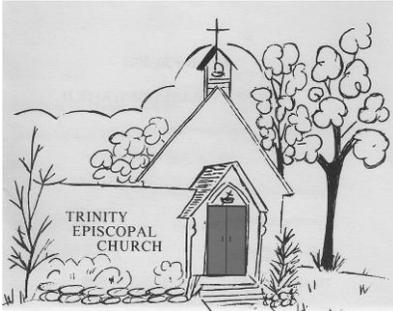


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From Behind the Altar

Even though this issue of the newsletter is for August, almost everything I have to write about is for the month of September.

For the past several months the Bishop's Committee and I have been discussing changing the time of the Sunday liturgy so that Trinity could offer educational classes on Sunday mornings. It was decided that starting on Sunday, September 8, the Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., which is 30 minutes later than the scheduled time now. The educational classes will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 9:45 a.m. I will lead the adult class. The curriculum for the adults will be the lections (readings) for the day. Each week the class will take a close look at the three readings appointed for the Sunday liturgy. As a resource, each participant will receive a two-page study guide that provides historical and theological background for each

of the lessons. Included with the guide are excellent study questions.

In regard to the younger members of Trinity: I ask that the parents contact me soon to let me know if they are interested in classes for their children. In small congregations like Trinity, close coordination between parents and class leaders is essential. No teacher wants to prepare a lesson for Sunday morning if children do not show up for class. On the other hand, in small congregations teachers can give children special attention because of the small size of the classes. Anyway, please let me know soon, and I will work with the Bishop's Warden and the Bishop's Committee to provide Sunday morning sessions for young people at 9:00 a.m.

Now, on to some other things: Thank you Karen Miller for hosting the church picnic last month. The gardens, the grounds, the presentation of the food were exceptional. The cooler-than-usual temps made the event even more memorable. Karen told me she hopes to host the picnic again next year.

What started as a trial run is now permanent. During the Fifty

Days of Easter I celebrated the Eucharist each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The response was excellent. I then continued the schedule through the summer. Again, participation has been good. From now on, then, each Wednesday the Eucharist will be offered at 5:30 p.m. The liturgy lasts 25 minutes. For parishioners who have to be away on weekends, the mid-week service provides an excellent opportunity to meet their obligation of worshiping God each week.

I continue to learn more about Lebanon and meet people in the larger community. Last week I was elected Secretary of the Laclede County Ministerial Alliance. I was a member last year, but hope that this year I can learn more about the other churches in Lebanon. In addition to that, last week I was acknowledged as being no longer a "new member" of the local Rotary Club. I am now officially a real Rotarian.

Finally, I want to thank Bonnie Daniels for volunteering to be the editor of Trinity Tidings. You may submit items to her at bonnieraydaniels@centurylink.net.

Many blessings!

Father Miller

Church Picnic

On Sunday, July 28, the Trinity church family got together at the home of Karen Miller and enjoyed good food, fellowship and good weather. The picnic took place outside on the patio with no flies or mosquitos to ruin the day. Meat was supplied by Vidie's Catering. Levi Pine who is the chef/owner of Vidie's smoked chicken and made ribs and brisket. The meat was delicious. The sides, salads, and desserts brought by Trinity members proved that we do have some of the best cooks around.

It was so nice to welcome Fr. Ross Stuckey and his wife Paula to join us during church and at the picnic. Fr. Stuckey is an unofficial member of Trinity because he supplied at Trinity before Fr. Miller came to us.

Karen thanks all of you for coming to the picnic and for helping to set up and take down so the picnic could be held this year. It was a great church family effort to make this an enjoyable day. Let's make this an annual event!

News from the Altar Guild

We recently received communion linens purchased from Ken Miller's memorial fund. The linens will replace some old and ragged linens that need to be retired. The linens display a beautifully embroidered Iberian Cross. Come by the sacristy to see the linens up close and personal.

Crosslines Ministry

The Crosslines Ministry was founded in 1981 by area churches within the ministerial alliance in collaboration with many area organizations and businesses to provide service to the needy of our community. Trinity Episcopal Church was one of the churches involved in the development of this service. At present there are 10 churches and 2 organizations represented on the board. In 1994 through a community block grant a building was built in the current location at 141 Lawson Avenue off south highway 5. The hours of operation for collecting donations are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

In January the Crosslines director, Mary Wilson resigned and Viola Blankenship has been serving as the interim director. Viola has been a longtime volunteer and then a part time paid volunteer coordinator. In June she was offered the job of director. The board is in the process of revising the duties and developing a plan for the future direction of the mission of Crosslines.

For years, the Sundays in August have been designated, "Undie Sunday." Underwear and socks are collected for school age children by the area churches to be distributed where there is a need as school starts. Sizes range from size 4-6 for Headstart and Preschool age children on up to adult sizes for high school

children. There is also a need for children's shoes. If you can purchase a package or two, please place them in our church Crosslines box and they will be delivered. Monetary donations will also be needed for the purchase of needed sizes.

The month of July saw an increase in the needs of our community with 46 new families signing up for service compared to 28 in the month of June. There were 573 families served which included 1775 individuals which was also an increase.

Technology and Trinity Church

Starting this month, the newsletter will be posted on Trinity's web site, which is TrinityLebanonTCL.org.

The newsletter will also be transmitted electronically to members of the church who have provided the church office with their email address. If for some reason you do not wish to receive Trinity Tidings via the Internet, please let Bonnie Daniels or Father Miller know.

For news of the Diocese of West Missouri, of which Trinity Church is a part, go to <http://www.diowmo.org/spirit/spirit-magazine.html>.

Soon Father Miller will establish a Facebook page for Trinity. If anyone in the congregation would like to help with the project, please let him know.

